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WHEN HIKERS GO MISSING



With countless trails in the Wood River Valley and beyond, and more and more people using those trails, the possibility of mishaps — and potential for lost or missing hikers — increase yearly. The key to safe travel in the backcountry is to let someone know where you are going, what you're doing and when you plan to return. Photo credit: WRW Staff

How The Lost Are Found

BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

It's always surprising when hikers go missing, especially seasoned outdoors enthusiasts. How does it happen? A number of things can go awry — inclement weather, going off trail, lack of proper preparation, mental or medial impediments, a dreaded injury, dangerous wildlife or simply getting lost. No matter how well you know a trail, a slight detour could mean hours spent finding your way back. Carrying a compass and knowing how to use it, keeping to trail, leaving natural marks, and listening to your body are some basic rules of safe hiking. Even so, the unexpected can happen.

Current Incidents

Just over a week ago, a woman was struck by a falling tree during a hike with her husband and children. She survived, thankfully, but it's a shocking story — and seemingly rare. Another recent incident is that of Fern Baird, who disappeared from the Prairie Creek trailhead, northwest of Ketchum, on Oct. 19, 2020. She has not been seen or heard from since and as of the week of this writing, Aug. 12-16, 2024, the Fowler-O'Sullivan Foundation is leading the charge, along with public volunteers, in an attempt to find her.

Who's in charge of Search and Rescue (SAR) and what does it look like to engage in such a venture? How would you go about finding a lost hiker?

Missing Persons Clearinghouse

Idaho law mandates that sheriffs lead the charge in finding "overdue, missing or lost" persons. In addition to all the other duties of the sheriff, they must allocate resources and manpower to search. Some of these missions can go on for months, or even years, such as the Baird case. As of 2023, "the state's search-and-rescue fund totals around \$560,000, most of which is designated for reimbursement for sheriffs' offices directing searches." With that size of budget and an already heavy schedule, the need for other entities to become involved is apparent and why groups like the nonprofit Fowler-O'Sullivan Foundation step in. (<https://www.eastidahonews.com/2023/10/when-hikers-go-missing-in-idahos-backcountry-who-looks-for-them-and-for-how-long/>)

Idaho State Police created what is called the Idaho Missing Persons Clearinghouse (IMPC), established in 1999. This entity serves as a central resource to aid in locating Idaho's missing persons while supporting law enforcement with statistical data, training, and forms. It works closely with local agencies creating and utilizing large databases to perform the analytical functions related to missing and unidentified persons. The IMPC operates a 24-hour toll-free helpline for information and outreach and while there is no waiting period to report someone missing, obviously the sooner, the bet-

ter. This suggests one of the golden rules of hiking or backcountry adventuring — tell someone you know what you're doing, where you're going and how long you plan to be gone. Typically, you won't have phone service and unless you have a satellite phone, getting in touch with anyone is difficult, if not impossible. For those wishing to report someone missing, immediate contact with local authorities and the National Center for Missing or Exploited Children is encouraged. More information can be found about IMPC here: (<https://isp.idaho.gov/alerts/missing/>)

SAR consists of two separate but interwoven resources working together. Search teams focus on locating the missing person via ground search, aerial surveillance and often K-9 deployment. Rescue teams focus on aid, treatment and extraction. A person may not be visibly hurt but the shock of exposure or bewilderment that sets in from being lost and thrust into a life-threatening situation can create emotional and psychological trauma. Extraction teams must be well versed in high-angle and swift-water rescues plus familiarity with rescue equipment. Both teams are cross trained and unified under an Incident Command System (ICS). The ICS is a standardized framework for

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emergency response. It instantiates a clear chain of command and strongly defined roles for effective communication and coordination. ICS is scalable and adaptable to accommodate emergency response of any size, from a lost hiker to a natural disaster zone.

Mountain Technology

Blaine County stretches over a blend of mountainous terrain, including the valley regions, making it especially challenging to navigate. SAR teams must train constantly for this wide variety of rugged terrain. One of the most important tools used is the Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS). While the U.S. military is currently creating a new GPS system, called M-Code, it is unclear how far along in the testing phase they are. The Air Force launched the first GPS satellite that could broadcast the M-Code signal in 2005 but “delays have plagued the ground and user equipment segments needed to take advantage of the technology.” (https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-22-105086#summary_recommend)

The new system is touted to be better resistant to jamming and interference. The Space Force has also reached a milestone in launching a constellation of 24 GPS satellites broadcasting M-Code. The system is largely related to weapons; however, location data is inherent to operation. Will this help SAR?

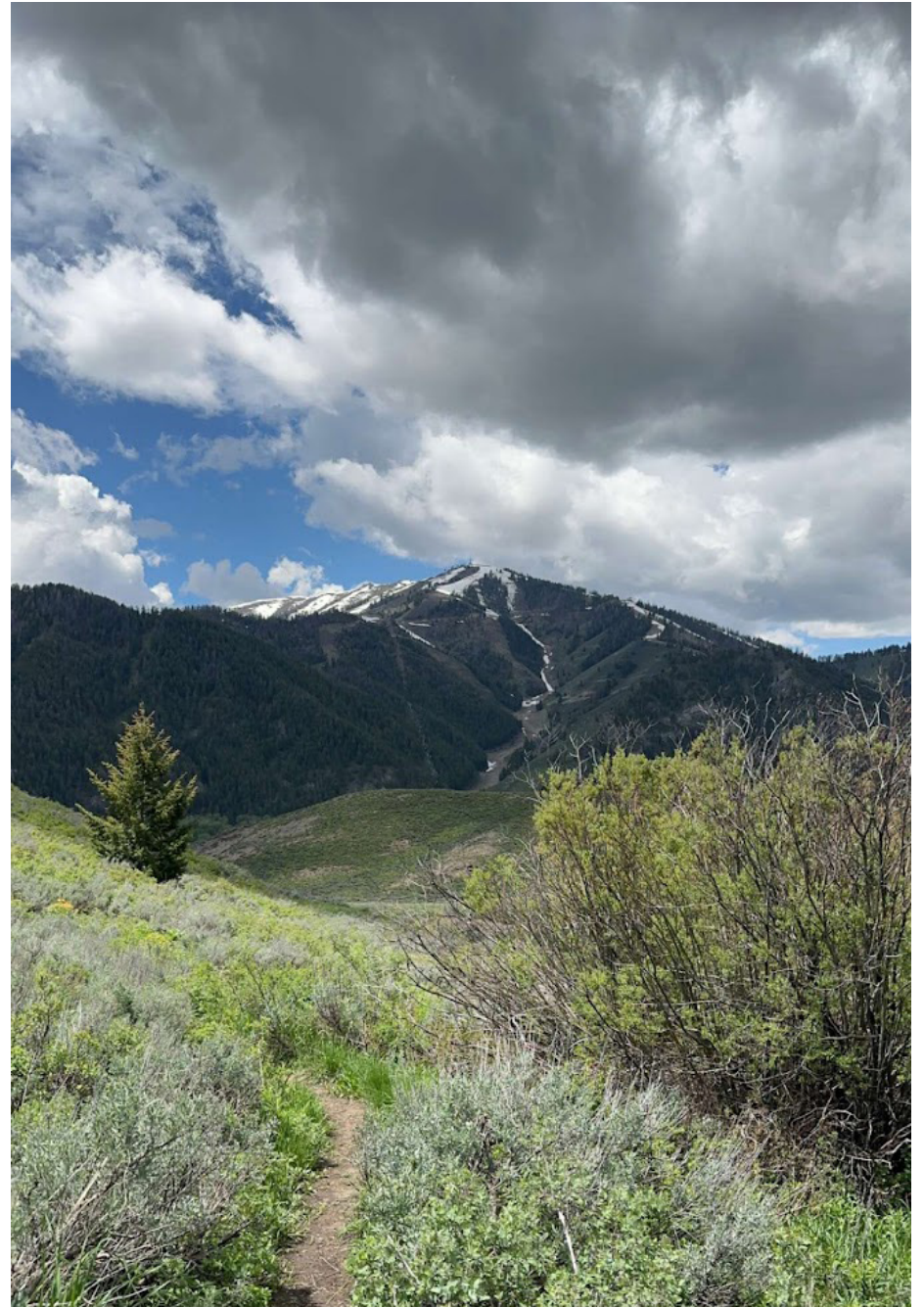
SAR teams have an abundance of technology in their quiver. Drones used for aerial surveillance, helicopter search provided by the Idaho National Guard, beacon and RECCO technology to detect reflectors for avalanches, and of course two-way radios for instant communication are all tools to master. SARtopo is their mapping and management software that integrates topographic maps and GPS data for real-time tracking to enhance coordination. These are some of the most challenging environments in the U.S. and it takes a comprehensive set of skills and tools to execute a safe extraction.

Make the Call

In the adverse event that you discover a hiker is missing, you can start by reporting to the Blaine County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) at (208) 788-5555 or, if critical, 911. Additionally, it would be a good idea to contact the Idaho State Communications Center at (208) 846-7550. They work closely with SAR and law enforcement to handle emergency situations. If children are involved, contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

Use any information you have, including finding friends or family via social media who could have been told about the planned excursion but not yet know they're missing. Should you want to volunteer to help in these situations, contact the BCSO as well as the Idaho State Search and Rescue Association (ISSARA). You can email them at info@issar.org and find more information at www.issar.org.

Again, the most important step for recreating in the out-of-doors is letting people know you're going on an adventure. Stay safe and enjoy the backcountry responsibly.



An abundance of trails in the Wood River Valley offer endless opportunities to hike, bike, camp and explore. The key is to stay safe doing so. Photo credit: WRW Staff



Hailey Rocks

Hop Porter Park was hopping indeed with nearly 600 people at their Hailey Rocks Summer Music Series on Thursday August 15.

The vast lawn and playgrounds were chock full of families and couples enjoying the resplendent summer evening weather to the sound of live music.

People of all ages were on blankets with picnic baskets and drinks. There were a slew of great food trucks and of course a stand serving Sawtooth Brewery's beloved beer.

Keg Climbing fund raising ran an ADVENTURE raffle for a whitewater raft trip for two by Mountain River Outfitters of Riggins, a zipline tour for two and one-day kayak rental with AWOL of Twin Falls, or a Lake-Loop sightseeing trip for two with McCall Helicopters of McCall.

Other raffle prizes were put out by Landgrove Coffee of Troy, Swiftwater RV Park in WhiteBird, Elephant Perch, PK's Ski & Sports, and Backwoods Mountain Sports of Ketchum, as well as Gemstone Climbing Center of Twin Falls.

The crowd was bristling with good vibes and much dancing to the sound of Marty O'Reilly, did a spectacularly soulful cover of Junior Parker's blues classic, Mystery Train, originally made famous in 1995 by Elvis Presley.

Courageous Kids Climbing Inc. (CKC) were on site with Jeffrey A Reichmann. CKC will be hosting FREE opportunities for people with special needs – physical or intellectual – to experience rock wall climbing on the following dates and locations:

Sunday, September 29 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Gemstone Climbing Center, 135 5th Ave S, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Sunday, October 27 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Wood River Community YMCA, 101 Saddle Rd, Ketchum, ID 83340.

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BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

On Thursday, August 16, The Community Library’s Book Around The Block put on a bountiful block party to celebrate community. Titled “Scavenger Hunt through History,” it was a family affair full of food, fun and friendship. This was not a fundraising event. The entire function was enacted by The Community Library for and about the city and the people.

The kiddos had a wild “Olympic Mystery” obstacle course replete with bubbles and a cornhole rabbit on the Donaldson Robb family lawn. There were amazing ‘delectables,’ and yes, they were delectable—cookies of every flavor provided by Sun Valley Company. Miniature ice cream cones came in flavors of huckleberry, mint and chocolate swirl—handed out to all by Mountain High Creamery.

The Hunger Coalition’s Bloom had their bright orange van right in front of the Creamery with free lemonade. Smoky Mountain Pizzeria & Grill served slices of pie for those entering Gold Mine Consign and the Tacos al Pastor food truck had a huge line for their famous comestibles.

It was a true community party with around 200 or so families enjoying the gorgeous weather in downtown Ketchum. The event was designed as a scavenger hunt for the kids and set in chronological time around historical events of the area.

With an authentic Olympic torch from the Center for Regional History’s collection, one of Muffy Davis’s gold medals, the road bike ridden by Greg Randolph at the 1996 Atlanta Games, and other artifacts and stories from the eleven Summer Olympians to view, it was a relevant, educational and exciting time in Ketchum.



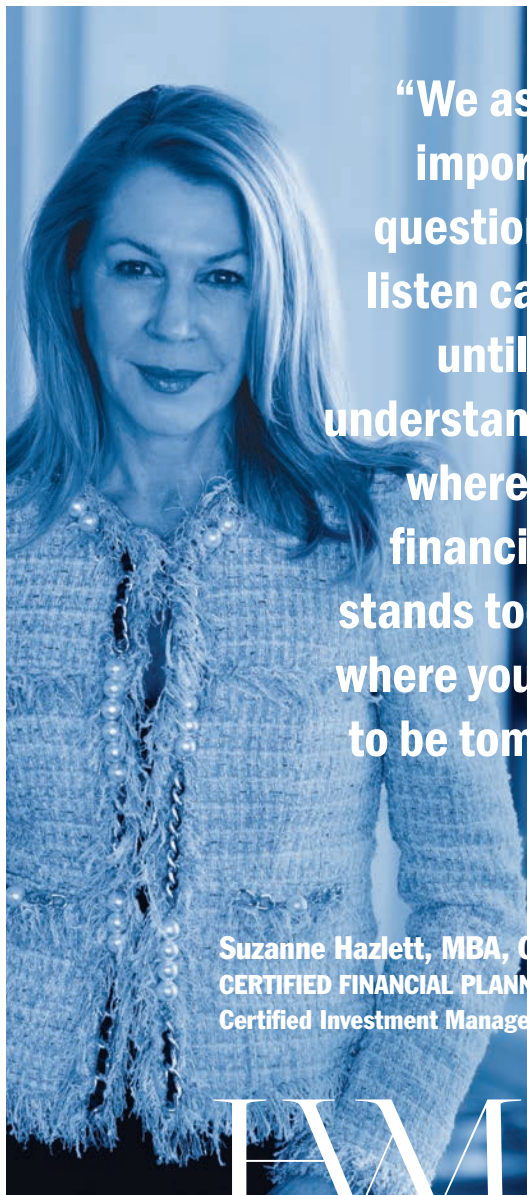
Children leap through bubbles to complete the obstacle course. Photo credit: Isaiah Frizzell



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Nearly 100 or more were dining or dancing and enjoying the best burgers in town at Wicked Spud.

With so many familiar faces, the social cohesion the venue brings was second to none. If only this weather could last all year long!

Trailing Of The Sheep Festival Nominated By USA TODAY For Best Fall Festival

The Trailing of the Sheep Festival has been nominated for Best Fall Festival, as part of USA TODAY 10Best's Readers' Choice Awards. The Trailing of the Sheep Festival in Idaho was selected as one of 20 nominees by a panel of travel experts, alongside the USA TODAY editors.



Voting has begun for the 2024 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Award for Best Fall Festival. Over the next four weeks, USA TODAY 10Best readers will be voting on their favorites, once per day, until ballots close on Monday, September 9 at 11:59 a.m. EDT. The top 10 winners, as ranked by USA TODAY 10Best readers, will be announced on Wednesday, September 18 at noon EDT.

The public can cast their votes for Trailing of the Sheep Festival at <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-fall-festival-2024/trailing-of-the-sheep-festival-hailey-idaho/> A person may vote online once per day for the run of the contest.

"We are thrilled that the Trailing of the Sheep Festival, now in its 28th year, was once again nominated for this honor, and we ask that all of our friends and fans go online and vote for us," said Laura Musbach Drake, Trailing of the Sheep Festival's executive director.

The full list of USA TODAY 10Best Reader's Choice Best Fall Festival award nominees can be found at <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-fall-festival-2024/>.

Details on this year's Trailing of the Sheep Festival, to be held October 2-6, 2024, can be found at www.trailingofthesheep.org.

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Housing Issue Within Latino Community

BY MONICA CARRILLO

While there has been more housing available in Blaine County, affordable housing is still an issue for many Latinos in the Wood River Valley.

As of right now, the current median for rent in the county is \$2,300, with Ketchum having the highest rent cost at 3,297. Hailey's average rent cost comes to \$2,088, while Bellevue's average rent cost is \$1,320.

Daniel Hansen, community engagement manager at City of Ketchum, said that housing is currently an issue for everyone in the valley, however, many struggles that the Hispanic/Latino community deal with are some things that many people can take for granted.

"There are a lot of unseen barriers—beyond finances—to living here that many of us may take for granted," Hansen said. "Difficulties that have been expressed by our Hispanic/Latino communities include feeling like they're on the outside looking in. Some may be new to

the area, don't know many people, are unfamiliar with the culture, or aren't fluent in English."

According to the latest Hispanic Data Profile book from the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, almost 40% of Latinos in Blaine County don't speak English well or at all.

It also states Hispanics in Idaho were much less likely to own their homes than non-Hispanics. Homeownership was 57% among Hispanics, compared to 74% among non-Hispanics.

Hansen said that before the pandemic Blaine County's population had grown by 5% in one year in comparison to the normal 1% they would see years before, which in turn meant 715 long-term rentals were lost.

"The majority of renters displaced from the lost rental properties did not purchase a home instead, they left. As a result, there has been a massive demographic change in Blaine County," Hansen said.

To help alleviate some of the struggle they've seen

within the Hispanic/Latino community, they've expanded their team so they can work with them and their needs.

"Since 2022, there has been more housing available in Blaine County, but it's still not affordable to most households. Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) now has two bilingual program administrators that assist our Spanish speaking population with navigating resources and finding housing. Many of the non-profits that these individuals are working with refer them to BCHA to help them find housing solutions," he said.

BCHA and other non-profits also have provided case management and helped those in need understand what resources are available and how to take advantage of them. This includes where to apply for permanent housing and navigating and mediating conflicts between tenants and landlords.

'LO INVISIBLE'

Problemas de Vivienda Dentro de la Comunidad Latina

POR MONICA CARRILLO

Aunque han habido más viviendas disponibles en el condado de Blaine, las viviendas asequibles siguen siendo un problema para muchos latinos en el Wood River Valley.

En este momento, la media actual de alquiler en el condado es de \$2,300, y Ketchum tiene el costo de alquiler más alto con 3,297. El costo promedio de alquiler de Hailey es de \$2,088, mientras que el costo promedio de alquiler de Bellevue es de \$1,320.

Daniel Hansen, gerente de participación comunitaria de la ciudad de Ketchum, dijo que la vivienda es actualmente un problema para todos en el valle; sin embargo, muchas de las luchas que enfrenta la comunidad hispana/latina son cosas que muchas personas pueden dar por sentado.

"Hay muchas barreras invisibles, más allá de las finanzas, para vivir aquí que muchos de nosotros damos por sentado", dijo Hansen. "Las dificultades que han expresado nuestras comunidades hispanas/latinas incluyen sentir que están afuera mirando hacia adentro. Algunos pueden ser nuevos en el área, no conocen a mucha gente, no están familiarizados con la cultura o no hablan con fluidez. en Inglés."

Según el último libro de Perfil de Datos Hispanos de la Comisión de Asuntos Hispanos de Idaho, casi el 40% de los latinos en el condado de Blaine no hablan bien inglés o no hablan nada.

También afirma que los hispanos en Idaho tenían muchas menos probabilidades de ser propietarios de sus casas que los no hispanos. La propiedad de vivienda era

del 57% entre los hispanos, en comparación con el 74% entre los no hispanos.

Hansen también dijo que antes de la pandemia, la población del condado de Blaine había crecido un 5% en un año en comparación con el 1% normal que verían años antes, lo que a su vez significó que se perdieron 715 alquileres a largo plazo.

"La mayoría de los inquilinos desplazados de las propiedades de alquiler perdidas no compraron una casa, sino que se fueron. Como resultado, ha habido un cambio demográfico masivo en el condado de Blaine", dijo Hansen.

Para ayudar a aliviar algunas de las dificultades que han visto dentro de la comunidad hispana/latina, han ampliado su equipo para poder trabajar con ellos y sus necesidades.

"Desde 2022, ha habido más viviendas disponibles en el condado de Blaine, pero todavía no son asequibles para la mayoría de los hogares. La Autoridad de Vivienda del Condado de Blaine (BCHA) ahora cuenta con dos administradores de programas bilingües que ayudan a nuestra población de habla hispana a navegar por recursos y encontrar vivienda. Muchas de las organizaciones sin fines de lucro con las que trabajan estas personas los remiten a BCHA para ayudarlos a encontrar soluciones de vivienda", dijo.

BCHA y otras organizaciones sin fines de lucro también brindaron gestión de casos y ayudaron a quienes los necesitaban a comprender qué recursos están disponibles y cómo aprovecharlos. Esto incluye dónde solicitar vivienda permanente y cómo navegar y mediar en conflictos entre inquilinos y propietarios.



Viviendas asequibles cerca del río St Lukes' Wood. Crédito de la foto: WRW



Bellevue Cemetery Artwork Installed

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FROM PICABO ANGLER

Hoppers... that is the name of the game right now on all our area fisheries. We are seeing good numbers of grasshoppers on our local waters, and the fish are taking advantage of an easy meal. The hoppers are big and plentiful, and best imitated with a large foam pattern like the Morrish Hopper, More Or Less Hopper, Thunder Thighs Hopper, or Triple Decker in size 6, 8 and 10. All colors are effective — orange, yellow, tan, olive, peach, and even pink.

When fishing hopper patterns, be sure to use the appropriate leaders and tippet. Leaders of 7.5 to 9 feet in 1X, 2X and 3X are good choices. You need a heavier leader to turn over large, wind-resistant flies, and heavier sizes will prevent break-offs from aggressive eats. On Silver Creek, savvy anglers favor fluorocarbon over monofilament, as fluorocarbon is much more abrasion resistant. That is critical when a trophy brown trout smashes your fly.

The Tricos are still present on Silver Creek, although the action has been starting later with the recent cooler morning temperatures. Small BWOs continue to be mixed in with Tricos, so keep an eye out for these bugs and be ready to switch patterns. As mentioned, the hopper fishing on Silver Creek has been quite good. If the afternoon looks warm and windy, get down to the Creek. Callibaetis, Damsels, Beetles, and Ants are still in play, as well.

Anglers on the Big Wood are catching good numbers of fish on a variety of flies — hoppers, small attractor dries, caddis, Copper Johns, Zebra Midges, and Rainbow Warriors. We're looking forward to the Western Red Quill (Hecuba) in a few weeks; it's always one of our favorite hatches on the river.

Now is the time to explore the waters of Copper Basin and the Upper Big Lost River system. Cover lots of water and fish your favorite hoppers and attractor dries. Keep an eye out for flying ants... big cutthroat love them.

The Salmon River downstream from Stanley continues to fish well; it's hopper time on the river for the resident West-slope cutts.

The Lower Big Lost is at approximately 400 CFS, and strong waders can take advantage of good hopper fishing, PMDs, and skating craneflies.

Happy fishing, everyone!



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COMMENTARY

NO BONES ABOUT IT

FRAN JEWELL

DOG BULLIES — IT BEGINS AT HOME

BY FRAN JEWELL

We all remember that kid in school with a gang behind him that bullied someone who was a bookworm, or wore glasses, or even just didn't have the cool clothes. The bully had to prove he or she was stronger, cooler, or just wanted a good laugh.

We are all aware of the cyber-bullying going on in schools now with the proliferation of cellphones, resulting in emotional devastation to the victims. Well, in the dog world, things are not much different. With the proliferation of overly-permissive dog "parenting," excessive off-leash opportunities and lack of knowledge about what aggression really is, more and more dogs and puppies are being victimized by dogs who are bullies or, as I would call it, "pre-aggressive."

Just what is dog bully behavior? It is when a dog runs up to another dog barking, his head high, and with his high tail. The tail can be wagging, but it is held high. A wagging tail is not necessarily a friendly tail. No, this is not "friendly" behavior. Friendly behavior would be a dog that saunters over softly, with a relaxed tail at about half-mast. The friendly dog will not run fast or bark or go straight on. Most of the time, the friendly dog will have a loose mouth with its tongue out in a pant. Dogs with their mouths closed or barking are a sure sign of bully behavior. Hackles are, of course, another sure sign of a bully dog and potentially aggressive behavior. Some hackles indicate excitement, others indicate fear.

When owners allow their dog to continue to run up to another dog, barking, with a high tail, they are in fact giving the dog permission to escalate into full-on aggressive behavior.

Proper behavior from an owner with an off-leash dog is to have their dog sit nicely next to them. Ask the other dog owner if the dogs can play and if their dog is friendly. If the other dog owner says, "Please keep your dog away! Mine is afraid of other dogs," or "My dog is not social!" it is important to respect that.

A responsible and kind dog owner will respect other owners and their dogs. It is best to have your dog sit patiently until released to go play. Calm behavior should be rewarded with play. Do not reward bully behavior with allowing more bully events.

A part of teaching a dog that bully behavior is not acceptable is leadership in a manner that the dog understands, AT HOME. Leadership does not mean beating on a dog. It means that the dog understands that the owner makes the decisions. An owner is a dog's



Proper greeting behavior should be walking softly, circling, tails at half mast, tongues out and relaxed. Even at high arousal while playing with balls, these five dogs have soft tails, they don't climb on each others' shoulders, and they don't approach each other face to face. Photo credit: Fran Jewell

"director," not a dictator. That also means that the owner must accept that responsibility! ALL dog owners must realize that leaving decisions about behavior to the dog will result in feral behavior that may start with bullying, and then very quickly soar into aggression.

At home, the dog must learn that it is not permissible to bully the owner. Giving treats when the dog wants, demanding petting, barging through doors with no respect to the human, grabbing food out of someone's hand, and even not getting off the sofa or bed when told to, giving a grumble, are all preludes to building a bully dog. While these things may seem innocuous or even cute, they can be preludes to more demanding and bully behaviors. A bully dog is never appreciated by other dogs or other humans.

Dogs are dogs. They are not humans and do not understand what is socially acceptable in our human world. Dogs must be taught what is acceptable in our society and not be left to their own devices. Every dog needs to learn self-control. The new language is "impulse-control." It is then that dogs can coexist peacefully with other people and each other.

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SCIENCE OF PLACE

HARRY WEEKES

'Sick Cloud'

BY HARRY WEEKES

While what constitutes a living thing still does not have a definitive answer, most people would agree that clouds are not alive. Small water droplets and ice particles, and no doubt a host of dust, viruses, bacteria, yeasts, and other tiny beasties, clouds are condensed water vapor. Pretty straightforward.

A first glance into the sky invariably returns the simplest of observations: "It's cloudy." "It's overcast." "It's completely clear." Clouds are literally the backdrop to the rest of the story.

A bit of time outside, and you start to talk a little differently. When Hilary asked me about the weather, I replied, "It's one of those partly cloudy days that is always sunny."

You know the ones? Where there are clouds all day, but you never seem to be in a shadow. Or the opposite—those days where there appear to be one or two big clouds and they are always blocking the sun... or letting it shine through for a couple of minutes before getting in the way again.

Then, there are the times where the clouds force your attention. A coming storm. A clap of thunder. A leading edge of virga that eventually becomes heavy rain.

The more you pay attention to them, the more dynamic clouds appear. The more alive. Leading edges will grow like rapidly expanding cauliflower. Different layers may move in opposite directions. Clouds will seemingly appear out of nowhere, and can disappear just as quickly.

On what started out as "the first day we haven't seen a cloud," slowly turned into something else altogether. As if from some cloud portal over the Thimble Islands (a small chain of islands near where my in-laws live), a monumental cloud tumbled into the sky. It grew great gray and blue arms and its edges were constantly brushed with the orange and pink and amber of the dropping sun. While the top ballooned into great lumps, the base flattened and stretched—the physical expression of the wind.

We were there for that wind. Or my daughter Penelope was, as she shot across the water in her Monday night sailing races. The clouds were ominous. The sky was purple. The sea was surging. What started out as six boats dwindled to three.

And the sky came to life.

Hilary wondered aloud how many subtle colors were present. At one point, two rainbows cut through the sky, illuminating the back of the harbor. The few spectators couldn't stop marveling at this palpable atmospheric force.



The guy in charge of the races turned briefly towards us, shook his head, and summed it up perfectly, "Sick cloud."

This was one of the magnificent moments—when the natural world both forces you to pay attention and rewards you splendidly for it.

The storm pushed east, through town, and then disappeared in the distance and into the night. But it lingered like a living and identifiable thing. Not just weather and clouds and a storm. But "that storm," "that night," "that sick cloud."

A shared natural experience is a powerful connection and connector. When Penelope returned to the house, boat de-rigged and out of her sailing gear, her grandparents greeted her, "How was it out there?"

"Did you see that sky?" she responded, rhetorically. Then, "It was awesome."

Exactly.

Harry Weekes is the founder and head of school at The Sage School in Hailey. This is his 53rd year in the Wood River Valley, where he lives with Hilary and two mini-Dachshunds. The baby members of their flock have now become adults—Georgia and Simon are fledging in North Carolina, and Penelope is fledging in Vermont.

MONEY MATTERS

SUZANNE HAZLETT

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

BY SUZANNE HAZLETT, MBA, CIMA®, CFP®

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that by 2030, 20% of Americans will be 65 or older as the U.S. population ages. Aging in place is the decision to remain in the home and community of your choice as you age. If planned for properly, aging in place can be an empowering option that allows you to maintain independence. Crafting a plan for the potential progression of care needs can help you and your family be proactive as circumstances change instead of emotionally reacting to an emergency or changes in ability.

For a more in-depth understanding of your potential aging-in-place needs, consider the following questions:

- Is your current home where you'd like to live throughout your retirement?
- Will you require long-term at-home care?
- Is limited mobility a growing concern for you?
- Could you lead a happier, healthier life by having assistance to fulfill essential needs versus fulfilling them independently?
- Do parts of your home need to be enhanced or modified to allow you to continue living there comfortably? If so, have you started budgeting for these changes?
- Would relocating to a new home nearby make things easier for you in the long run?
- Does your budget support around-the-clock care if it becomes necessary?
- Who will help manage your household and finances and help address your daily needs if you cannot?
- How will you take care of home repair and home maintenance needs?
- Are you ready to account for aging in place in your financial plan?



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INSPIRATIONS FROM MY HEART

DOVE

Stretching Your Envelope

BY DOVE

My husband has often told me that I have stretched his belief systems far beyond where he ever imagined he could go. He was raised very traditionally and there was never any push to change his beliefs until he wanted to manifest something different.

There are many ways to create new realities but first you must have the idea manifest in your heart and mind that you want something different than what you are experiencing. As an example, in the picture above, what would cause a petunia to plant itself in the middle of my pavers? Did the seed come from the hanging basket situated above the pavers? Where did the seed come from? I did not have any petunia seeds. However, this piece of nature decided to have a new experience; rather than living in a hanging basket, it chose to plant itself in my pavers. Why? Just an accident? I don't believe in accidents, only coincidences.

What a gift to walk out this morning and see this lovely flower blooming in my sidewalk. We can be like that petunia by changing and believing that we can have a new experience rather than repeating the same old energies. What does it take to get us off center and change things? It takes energy, a new desire to see things be different.

Do we put our focus on the chaos that the ruling governments have created? Do they really have our best interests at heart? I think not. If you want a different experience from lack, illness, injustice, you must change the reality you are choosing.

Consider how you would change your world. Start feeling it every night when you go to bed. Ask to be led to the change you seek. I know this works as I constantly seek to create things that bring me joy. Live at a higher vibration. Don't feed the energy that says things will never get better. Don't wait for some outside source to rescue you. You must provide the energy to rescue yourself.

You can decide to bloom in an environment that is unique to your species, or you can continue down the same old road. It takes great courage to change the familiar to something unfamiliar, but life really gets interesting when you step out of your comfort zone.

Now is the time for humanity to imagine a new reality for humanity. No war, no hunger, no abuse, no poverty. Become the petunia and nourish yourself with love. Give yourself permission to step out of the box and create heaven on Earth. Now is the time. What does it look like to you?

Blessings, Dove



ON LIFE'S TERMS

JOELLEN COLLINS

OLY, OLY, NOT SO FREE

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

When I was a kid, we played Hide and Go Seek. When the caller thought there were no more people hiding, he or she would say "Olli, Olli Oxen Free" (from the game first played in Greece in the second century). We enjoyed mostly street games then, like Kick the Can and short sprints and daring contests.

The Paris Olympics seemed a contrast to the ones I have watched before. This one was exceptionally lavish, costly and certainly highly entertaining. I thought of my childhood play refrain while watching this Olympics, an event way more spectacular than I ever imagined. I termed it "OLY, OLY, NOT So Free."

I am a track-and-field fan for many reasons. My high school, John Burroughs High School, in Burbank, had a surprisingly successful track program, and my boyfriend was a sprinter, so I got used to carrying a stopwatch with me to our track meets. I followed the sport for most of the following years: I love seeing such skills and have always honored the hard work and magical talent of the athletes who compete in local to Olympic venues. I love that partly because Burroughs was gifted with a pole vaulter, a local kid, Ron Morris, who became famous as the champion high school vaulter in America. At the age of 16, he soared to the then almost unbelievable height of 13 feet, 11-1/8 inches, using a bamboo pole. In the Rome Olympics, he received a silver medal, flying just a smidge less high than the winner of the gold, Don Bragg. After that, technology created an aluminum pole, subsequently adding many inches to even non-Olympic vaulters.

I have been filled with gratitude for being a teenager in a predominantly middle-class town with some lack of fanatical devotion to material comforts and simply an intense pleasure with our gifted athletes. I don't think we depended on the kind of current financial rewards from those accomplishments.

Watching this brilliant show, I thought of Ron, who just recently passed away. I could imagine that lanky kid so long ago practicing vaulting skills in his modest Burbank home's backyard, composed of a wooden pole structure, a short runway, and an ample sawdust pit, which his father had constructed. Mr. Morris could take pride in the manner of his son's achievement, mostly done through extremely hard practice and minimal sponsorship. I even recall how he allowed my much younger brother a chance to try vaulting in that backyard.

Ron kept his love of sports all his life and vaulted and taught at USC. He was known for many years as one of the best vaulters of his generation, and for encouraging younger athletes in track-and-field sports. He created his own athletic equipment business in Burbank and remained the modest winner he always had been.

I'm sure that the Los Angeles Olympics will be gold, spectacular, and mesmerizing, but I miss the simple days of an effort in one's backyard.



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WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

WORK FROM YESTERYEAR

I learned to work when growing up. My father taught his way. The farm demanded of your time and hard work every day.

Back then the work was arduous. Did we do our bodies harm? 'Cuz work weren't for the sissy, laboring on the family farm.

The summer heat would find us hauling bales of alfalfa hay. We bucked 'em high up on the truck. For us, the only way.

Then we'd throw the bales from off the truck onto a large haystack. That night we'd lay there dreaming of hay bales rolling back.

We always used a shovel and a pick to dig postholes. We dug through rock and gravel, planted posts then spiked the poles.

Equipment was expensive so our bodies did the work. Life for us weren't all for fun and no one dared to shirk.

Not one of us had even known what posthole augers were. Our backs bore all the brunt from work. It took its toll, for sure.

By five a.m. we'd be up milking Holstein cows by hand. My grip was like a vice. Now arthritis reprimands.

One day while helping Uncle Clarence lift a trailer hitch, my foot gave way and then I felt the sting of low-back twitch.

He said, "You won't feel pain right now but dang sure when you're old." I've heard folks say their pain is worse, especially when it's cold.

Now after fifty years I feel the sting and twitch all day. My Uncle Clarence got it right, his experience I'd say.

I wake each morning, climb out of bed, my joints are stiff and sore. The experts claim I'm getting old. I say, settling up the score?

The sharp pains are reminders of hard work and how we played. Back then we were invincible. Never thought the word "Afraid."

Am I sorry for the life we lived? Work wore our bodies out. I don't make lame excuses 'cuz hard work I brag about.

And about those aches each morning, they're a pain right in my rear, but always a reminder of the work from yesteryear.

—Bryce Angell



Bryce Angell - The outdoors has always been a large part of my life. My father was an outfitter and guide for 35 years and I was there to shoe and care for the horses and help him do the cooking. We took many great trips into the Yellowstone area. Even now that I'm older, we still ride into the Tetons, Yellowstone and surrounding areas. My poems are mostly of personal experience. I am now retired and enjoying life to the fullest. I plan to do more riding and writing.

NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA



Chris Hansen (Democratic Party) is running for election to the Idaho House of Representatives to represent District 26B. Photo credit: Herbert Romero

LATINA CIVICENGAGE!

BY CHRIS HANSEN

OUR VOICE COUNTS

I have worked with Latino students all 8 years at WRHS and was the club advisor for Empowering Latinos in STEM club which helped high school students to mentor and put on an after school program at the library. Natalie was a huge part of that club and made it work. Let me know if you'd like anything more on my background or why I think involving the Latino community is so important in State politics.

As for a Jerome get together, please let us know a good venue and we can do something after work the week of August 20th. Any contacts in Shoshone I would be happy to work with too.

NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

He trabajado con estudiantes latinos los 8 años en WRHS y fui asesor del club Empowering Latinos in STEM, que ayudó a los estudiantes de secundaria a ser mentores y organizar un programa extracurricular en la biblioteca. Natalie fue una gran parte de ese club y lo hizo funcionar. Déjeme saber si desea saber más sobre mis antecedentes o por qué creo que involucrar a la comunidad latina es tan importante en la política estatal.

En cuanto a una reunión con Jerome, infórmenos sobre un buen lugar y podremos hacer algo después del trabajo la semana del 20 de agosto. Cualquier contacto en Shoshone con el que también estaría encantado de trabajar.

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HELPFUL NEGOTIATION TACTICS FOR TODAY'S HOUSING MARKET

BY ANNA & MICHELLE

If you haven't already heard, homebuyers are regaining some negotiating power in today's market. And while that doesn't make this a buyer's market, it does mean buyers may be able to ask for a little more. So, sellers need to be ready for that possibility and know what they're willing to negotiate.

Whether you're looking to buy or sell a house, here's a quick rundown of potential negotiations that may pop up during your transaction. That way, you're prepared no matter which side of the deal you're on.

What Can You Negotiate?

Most things in a home purchase are on the negotiation table. Here's a list of just a few of those options, according to Kiplinger and LendingTree:

- **Sale Price:** The most obvious is the price of the home. And that lever is being pulled more often today. Buyers don't want to overpay when affordability is already so tight. And sellers who aren't realistic about their asking price may have to consider adjusting their price.
- **Home Repairs:** Based on the inspection, a buyer is within their rights to ask the seller to make reasonable repairs. If the seller doesn't want to do that, they could offer to reduce the home price or cover some closing costs, so the buyer has the money to take them on themselves.
- **Fixtures:** Buyers can also ask for appliances or furniture to convey when the house changes hands. Having the seller throw in the washer and dryer cuts down on expenses the buyer would have when moving in. As the seller, you could leave your existing ones behind to sweeten the deal for your buyer, and get yourself new ones for your next place.
- **Closing Costs:** Closing costs typically run about 2-5% of the home's purchase price. Buyers can ask the seller to pay for some or all of these expenses to offset the cash the buyer has to bring to the table.
- **Home Warranties:** Buyers can also ask the seller to pay for a home warranty. This is great for buyers worried about the maintenance costs that may pop up after taking possession of the home. And since this concession usually isn't terribly expensive for the seller, it can be a good option for both parties.
- **Closing Date:** Buyers can ask for a faster or extended closing window based on their own timetable. The seller can also advocate for what they need based on their move to find the right compromise.

Things You Can Negotiate During a Home Sale

Sale Price	Closing Cost	Home Repairs
Home Warranties	Fixtures and Appliances	Closing Date

One thing is true whether you're a buyer or a seller, and that's how much your agent can help you throughout the process. Your agent is your go-to for any back-and-forth. They'll handle the conversations and advocate for your best interests along the way. As *Bankrate* says:

"Agents have expert negotiating skills. Without one, you must negotiate the terms of the contract on your own."

They may also be able to uncover what the buyer or seller is looking for in their discussions with the other agent. And that insight can be really valuable at the negotiation table.

Buyers are regaining a bit of negotiation power in today's market. Buyers, knowing what levers you can pull will help you feel confident and empowered going into your purchase. Sellers, having a heads up of what they may ask for gives you the chance to think through what you'll be willing to offer.

Want to chat more about what to expect and the options you have? Let's connect.



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Chasing Perfect Loops In Hailey

New fishing shop opens

BY MIKE MCKENNA

There's an old saying that "perfection is a myth." While this may be true in most parts of life, it certainly isn't when it comes to angling.

As any good, or even hack, fly fisher will tell you, there are moments that are nothing shy of perfection when you're chasing after fish with a fly rod.

But you don't have to believe me, just go ask Matt Curci at his new fly-fishing shop in Hailey.

Perfect Loop Angling Company opened in early July on the old "used car lot" on Main Street next to Power House Pub. As soon as the doors opened, folks started pouring in. Loads of locals, as well as lots of tourists passing through Hailey, have been asking for a fly shop for years. As one customer said as soon as he entered the shop earlier this week, "We finally have a real fly shop in Hailey!"

"We've been busy since day one," Matt said. "There was definitely a need for an affordable and approachable place where there are no 'dumb questions.'"

Matt has been a fishing guide pretty much his entire adult life. His first guide trip was for the legendary Bill Mason back in 1996. That's why Matt knows as well as anyone that fly fishing can be an intimidating sport to get into and he wants to make sure his shop is here to welcome anglers of all abilities.

"I've been fishing my whole life and guiding for a long time. I've become really good at teaching and I like to help people," Matt said. "At any level you're at, I can help polish your game."

Perfect Loop Angling Company offers just about anything you need to hit the water. The small shop is stuffed full of everything from nets, reels and rods—including the "Blue Ribbon Rod" Matt designed for Temple Fork Outfitters (TFO)—to tippet, leader and a solid selection of flies. And advice is always free.

"This town is full of the most humble, bad-ass people," said Matt, who has worked for Sun Valley Resort for over 20 years, including the last 13



as a ski patrolman. "I'm a product of being around these amazing people and teams that love to make other people shine. It's my time to pass it on and this shop is a great way to do that."

Matt's grandmother, Hannah Locke, was one of those amazing locals and one of America's first great female skiers. She started carving turns locally in the 1930s. "Sun Valley was always highly spoken of in our house," Matt recalled, and for him, it has been the perfect place to call home and raise a family.

No matter whether you call Hailey home, or your second home, or are just passing through and want to do some fly fishing, there's a new shop here to help you chase after that perfect moment and that perfect casting loop.

Perfect Loop Angling Company is located at 512 North Main Street in Hailey and is open 10 a.m.--5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (208) 309-2381.



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CLASSIC SUDOKU
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3	1					6		7
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ACROSS

- 1 Basilica sections
- 6 Sound of relief
- 10 United ___ Emirates
- 14 Bacterium
- 18 Cause to swell
- 19 Sister of 83-Across
- 20 Invoice
- 21 Perrier competitor
- 23 Genesis 1 command
- 27 Train track
- 28 Sugarloaf Mountain city
- 29 Fair grades
- 30 "Give me time to decide"
- 31 Extends a stint
- 33 Capital of Ghana
- 35 Todos ___ dias (español "every day")
- 36 Frank holder
- 37 Nollon: Fr.
- 38 Turkey money
- 41 Fly trap
- 44 Supermarket scan
- 49 Chris Hemsworth in Marvel films
- 50 Madrid's Puerto ___ Sol square
- 51 Operatic range
- 52 Doesn't share
- 53 Bugs Bunny adversary
- 54 Home in a tree
- 57 Eatery ___ Fridays
- 58 Inanimate zodiac symbol
- 60 Gallery event
- 63 Much of Mongolia
- 65 Pal of Pythias
- 67 Language related to Thai
- 68 Descartes quote
- 71 Balky beast
- 74 Engender, in the Bible
- 75 Common place for a patch
- 76 "Understood"
- 78 Sporty Chevy
- 81 Occupy a chair
- 83 Disney snow queen
- 85 Like ___ of bricks
- 86 ___ about (roughly)
- 87 Confronts boldly
- 89 Hub not far from JFK
- 91 Star Trek skipper
- 92 Mensa datum
- 98 Egg ___ yung
- 99 Belgian cash
- 100 Reunion attendee
- 101 Distinctive period
- 102 Hamlet's "paragon of animals"
- 103 Couric of TV
- 105 Bumper protectors
- 109 Turning pink, perhaps
- 112 Solemn pledge
- 113 Faux ___ (minor misstep)
- 114 Too quick to act
- 115 "Seems identical to me"
- 120 Opening statement
- 121 Last Pharaoh, familiarly
- 122 Way back when
- 123 Storm tracker
- 124 Hits the road
- 125 June honorees
- 126 Suffix for soft
- 127 Rival of Zoom

DOWN

- 1 Fri., Sat. and Sun.
- 2 Clothing crease
- 3 Bulgaria's capital
- 4 Pre-dawn risers
- 5 Alphabetic trio
- 6 Sleek fabric
- 7 FAQ page details
- 8 African antelope
- 9 Falstaff's royal friend
- 10 Civil War general Doubleday
- 11 Join a cop in a car
- 12 Charitable offerings
- 13 ___ray Disc
- 14 "Scram!"
- 15 Lesser of two ___
- 16 Clothes woes
- 17 Stallion or stag
- 22 "Science Guy" of TV
- 24 Wrinkle-free
- 25 Consent to
- 26 Purple flower
- 32 Station wagon descendant
- 33 Tooth doctors' org.
- 34 Cartoon frame
- 37 Small dot on a world map
- 39 Emphatic assent
- 40 Robot play
- 41 Suit fabric
- 42 Margin
- 43 A nickname for Elizabeth
- 44 Star Trek officer
- 45 Greet silently
- 46 Go back on a promise
- 47 Person on a pension
- 48 Film star from Hong Kong
- 49 Nonstick cookware brand
- 55 Cpl.'s superior
- 56 Had a brief break
- 58 Full of oneself
- 59 Italy's Lake ___
- 61 Laptop from Taiwan
- 62 Corporate symbol
- 64 Obi-Wan Kenobi alias
- 66 Panini cheese
- 69 "We're on!"
- 70 Type of nail polish
- 71 Join the cast of
- 72 Brief in duration
- 73 Fell gradually
- 74 Unadorned
- 77 Relax a bit
- 78 Stylist's creation
- 79 Part of AD
- 80 Sports prefix for cross
- 82 Rode on a rink
- 84 Urban renewal target
- 87 Cedar cousin
- 88 Criticize severely
- 90 Relaxing
- 93 Simple shelters
- 94 Fencing move
- 95 Yale student
- 96 "¿___ pasa?"
- 97 Second-quality mdse.
- 102 British bishop's hat
- 104 Dumas dueler
- 105 Bookstore amenities
- 106 Country singer Travis
- 107 Music publishing acronym
- 108 ___ Khan (Kipling tiger)
- 109 Seventh-century starter
- 110 Yin's counterpart
- 111 "Inner" prefix
- 112 ___ podrida (Spanish stew)
- 113 Cpl.'s subordinates
- 116 Type of TV display
- 117 Slip into
- 118 Ending like -esque
- 119 What XINGs are for

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