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Iraq bombing kills 25

Four-day death toll reaches 116

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Mourners gathered under a large funeral tent Sunday to remember a Kurdish politician gunned down by insurgents, only to become the next victim of a torrent of violence sweeping Iraq since a new government was named late last week.

The car bomb that killed 25 people and wounded more than 50 in northern Iraq capped four

blood-soaked days that claimed the lives of at least 116 people, including 11 American soldiers. The skyrocketing violence is blamed on an insurgency being largely made up of members of the disaffected Sunni Arab minority who dominated Iraq for decades under Saddam Hussein but were mainly shut out of the new government announced Thursday.

Despite the heavy toll, Iraq's national security adviser said

Sunday the fledgling government was making progress against the insurgents. "There is no shadow of doubt in my mind that by the end of the year, we would have achieved a lot," Mouwafak al-Rubai said in an interview with CNN's Late Edition. "Probably the back of the insurgency has already been broken."

The car bomb attack occurred in Taji, 93 miles east of the Syrian border, the U.S. military

Iraqi militants purportedly take Australian hostage.

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and a provincial official said. Mourners had gathered for the funeral of Sayed Talib Sayed Wihab, an official of the Kurdish Democratic Party, said deputy provincial governor and party spokesman Khisri Goran, speaking from nearby Mosul. Goran said a car plowed into the funeral tent and exploded.

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States fight over water from the Colorado

The Washington Post

DENVER — After five years of court cases through the east and stretches of the American west finally had a winter of heavy precipitation in 2004-2005. As the Bureau of Reclamation says, the mountain snow pack that feeds the Colorado River is above average for the first time in years.

Far from celebrating this welcome flood, though, the seven dry states that depend on the Colorado for water supply are engaged in yet another intractable water war. Despite a year of negotiations, the governors of Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California have been unable to agree on an annual plan for sharing the Colorado's water. The most precious resource in a region where the rain rarely falls. So, the final decision has been bumped up to the Bush administration.

Today, Interior Secretary Gale Norton will tell the seven feuding governors how much water they can draw from the river and its tributaries this year.

The issue Norton must decide seems very technical: how many million acre-feet of water federal engineers will shift this summer from Lake Powell to Lake Mead, two main reservoirs that control flow on the Colorado.

A seven-state compact created in 1922 governs allocations of Colorado River flow. For most of its life, the compact has been easy to adhere to, because there was more water in the river than the people, factories, and farms in the Southwest could use. But a tidal wave of population growth — coupled with a drought that made a dry region even drier — has aggravated the water wars.

The Colorado River begins as a foot-wide trickle of melting snow in Colorado's Newer Summer mountains, northwest of Denver, and flows 1,500 miles southwest toward Baja California. Fed by major tributaries, the Colorado cuts through 200 miles of sheer rock to form the Grand Canyon. It once poured into the Gulf of California in northern Mexico.

But now, dams and diversion canals, built over the past century to hydrate desert development, have cut the water before the river reaches its mouth.

The pressure to bring water to the driest corner of the country has led to a series of court cases. But publicans who routinely denounce "big spending" and "big government" fight hard to bring major tributaries of the Colorado water projects to their states. Democrats in the region with otherwise pristine environmental records have even gotten back-benchers when it comes to proposals for new dams and concrete-lined canals.

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PROJECT GRADUATION



Tanner Patterson, a Jerome High School senior, works on his senior project at TJ Products in Twin Falls, on Saturday. Patterson started his project last summer building a motorcycle from the ground up.

Jerome HS will still require senior projects

By Cathy Roemer Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Whooooo! It's a sound that will be music to Tanner Patterson's ears for a couple of reasons.

First, he will have finished his senior project in the nick of time. Second, he'll be riding down the highway on something he's always wanted — a chopper motorcycle, the envy of any biker who's worth his stuff.

Patterson, a Jerome High School senior, is required to complete a senior project before graduating.

He said he welcomed the idea and began building his chopper from scratch last August. He said the high school requirement flashed "opportunity" for him.

On display

The senior projects of Jerome High School students will be on display from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school.

"It gave me a chance to explore future job possibilities," he said.

Even more, Patterson said after working for TJ Products, a custom motor bike business in Twin Falls, he envisions owning his own bike shop someday.

Patterson's enthusiasm is what Jerome High School Principal Patt O'Dell says is the thrust behind requiring seniors to fully engage in "project-based, relevant learning" by tackling projects that require a research paper for English and

a hands-on project.

"We want to make the senior year count by requiring rigorous academic learning through the senior year," O'Dell said. Despite a student demonstration earlier this year against the senior project requirement, O'Dell said most students are on track and are working hard to meet the Tuesday's deadline.

Senior projects reflect "relevant learning" and are part of the High Schools That Work program run by the Southern Regional Education Board, O'Dell said.

"Education is moving away from rote learning to teaching kids how to learn," she said. "We want students to learn how to learn and keep creativity in school."

Role learning, or to fix in

memory by means of frequent repetition, is considered by some to have its place in education, especially when it comes to learning arithmetic facts or phonics, a key to proficient reading.

But Patrick White, the Idaho High Schools That Work coordinator, said, "The research has been done and we've developed a program that mixes the achievement level of all students, whether academic or vocational. We have a sound record of what does indeed work."

Idaho is one of 31 High Schools That Work states in the nation and Jerome High School has been involved in the program for four years.

Senior projects are a capstone project that "can be done Please see PROJECT, Page A2

Laura Bush plays larger role this term

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Laura Bush certainly is not the "desperate housewife" she portrayed before a massive audience here over the weekend, and she certainly is not serious about the stinging and public barbs aimed at her husband and the entire Bush family.

But the first lady certainly is playing a larger role in the second term. President Bush. She is embracing an increasingly comfortable public presence, as demonstrated by a break-out comedic performance Saturday night at the celebrity-studded annual dinner of the White House Correspondents Association.

"George always says he's delighted to come to these press dinners. Baloney. He's usually in bed by now," Laura Bush said in the opening of her surprising appearance here. "I'm not kidding."

"I said to him the other day, 'George, if you really want to



First lady Laura Bush gazes at President Bush after taking the microphone away from him at the 93rd annual White House correspondents dinner Saturday in Washington.

end tyranny in the world, you're going to have to stay up later," said the stand-up first lady, stirring laughter throughout a hotel ballroom crowded with hundreds of journalists, high-level government and military officials and the occasional silver screen celebrity — including Richard Gere, Jane Fonda and Mary Tyler Moore.

"I am married to the president of the United States, and here's our typical evening," said Laura Bush, with precision timing. Please see BUSH, Page A2

Prosecutor considers filing charges in faked abduction

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — On what was to be her wedding day, Jennifer Wilbanks wore not a white veil but an orange towel over her head to prevent the media from taking her picture. Instead of being led down the aisle by her father, she was led by police to an airplane that flew the runaway bride home.

Now officials say the 32-year-old woman's cold feet may have gotten her in hot water. On Sunday, Gwinnett County District Attorney Danny Porter vowed to look into whether she violated the law by reporting a crime that didn't exist.

Wilbanks initially told authorities she was abducted while jogging but later disclosed she took a cross-country bus trip to Albuquerque, N.M., to avoid her lavish, 600-guest wedding.

Porter said Wilbanks could face a misdemeanor charge of false report of a crime or a

felony charge of false statement. The misdemeanor carries a penalty of up to a year in jail; five years in prison is the maximum penalty for the felony.

"If there's criminal responsibility, that's something I have to do something about," Porter said.

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Meanwhile Sunday, members of Peachtree Corners Baptist Church, where Mission is the new name of the church, processed down the aisle. Wilbanks and her fiancé, John Mason, who did not attend services Sunday morning.

Jennifer Wilbanks

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with near normal temperatures. Highs in the mid 60s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy to cloudy with a few showers. Highs mid to upper 60s.

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Partly cloudy with occasional drizzle. A few showers will develop by Tuesday and Wednesday.

BOISE Seasonably warm and mostly clear today. There will be a better chance for showers on Tuesday and Wednesday.

NORTHERN UTAH Partly cloudy with a few showers developing Tuesday through Friday.

Weather key: (S) Sunny, (C) Cloudy, (F) Fog, (B) Breeze, (H) High, (L) Low, (A) Air, (W) Wind, (P) Precipitation, (M) Moon, (M) Moonset, (M) Moonrise, (M) Moon phase.

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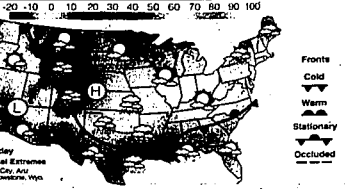
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Suspect faces arraignment on 10 murder charges in BTK case

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — More than 30 years after the first killings that began a reign of terror, the man accused of being the BTK strangler is expected to plead his innocence this week. Dennis Rader, formerly an ordinance enforcement officer for suburban Park City, was arrested Feb. 25 and is charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder for deaths linked to the BTK

strangler, whose nickname stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill." An attorney for Rader, 60, said Rader would plead not guilty. Speculation about Rader's plea had been growing since Rader's wife, Pat, had sent him a letter. The couple's pastor, the Rev. Michael Clark, confirmed she sent a letter-but said she did not divulge its contents to him.

Iraq

Continued from A1 but the U.S. military said it was not a suicide attack. About 25 people were killed and more than 50 wounded, the U.S. military said. U.S. troops, Iraqi police and ambulances raced to the carnage, but unidentified gunmen blocked the road and fighting broke out, Goran said.

patrols, police said. U.S. and Iraqi officials had hoped to dent support for the militants by including members of the Sunni Arab minority in a new Shiite-dominated Cabinet that will be sworn in Tuesday. Since then, the line has been blocked by incoming Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari after months of political wrangling excluded Sunnis from meaningful positions and left the key defense and oil ministries in temporary hands.

At least six other car bombs — three in Baghdad and three in five and roadside explosions hit Baghdad on Sunday, killing six Iraqis, wounding more than 20 civilians, six Iraqi police officers and five U.S. soldiers.

More than 200 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq since Saddam's regime collapsed in April 2003. More than 30 hostages were killed by the captors.

In one blast, the attacker failed to fully detonate the explosion, leaving his car outside an American base in Baghdad, the military said in a statement. U.S. soldiers pulled the driver out of his burning car, and the man later said he was forced to carry out the attack to protect kidnapped family members, according to the statement.

The British Foreign Office, meanwhile, announced three British suspects were apprehended and confessed to a role in killing Margaret Hassan, the director of CARE International in Iraq. Martin Gamin, first secretary at the British Embassy in Baghdad, said he was unaware of any confessions.

Insurgents also ambushed an Iraqi checkpoint on a small road near Chiapt Bridge in eastern Baghdad, killing five policemen and injuring one, police said. Insurgents in a pickup truck started firing machine guns and small-arms ammunition on Sunday, police said. Other insurgents appeared from behind nearby trees and joined the attack.

U.S. and Iraqi forces also reported that Hamas apparently related to Hassan, the British Embassy said in Baghdad. Those included a purse, a woman's clothing and CARE documents signed by Hassan, the Iraqi official said on condition of anonymity.

Six more policemen and two civilians were injured when gunmen fired on two separate

insurgents in a pickup truck started firing machine guns and small-arms ammunition on Sunday, police said. Other insurgents appeared from behind nearby trees and joined the attack.

Fourth man arrested in treasure case

NEWTON, N.H. (AP) — A fourth man has been arrested for allegedly stealing \$125,000 worth of old currency then claiming to have found it buried in a yard, police said Sunday. Matt Ingham, 33, was arrested at his house in Newton Saturday as a fugitive from justice. He was scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, authorities said.

Investigators said Crebese confessed under questioning, saying he, Billcliff and Ingham all roofers found the money stuffed in rusting tin cans in the gutter of a barn in Newbury, Mass., they were hired to repair. They then persuaded Kozak to go along with their story, authorities said.

Press on Sunday. Crebese and Ingham blamed they dug up the buried treasure from the yard of a home owned by Kozak, which he rented to Crebese. Their lawyers said last week that Billcliff and Crebese were sticking to their story.

Investigators say Ingham was part of a group of men accused of stealing the cache of old currency while doing a roofing job on someone's property.

In the alleged confession, Crebese and Ingham planned to use proceeds to fund his rock band.

"It's our fault we misdirected a lot of people," he told the paper. "There's nothing malicious. We created this mess, but it's going to work itself out. We just didn't want gold diggers going out and digging up the yard."

Barry Billcliff, 27, and Timothy Crebese, 24, pleaded innocent Friday after being arrested on charges of receiving stolen property, conspiracy and accessory after the fact. Another man, Kevin Kozak, 27, surrendered Friday night and is scheduled to be arraigned in Newton Tuesday.

Ingham said his son had come home early from Florida to turn himself in on police.

The cache included 1,800 bank notes and bills dating from 1898 to 1928. The currency had a face value of about \$7,000, but prosecutors said the men had been offered \$125,000 by a collector.

Bush

Continued from A1. Excitement here is sound asleep, and I'm waiting "Desperate Housewives" with Lynn Cheney.

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with Barbara Bush, "her daughter-in-law said, "People often wonder what my mother-in-law is really like. People think she's a sweet, grandmotherly Aunt Bea type. She's actually more like, mimn, Don Corleone."

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"Mrs. Bush is very funny in private. At this was the first private she was able to show another dimension in public," Susan Whitson, her spokeswoman, said Sunday. "It's always been there. She just hasn't been able to show it."

"I was an only child, and when I married into the extended Bush clan, I got brothers and sisters and wonderful in-laws educated at Kennebunkport. I got this guy here, I got this guy here, I got this guy here."

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'LEGAL OBLIGATION'

Iran, North Korea, big-power arsenals will dominate U.N. nuclear conference

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In a void of growing nuclear fear and mistrust, U.S. negotiators came to New York on Monday to stage a global nonproliferation conference to take action on Iran and North Korea.

But the Americans and other nuclear powers will face demands themselves. Non-nuclear states last week complained the big powers were moving too slowly toward nuclear disarmament, described as "not an option, but a legal obligation" under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Because of this clash of priorities, treaty members on Sunday still hadn't completed an agenda for the month-long conference opening Monday to review the NPT, whose workings are reassessed every five years.

Thousands of protesters made their priorities clear on the eve of the opening, as they marched past the United Nations in blustery New York spring weather. "Abolish nuclear weapons now!" and "No more Hiroshimas," read banners carried by a large Japanese contingent in the anti-nuclear march.

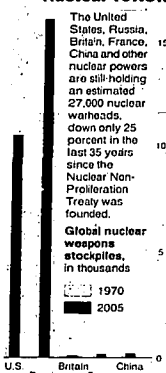
"No nation, no group should test and make ready nuclear weapons. Everything should be banned," said Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of Hiroshima, who participated in a U.S. atomic bomb in 1945.

In distant capitals, nuclear tensions heightened over the weekend as the U.N. conference neared.

After renewed talks with Ir-

— 23,119 nuclear weapon stockpiles

Nuclear review



Source: Natural Resources Defense Council

pean negotiators made no reported progress, Iran said Saturday it would probably resume disputed operations this week related to uranium enrichment, a potential step toward an atom bomb.

North Korea, meanwhile, denounced President Bush on

Saturday as a "hothead" and said it doesn't expect a solution to the standoff over its nuclear program during his tenure. The escalating rhetoric was followed Sunday by a test-firing of a North Korean short-range missile into the Sea of Japan.

The North Koreans, who declared in 2003 they were withdrawing from the NPT, have since said they have built nuclear weapons.

Under the 35-year-old NPT, North Korea and 183 other states were to have forsworn such arms in exchange for a pledge by five nuclear powers—the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China—to move toward nuclear disarmament. But, under treaty rules, Pyongyang was able to withdraw without penalty.

Conference organizers anticipate a low-key approach toward North Korea, to avoid complicating efforts to draw it back into six-party talks aimed at shutting down its nuclear program. But Bush administration officials say they will work to make treaty noncompliance the focus of the review sessions.

"The conference should condemn North Korea's egregious behavior," U.S. delegation leader Stephen G. Rademacher told a House subcommittee last Thursday.

Without targeting Pyongyang, European and Canadian proposals before the conference would make it more difficult for future North Korea to withdraw from the treaty without sanction.

Iraqi militants purportedly take Australian man hostage

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Iraqi militants have kidnapped an Australian man living in California who pleaded for U.S.-led coalition forces to leave Iraq to save his life, according to a videotape released Sunday.

The tape showed a man identifying himself as Douglas Wood—33, seated between two masked militants pointing automatic weapons at him.

Wood's wife, Pearl, told The Associated Press that she had seen the tape and that the man being held was definitely her husband. She said he had been in Iraq about a year and half, working as an engineer.

A sign shown on the tape carried the name of the militant group responsible for the kidnapping, Sura Council of the Mujahideen of Iraq. The group previously has claimed responsibility for attacks on U.S. soldiers and Iraqi forces, plus the kidnapping of Turkish national Aytilah Gezen, who was freed in September.

The tape was broadcast on Al-Jazeera television and captured by Associated Press Television News.

Its authenticity couldn't immediately be verified.

Wood, appearing disheveled and shaken, said he was Australian but lived in Alamo, Calif., with his American wife.

He said he came to Iraq almost a year ago to work on



A man identified as Australian Douglas Wood is seen in this image taken from a video delivered by Iraqi militants to news agencies Sunday.

reconstruction projects with the American military.

Alamo is an unincorporated suburb 25 miles east of San Francisco.

The captive appealed to President Bush, Australian Prime Minister John Howard and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to order coalition forces out of Iraq and let Iraqi troops enter the country, saying he did not want to die.

"My captors are fiercely patriotic. They believe in a strong united Iraq looking after its own destiny," Wood said on the tape, which could not be immediately verified. "They (the Iraqis) are strong. They will be able to look after themselves against their neighbors. Please help me. I don't want to die."

Howard said Sunday that Australia had established a special task force to try and obtain Wood's release, but would not elaborate on what actions it might take.

Activists rally at UN, Central Park

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of activists marched past the United Nations on Monday, hoping to remind diplomats reviewing the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty of the horrors of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki five decades ago.

Chanting "No War, No Nukes" and carrying "No More Hiroshimas, No More Nagasakis," the marchers then headed to Central Park, where they formed a human peace symbol. Organizers put the number of protesters at 40,000.

The mayor of Hiroshima, Tadatoshi Akiba, told the crowd that the survivors of the bombs were "the only people who have had the experience of nuclear war."

"For them the world is a family, and we need to work together so that no member of this family will be subject to a reality that they suffered in 1945," he said.

One of those survivors, Simao Telo, was a 20-year-old college student when the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

Speaking through an interpreter, he suffered of the physical and mental anguish



Nobuko Murto, of Kawagoe, Japan, folds a piece of paper into an origami peace bird during a rally Sunday in New York's Central Park.

he experienced.

"That's why we call the atomic bomb the absolute evil," he said.

A monthlong review of the nonproliferation treaty at the UN begins Monday—a process that is done every five years. The treaty calls for nations without nuclear weapons to pledge not to pursue them, and the five that acknowledge having nuclear weapons—the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China—to pledge to move toward eliminating them.

Researcher who purified toxin used in Botox dies

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Ed Schantz, a researcher who was a pioneer in purifying the toxin used in Botox injections, has died. He was 86.

Schantz died Thursday, said Joe Donovan, a spokesman for Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Elizabeth Burnmaster, one of Schantz's four daughters.

In 1966, Schantz and colleagues purified botulinum toxin type A—the poison that causes an often fatal form of muscle paralysis called botulism—in a crystalline form, allowing researchers to study it in greater detail, according to the Botox Web site of Allergan Inc., which acquired rights to distribute the toxin in 1984.

In the 1960s, Schantz found that could stop muscle spasms that cause certain illnesses. One of the first uses was to treat crossed eyes, which are caused by an overactive eye muscle.

Today, injections of the botulinum toxin, in the commercial form of Botox, are used to smooth out wrinkles.

Schantz was nearly alone in his ability to purify the botulinum toxin. Discover magazine,

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Fighting inflation is job No. 1 these days for the Federal Reserve. With energy and other prices rising, policy-makers are expected to keep nudging up short-term interest rates — for now.

At its meeting Tuesday, the Fed is likely to raise the federal funds rate by one-quarter of percentage point, to 3 percent. That would be the eighth such increase since June 2004, when the central bank began its campaign to lighten credit.

Inflation is creeping higher, but the economy has shown signs recently of hitting a rough patch. So Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues have to tread lightly.

"They now have to walk a very tight line between growth and inflation," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management.

To control inflation, the Fed must stick to rate increases while balancing that goal with trying to keep the economy on a solid growth path, Reaser said.

Higher rates are a defense against an outbreak of inflation. But when it is more expensive to borrow money, some consumers and businesses are less inclined to spend and invest.

Over the first three months of the year, the economy grew at a 3.1 percent annual rate, the worst performance in two years.

Analysts blame much of the blame on soaring energy prices, which restrained spending by individuals and companies.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. City Council will meet today

TWIN FALLS — The City Council meets today at 5 p.m. in the new chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. to consider a property exchange to correct a previous storm water easement grant.

In addition, members will meet in executive session to consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the city has cooperation with other governing bodies in other states or nations.

Class will cover riparian habitat

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a zero-credit class, "Riparian Habitat: Basic Management and Assessment Skills" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17 and 18 in Room 108 of the Shields Building.

The class will provide a unique opportunity for land owners and permit holders or other interested parties to gain a better understanding of the value of Western riparian systems and to obtain hands-on training in the assessment skills utilized by various federal land management agencies. An awareness of riparian function, management and assessment skills will assist private land owners and grazing permittees to improve conditions for wildlife and livestock and can assist permit holders to meet grazing requirements.

The cost is \$35, plus an optional \$10 to \$15 for class materials payable to the instructor.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Harmonious Wall headlines event

TWIN FALLS — The mandolin-slinging, gypsy-swinging Harmonious Wall quartet will headline the seventh annual jazz festival in the Canyon Weekend June 16-18.

They will share the spotlight on June 18 with pianist Paul Tillson, an Idaho native who makes his home in New York City, to cap off the three-day jazz festival with performances at Centennial Park in the Snake River Canyon.

Tickets for jazz in the Canyon go on sale in early May through the Magic Valley Arts Council, (208) 735-ARTS.

Jazz in the Canyon Weekend is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Twin Falls, with corporate support from First Federal Savings Bank.

ISAT offered for home schoolers

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District is offering Idaho Standards Achievement Tests for privately enrolled students.

Parents of home schoolers or private school attendees who are dually enrolled, the ISAT is required if they want to participate in Idaho High School Athletic Association-sanctioned extracurricular activities.

Testing for secondary students is available until May 20. For more information, contact the principal at the student's school.

Short comedy premieres at Schubert Theatre

TWIN FALLS — The world premier of the short film "Am I Right?" will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 6 at the Schubert Theatre, located at 402 Main St. in Gooding.

The film, which is a comedy produced by Western States College and directed by Michael Cain, and stars Mark Goodman, a local stage and film actor from Twin Falls. The film is being submitted to several film festivals, including the Sundance Film Festival and Telluride Film Festival.

Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Schubert Theatre, The Natural Way Health Store at 117 W. Gooding St. in Twin Falls, Goodman Electric Motors at 133 Carnegie St. in Twin Falls or by calling Michael Cain at 733-7695. Mark Goodman at 733-1699 or the Schubert Theatre at 934-4861.

MDTs for "Am I Right?" will be available for \$10 each and can be autographed by the actors. All proceeds are being donated to the Western States College.

— compiled from staff reports —

City seeks modern identity

Wendell officials will sponsor contest to find a new logo design

By Heather Pilkinton
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Magic Valley's "Hub City" is in search of a new logo.

And to find it, the Wendell City Council has created a contest to attract artists.

Mayor Paul Isaacson said the city's current logo, with its Breckenridge poplars and the Fernie Bridge is more representative of Twin Falls.

"If you look closely, you can

see our water tower," he said.

The council wants a logo that more appropriately identifies what Wendell is all about, Isaacson said.

"Perhaps something with agriculture," he said.

Isaacson made it clear that the logo contest is in no way an attempt to replace Wendell's motto, "Hub City." He said it was important people understood that.

"Our motto is part of what makes Wendell special," the mayor said. "We would never

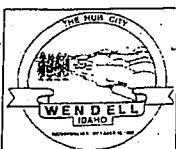
try to change that."

The contest is open to all residents in the greater Wendell area. Isaacson said the logo should be simple and unique, and needs to be reproducible in a variety of sizes. It may or may not contain text.

Applications, logo requirements and other information is available at City Hall. Submissions will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 27, at which time all artwork will be put on display.

The winning logo will be announced at Magic Valley Dairy Days on June 18 with the winner receiving \$100.

Once the winning logo has been selected, it will become the property of the city and will be



Wendell's current logo, used on all city correspondence.

Times-News correspondent, Heather Pilkinton covers the Wendell and Gooding communities. She can be reached at hpilkinton@msn.com.

Daring to care

Kimberly students get national recognition for volunteer work

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — A charitable project that started with a conversation has brought scholarships and national recognition for a group of Kimberly students.

Kayla Gardner and Jayde Graham went to California last week to be honored for their work at Dare to Care, a project that collects donations and organizes activities for the children of soldiers in the National Guard's 116th Brigade Combat Team.

Trevor Barrott, the project's organizer, headed to Washington, D.C., this weekend as Idaho's winner of the \$1,000 Prudential Spirit of Community Award scholarship. He's still in the running for a national award.

Barrott already received a sizeable \$25,000 scholarship, a new laptop and a summer internship from Asa Financial in Salt Lake City for the leadership he displayed with Dare to Care.

Gardner and Graham recently spent three days in California at the Channel One in Concert Beach Party, which honors students who make a difference.

The party was shown on Channel One News last Wednesday. Channel One is a 12-minute satellite program shown at about 12,000 schools nationally. The company provides televisions and equipment for schools in exchange for them showing the program and two minutes of commercials.

Gardner and Graham were honored with a Rollout K concert and \$300 shopping spree for their volunteer work on Dare to Care. Graham was the official winner, but both got to go and split the prize money.

"It was a blast," Graham said. "It was a lot of fun."

She started working on Dare to Care when the project got too big for Barrott alone.

Counselor Debbie Klug went to California as a chapter and also had her expenses paid. She's happy to see the students recognized.

"I've worked their hearts out on this deal," Klug said.

Klug said five students in the group — Emily Fowers, Kayla Gardner, Jayde Graham, Kody Krieger and Thomas Marvin — received \$750 scholarships from the Chapel of Four Chaplains organization. Barrott received a \$1,000 scholarship and a national award.

Barrott organized the project in the summer of 2004 after he talked to a friend of his family who had a husband and a son who had been deployed to Iraq. Barrott knew of programs to send letters to soldiers, but the families left behind also struggle emotionally and financially.

"I didn't see a lot of focus going to the families," Barrott said.

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DANCING FOR A CAUSE



Members of Dance Tee studio of Idaho Falls cheer before competing Saturday at the Canyon Rim Dance Classic at the College of Southern Idaho. Some 1,057 dancers from Idaho, Washington and Utah participated in the event that helped raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Agencies divide terrorism prevention funds

By Heather Pilkinton
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Interim Police Chief Wayne Childers wants to bring the Wendell Police Department online with other departments, and he is hoping funds from a federal grant will help him do it.

"Right now, we're operating in the eighteenth century," he said.

Gooding County was one of several counties that was awarded Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program grants from the Department of Homeland Security. Gooding County's grant amount was \$72,584.

The grants must be used specifically to prevent terrorist activities and law enforcement agencies in Gooding County have until May 9 to submit applications for funds.

The grant outline is very specific in what counties may spend this money on, said Jerry Russell of the Department of Homeland Security office in Boise.

"General-use computers and software don't qualify," Russell told attendees of a grant meeting in Gooding on Friday. Russell explained that computers for report writing and general records would be authorized expenditures.

Childers and Wendell Mayor Paul Isaacson told Russell that they wanted a way to compare criminal backgrounds with other departments.

"We want to connect with the rest of the world," Isaacson told Russell.

One program the Wendell Police Department would like to install is ARTS, a general-use

law enforcement program, currently used by the Gooding Police Department. Sophie Pruetz, who worked with the Gooding department prior to taking the position as the community service officer in Wendell, is experienced with the program.

"It will allow us to link the agencies," Pruetz explained to Russell.

Childers agreed.

"Right now, we have nothing," Childers said. "We need the information at our fingertips."

Another option that Wendell and other police agencies in Gooding County are looking at is Mobile Data Terminals, or MDTs. MDTs are mounted in the police vehicle and operate from a laptop computer. MDTs allow the officer instant access to information, reports, addresses and

criminal history. The MDTs also allow departments to monitor the positions and activities of their officers, and allows officers to write reports and input data immediately. Instead of waiting to return to the station.

Gooding Police Chief Jeff Perry prefers the MDTs over the ARTS system.

"Everything you need is right there," Perry said.

Russell also explained that it helps all the agencies in a county work together on how to use the grant money.

"The feds like to see a regional approach," he said, "but the money can be divided."

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Thinking of others: Couple gave generously to the Boys and Girls Club

By Jami Whitte
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While family and friends will remember her wonderful warmth, children in the Magic Valley will always remember Rita lone Smallwood's generosity.

Smallwood, who died April 25, and her husband, Cliff, were crucial benefactors of the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley.

Smallwood grew up in Kansas and moved to Twin Falls in the mid-1930s. She began working at the Majestic Drug Store in 1936 as a main-tainance waitress. Cliff Smallwood worked in the store one day and saw her. According to his daughter, he said to his friend, "See that waitress over there making sodas? I'm going to marry her."

Eighteen days later, he did. Their marriage lasted almost 64 years.

They had two children, Rita Harden and Jim Smallwood. While Cliff Smallwood was a member of the Boys and Girls Club, Rita also had an incredible love for



Rita lone Smallwood, far right, and her husband Cliff, left, talk with members of the Boys and Girls Club in December of 1997. The shovel, along with Cliff's hard-hat and a plaque is on display at the club.

other children.

Harden remembers having wonderful slumber parties with friends who were always welcome in their warm home and her father always saying he wanted to do something for children.

Smallwood enjoyed spending time in the mountains, solving jigsaw puzzles, reading, crocheting and embroidery. She also had a strong faith to the First Baptist Church.

service in many committees and as a deaconess.

In 1952 the couple established General Building Supply and worked there until retirement in 1979. They then spent time traveling to Australia, Alaska, Hawaii, China, New Zealand and, of course, to visit family.

In later years Smallwood's husband owned some wise investments in the stock market and eventually the couple was able to support the Boys and Girls Club in a time located at Larry Bay Park.

In 1995 the Smallwoods donated \$75,000 to help transform a warehouse in Old Town into a recreation center for members of the club.

In just three years membership outgrew the warehouse and the Smallwoods gave \$500,000 to build the club on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

"We wouldn't have a club of this caliber without them," said executive director Don Hall. "I think they both really had a passion for kids that came from mls-advantage.com"

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a life remembered

Rita lone Smallwood

Born: Sept. 16, 1914.
Died: April 25, 2005.

Survivors:
Daughter, Rita Harden (Ran); son, Jim Smallwood (Ray); four grand-children, Kit and Kris Gardner, fan and Tim Smallwood; two step-grandchildren, Eric and Rhonda Wolfe; and one great-granddaughter, Madeleine lone Smallwood. Also surviving are her two brothers, Keith Smith (Evelyn) and Paul Smith (Evelyn) and the Smallwoods gave \$500,000 to build the club on the First Baptist Church P.O. Box 5800, Twin Falls, ID 83401.

Gay rights supporters rally outside Christian group headquarters

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — About 500 people braved cold temperatures and light snow Sunday to protest a conservative Christian group's campaign against gay rights and same-sex marriage.

The protesters gathered in front of the Focus on the Family campus, holding rainbow flags, multicolored umbrellas and signs reading "God Loves Justice" and "Love Thy Neighbor." An American Indian group played drums and some protesters sang "We Shall Overcome."

Focus on the Family, founded and led by James Dobson, has been widely opposed to gay rights and same-sex marriages, urging voters during last year's election to vote for 11 states that passed or intend to pass legislation that bans gay marriage.

"We are here to say, Jim, we love you enough to stop you from doing the damage you are doing to families across the nation," said Mel White, executive director of Souleforce, a national interfaith organization that supports gay rights.

Kendra Wilg, and her mother, Deborah Wilg, both of Denver, also challenged the group's position.

"Although Focus says homosexuality is against families and against religion, we are not loving families with gay mothers, daughters and sons," said Kendra Wilg, who is bisexual.

Thomas Minnery, the group's director of public policy, said he watched the rally from inside the headquarters. He denied that Focus delivers a message of hate but reiterated the organization's belief that homosexuality



Rem Orth, of Colorado Springs, Colo., waves a placard in protest of policies against same-sex marriage and gay rights outside the headquarters of the Christian group Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo., Sunday.

violates Biblical scripture.

"There are thousands of people who have left homosexuality, including some on our staff. To say that one is born that way obviously lies in the face of facts," Minnery said.

Dobson was not at the headquarters Sunday, Minnery said. He is traveling on the East Coast this week and was expected to be in Washington, D.C., for the National Day of Prayer events on Thursday.

Former fire official dies of apparent suicide

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former Salt Lake County fire official accused of trying to entice a minor over the Internet was found dead in Tooele County Sunday from an apparent suicide.

Deonnis Steadman, 54, was found dead in his SUV south of Stockton on range land roughly three miles west of Faust Road and Utah 73.

Tooele County sheriff's Sgt.

Brad Patch said a drier hose hooked to the tailpipe of Steadman's car had pumped exhaust into the vehicle.

Steadman was reported missing Friday by his wife. Holly Steadman last spoke to her husband by cell phone about 6:50 p.m. Friday, about five hours after he left home, Patch said. Steadman's last call was traced to Tooele County.

Steadman was arrested Feb. 16 during an undercover operation after arranging to meet a 13-year-old girl, who actually was an undercover police officer with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

He was charged in federal court with one count of coercion and enticement of a minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity, and his trial was set for May 18.

Today
Final week of spring semester classes.
Nursing Skills Fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aspen 140 and 143.
Idaho Virtual Academy Idaho-Reading-Indicator-testing, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Taylor 276.
CSI student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 232.
CSI Equestrian Team board meeting, 6 p.m., Student Union 248.

Tuesday
CSI Even Student Services High School Preview Day, 8 a.m. to noon, Student Union 248.
CSI Latinos Unidos Club weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Student Union 248.
CSI Math Club weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 208.
"Mingle the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest.
Student Annual CSI Art Show, Jean B. King gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science (through May 28).
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday
Monthly progress meeting on construction of Fine Arts addition, 11 a.m., Taylor 277.
Twin Falls School District "Careers on Wheels," noon, Edson High School Center.
CSI Equine Program awards banquet, 7 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277.

Thursday
CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Student Union 232.
CSI Latinos Unidos Club weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Taylor 256.
CSI Students Accessing Their Abilities week ending, 3:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
Arts-on-four-programs "The Massenko Russian Folk Festival," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
CSI Theater Department presents "The Creature Creeps," directed by Tony Mannen, 8 p.m., Fine Arts 119 (\$6 per adult, \$4 per student).

Friday
CSI cheerleader tryouts, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., gym.
Certified Nursing Assistant written tests, 9 a.m., Aspen 145.
Music Inst 2005 scholarship auditions, 3 to 6 p.m., Fine Arts 121.
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Saturday
Boys and Girls Club Dualathlon (5K run/walk, 8 a.m., Fitness Hall).
SAT II testing, 8 a.m., Meyer-Hoeffler 231.
CSI cheerleader tryouts, 8 a.m. to noon, gym.
Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children, CSI and Reading Start Success by Six training for early childhood educators, 9 a.m. to noon, Aspen 195.
United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
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ON THE AGENDA

ers, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.
Burlay City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.
Elgin City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main.
Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 1st S.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. 8th St. W.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 W. Main.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Kimberly Public Library board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.

Friday
Jerome County commissioners, 8 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

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Paula 'Jean' Brannon

TWIN FALLS — Paula "Jean" Brannon, 65, of Twin Falls, lost her battle to cancer at 11:15 a.m. Friday, April 29, 2005.

Paula was born in 1939, in a log cabin in Elba, Idaho, the daughter of LeVon and Joseph Milton Brannon. Jean was born early and was blessed an incubator, but did not have one. Her Grandma Ruby Wickle cared for her for two weeks keeping her warm in front of a stove and feeding her with a spoon because she would not take a bottle. Jean was raised in Idaho on her parents' farm, where they raised sheep and cattle. Farm life was hard but it was also a good life and she had lots of fun there. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1957. Jean met Steve Oris Brannon from Jerome and they were married in 1963. They were blessed with a son, Steve Ricky Brannon, in 1963. He was the joy of Jean's life. Jean and her family lived in the canyon, hunting and fishing. She attended every football, baseball and basketball game and track event that her son was in-



involved in and loved every minute. Jean worked as a waitress for a few years and also for JC Penney in Jerome. In 1985, Jean and her husband divorced and she moved to Twin Falls with her son. She went back to college and became a Realtor working for Ray Sabala for 12 years. She later worked for Century 21 before retiring in 2003. In 2003, she was diagnosed with cancer and osteoporosis. It was a tough battle but she did not fight it alone. Her

friend and companion for 20 years, Bob Sorenson, was with her the whole way. Jean thanked God every day that he never took her life. She would never have made it as far as she did in life without him. Jean had a full and wonderful life, unfortunately it was cut shorter than we had all hoped. Do not mourn for Jean but instead celebrate her life.

Jean is survived by her son, Steve Ricky Brannon of Eremmit, three grandchildren, Scottie Brannon, Jordan Brannon and Luke Russell Brannon, one great-granddaughter, Courtney Brannon; two brothers, Joseph M. Brown Jr. and Larry (Yvonne) Brown; and three sisters, Ina Oliver, Fran Nicklaus and Kay Ocha. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at White Mortuary with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

SERVICES

Doug Vieguth of Bellevue, graveside service at 5:30 p.m. today at the Bellevue Cemetery (White Mortuary).

Latter-day Saints, 100 S. 200 W., Burley. Burial will be in Gem Memorial Gardens. The family (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

Aaron N. Cohen
BURLEY — Aaron Nathan Cohen, a 44-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at his home.
The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 150 S. E. 16th St., Burley.

Lawrence Stumpf
TWIN FALLS — Lawrence Stumpf, 82, of Twin Falls, will receive friends from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Roberta C. Fargoy
JEROME — Roberta C. Fargoy, 42, of Jerome, died Friday, April 29, 2005, at her home. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Tuesday
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main.
Blaine County commission-

Nevada emissions threaten Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mercury-laden clouds from gold mine smokestacks near Elko, Nev., are drifting east and could pose a health threat to Utahns and damage the ecology of the Great Salt Lake.

The clouds are not as much as 11 percent of total Mercury emissions in the United States.

Mercury is a heavy metal that occurs naturally. Exposure to the element has been linked to neurological and kidney diseases, autism, loss of motor control and death. Young children and pregnant women are most at risk.

Congress has ordered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make rules to cut mercury emissions, but the Elko-area mines are not under those regulations.

Instead, they enrolled in a voluntary emissions program that has had mixed results, said Justin Hayes, spokesman for the Idaho County Board of Health.

The organization is ready to

sue to force the EPA to impose emissions reductions rules on the Nevada mines. In an Oct. 21 letter to the new EPA Administrator and former Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, the Conversation League charged that prevailing winds and atmospheric circulation patterns send huge volumes of mercury into southern Idaho, possibly contributing to mercury-related fish consumption advisories.

And what goes for Idaho ought to go for Utah, Hayes said.

A March report prepared for the EPA that uses 1998 emissions reports and extrapolates backward to 1985, estimated the 16 Nevada gold mines released between 40 and 200 tons of mercury.

That's probably and understated, said Glenn Miller, the University of Nevada environmental science professor who prepared the report.

Scientists know that mercury can travel great distances and the element's organic form,

methylmercury, can get into humans through the consumption of fish and shellfish. Lesser risk is how site mercury harms humans, animals, and the environment.

Consumption of swordfish and shark are high on the risk list in Asia and Africa, and California officials have issued warnings about some fish that populate streams in the Sierra foothills.

Mercury contamination "is potentially a major impact on the recreational industry in Utah," said Miller. "We need to be wondering if you should eat the fish you catch."

Studies of the Great Salt Lake have found some of the highest levels of mercury in the nation. But to date, Utah has no mercury-related fish consumption advisories.

Because mercury is drifting around the globe, it would be difficult to determine exactly where the mercury in the Great Salt Lake was from else, came from, Miller said.

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New law offers hope to the disabled

BOISE (AP) — For 15 years, businesses have been required by federal law to ensure they are accessible for disabled customers, but many in Idaho still aren't.

Advocates are hoping that new state legislation taking effect July 1 will help push more businesses to comply.

Until now the only way for an individual to file a complaint under the Americans with Disabilities Act for discrimination at a "place of public accommodation" was to sue the business that opens to the public — a process that often costs more than the U.S. Justice Department.

Under the new law, they will be able to turn to the Idaho Human Rights Commission to file complaints or inquire about the law — and business can get there for help in complying.

"It hasn't been so easy to get the Department of Justice to be responsive to complaints out of Idaho," said Leslie Goddard, director of the state commission.

About 18 percent of Idaho's residents likely qualify as having a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other legislation, according to a study by Boise State University.

The human-rights panel has long been responsible for dealing with discrimination complaints in public accommodations and employment, based on race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The new law adds disability discrimination.

Goddard said the requirements for businesses won't change. But she's banking on the state commission's being more responsive than the federal agency.

Many Idaho businesses still aren't accessible for people with disabilities, said Kelly Buckland, executive director of the Idaho State Independent Living Council.

"Hotels, restaurants, grocery

stores, bars, movie theaters, anything you can think of in the community that you access as a business — department stores, malls — all those things are public accommodations," Buckland said.

The new state-law reiterates the requirements of the federal law. Businesses must comply only if they can reasonably do so. Buckland says compliance is often simpler than one might think.

Mark Leeper, director of Disability Action Center Northwest, said he's seen cases where making a restaurant bathroom accessible was as easy as moving a trash can so people in wheelchairs had room to maneuver.

"I think of places that renovate and redo the steps into their building and don't put in a ramp," he said. "We see that more frequently than we would wish."

Some worry the new law will

require expensive alterations. Goddard said she was contacted by an attorney whose office was on the second floor of a historic building. He worried that he'd have to install an elevator, she said.

"I said no," Goddard said. "You could probably agree to meet that person in some accessible place — still provide the legal services, but at a place you can both go."

Restaurant owners who worry that they'll have to print menus in Braille can simply have a staff member read the menu to a blind customer, she said.

Stores with merchandise on shelves too high for someone in a wheelchair can make someone available to assist the customer.

Disabled people are part of our communities, Goddard said, and for a business, "It's in your best interest to have these people be able to come here."

Last elephant at Chicago zoo dies after being moved to Utah

CHICAGO (AP) — The last of three elephants who were brought to Lincoln Park Zoo in 2003 over the objections of some animal activists died Sunday, shortly after being moved to the Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City, zoo officials said.

Wankie was euthanized around 4 a.m. Sunday, said Hogle Zoo spokeswoman Stacy Phillips. She declined further comment, referring questions to the San Diego Zoo, which owned the elephant. No spokesman at that zoo could be reached for comment.

Lincoln Park Zoo's head veterinarian and two elephant keepers accompanied Wankie

on the 1,400-mile journey from Chicago to Salt Lake City, Lincoln Park Zoo spokeswoman Kelly McGrath said.

Wankie appeared healthy as she was loaded into an Utah-bound truck on Friday, McGrath said. But while en route to Utah, zoo officials became concerned when Wankie laid down in the truck at about 7:00 a.m. Saturday, she added.

Barrett said they arrived at Hogle Zoo Saturday evening. Wankie was put in a sling and appeared to be fine, McGrath said.

Later, however, the elephant began struggling to breathe and a decision was made to euthanize the animal, she said.

Care

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Chris Barrett, Trevor's mother, said the group has had a variety of holiday-themed events throughout the school year to give out school supplies, coats and winter gear. They had about 40 children from around the Magic Valley per event and have raised about \$4,000.

She said the activities are a great outlet for the children.

"The kids just love to be with the Dure to Care kids," Chris Barrett said. "It's been so cool just to watch that."

Beyond the activities, this year Trevor Barrett started asking schools to waive athletic and activity fees for students with parents who are deployed.

Kimberly High School principal Richard Brulotte said the school board agreed to waive fees in that district. Barrett emailed all the superintendents in the state trying to extend the program.

Barrett is planning a campout for National Guard children in August at the Pineclad Cabins in the South Hills. That will be his last activity before he hands the project off to his

younger sister, Maryanne. Trevor Barrett will be going to Southern Utah University where he received a \$1,000 leadership scholarship. He plans to major in optometry or business.

He said he's happy to see other members of the Dure to Care group receive recognition, too.

"It's a really cool thing for them," Barrett said. The program is spreading around the country through other units of the National Guard.

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Rain and mudslide threats near SLC decrease

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A mostly dry Sunday eased the fears of Utah County residents who for days have watched if their homes would be carried away in a mudslide.

A brief afternoon downpour, however, gave Cedar Hills Fire Chief Craig Cutler some concern and brought county engineers out to inspect the hillside 35-miles

south of Salt Lake City. No slide activity was detected. "I can't see anything visually moving right now. So far, so good," said Cutler. "But there's a 50 percent chance of rain tonight."

The National Weather Service office in Salt Lake City on Sunday issued a flood warning for Box Elder County in northwest Utah. Rain is also in the forecast

for the week ahead.

Heavy rains last week brought literally tons of mud to the backdoor of a cluster of townhouses in Cedar Hills. Officials there said mud had crumpled several porches and swallowed fencing and all conditioning units, but had not caused any structural damage to homes. Engineers also saw only a few

inches of upper-layer slide movement Saturday.

Four families were asked to evacuate and a fifth volunteered to have a precaution.

Carlisle said those families would likely have to stay elsewhere until the mud can be cleared away.

And that could be a week or longer, he said.

Couple

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circumstances and the community, too. They both really believed in the Twin Falls community.

The Smallwoods generosity is recognized today by a large sign near the club's front door and a whole corner in the front office is decorated with pictures of a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Cliff placing the first dig at the current site, a plaque dedicating the building to the Smallwoods and Cliff's original shovel and hard hat, dedicated to their memory.

The children of the club are aware of the Smallwoods support as well.

Aside from learning about the club's origins from employees,

the Smallwoods often visited the club, talked with the children and gazed at the building with pride.

When Cliff died in 2001, Hall and education director Erin Godwin often picked Smallwood up at her home at Bridgeway Estates to visit the building the couple had given so much to.

"She always enjoyed it and really wanted us to get Bridgeway involved. The children went over one time to color Easter eggs and they flew kits with us," Godwin said. "If they only realized how much had expanded from their original thought... Their vision really went places, we owe everything we have to them."

Every year the club has presented an award to someone special in the community, this year they decided to call it the Smallwood Award and asked Smallwood to present it at their annual banquet. On April 23 the award was presented, but it was also the same weekend Smallwood fell ill and was unable to attend.

The Smallwoods legacy will live on through a scholarship fund for needy young people, which they hoped would provide people who couldn't go to college the opportunity.

"She always had kids at heart," Harden said. Smallwood, like her husband, left a huge impression on friends,

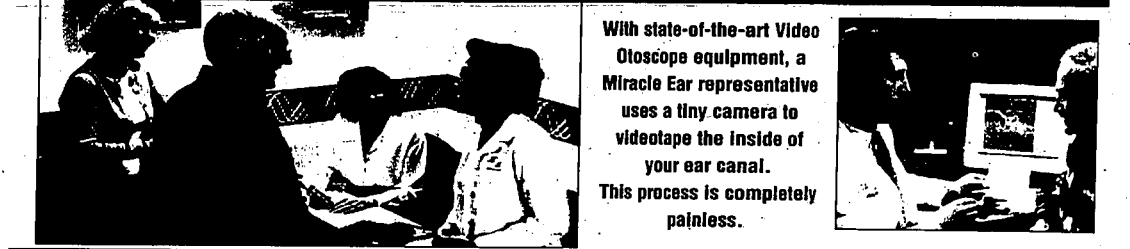
family and even strangers.

"Something that really stands out in my mind, and I saw it more and more in the last two years, is anybody who met her for the first time just adored her," Harden said. "I had a friend come over once and visit with Mom for an hour and she called me the next day and said, 'I'm dumping you for your mom.'"

"One of the grunders said there's one thing about her that he'll always appreciate. 'I never heard her say a bad word about anybody.'"

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The politics of pregnant girls

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You'd be outraged, right? How dare anyone determine that your child should have surgery without your counsel, permission or knowledge? In my tribe, a jury would forgive nearly any response short of ultimate justice.

Yet, in some states, parents are supposed to sit quietly, shutting their pens while their daughters cross state lines to get an abortion — without even a vote on which noble social process transportation, much less an invitation to provide the emotional support most human beings, especially children, require after sending an unwanted pregnancy.

A bill passed Wednesday in the U.S. House (270-167) seeks to change the likelihood of that happening by making it a federal crime for any adult to transport someone younger than 18 across state lines for an abortion without parental consent. The name of the legislation alone is enough to send shivers: the Child Interstate Transportation of Minors to Receive Medical Services Act.

The proposed law, which still faces Senate action, also requires doctors who perform abortions to comply with state-notification laws and to contact parents, with violations running to jail. Currently, 23 states require parental notification. Ten states, though they require parental notice, also allow other adults (grandparents, for example) to be notified. Another 17 states, including California, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, allow minors unrestricted access to abortion.

There are lots of ways to look at this legislation, and cynics on both sides are behaving predictably. Pro-choice advocates see it as yet another erosion of reproductive rights and have resorted to the scariest extrapolation: Passing this law will endanger victims of abusive fathers.

Others lament the erosion of children's rights, as when Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said that the law would "in effect make the young girl carry the laws of her state on her back, wherever she goes."

Rep. Nadler's twisting argument. We wouldn't want to burden a young girl with heavy legislation that thwarts her desire for surgery. A child's gotta do what a child's gotta do.

Pro-lifers, likewise, raise the specter of the luckiest bogeyman in fatherhood: The abusive boyfriend, having deflowered the often lass, spirits Daddy's girl away for a concert with the devil.

Although true that older men too often impregnate underage girls, it isn't necessary to evoke



KATHLEEN PARKER

worst-case scenarios to advance what is otherwise a common-sense position. That is, no child should be operated on without a parent's consent — no matter what the procedure — except perhaps to save the child's life when parents are too ignorant to make a reasonable decision.

If, say, parents prefer to hop around a boiling porridge of teard eyes and coon tails instead of agreeing to a lifesaving tracheotomy, then let the courts intercede. Otherwise, let's not allow exceptions, including the occasionally intractable parent, to override reason and the best interest of children.

Even if you approve of abortion as a choice "between a roasting bird and in-seen-god-of-your-choice," few parents would make the same argument for children. And even if you believe that abortion is only another surgical procedure that removes a clump of cells, it is still a surgical procedure for which, clearly, a minor needs parental consent. Translated: love, support, forgiveness and a hug.

In the bigger picture, the proposed law is also good for families. Parental autonomy has been incrementally undermined in recent years through government initiatives, whether through public education programs that parents don't like or "protective" services that intrude in private matters even when not warranted.

At the same time, cultural trends minimize parents, especially fathers, as important figures while elevating children as intellectually superior, and surely far cooler. Underpinning these trends is the governing assumption that parents are not competent to raise their own children.

Granted, there are plenty of bad parents out there — many of them sitting in corporate board rooms and legislative bodies — but most parents have their children's best interests at heart. They also know that abortion, more than a surgical procedure, is an emotional, often life-altering process that doesn't end when you cross a state line.

Mothers and fathers may be disengaged at times, but a pregnant girl needs her parents more than she needs a special-interest group or a politician or a lobbyist. And none of whom love her as much.

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GOP stumbles, yet Dems go nowhere

Republicans enjoyed a banner year in 2004. They retained possession of the White House and increased their majority in Congress. Americans gave the party a huge vote of confidence and then held its collective breath and hoped for the best.

But there are some things a party can always count on in life, and one of them is that when people go to Washington their brains stop functioning. It is a bipartisan phenomenon, and so far no one has found a cure for it. Let's see how the disease has manifested itself with our Republican-controlled government so far in 2005.

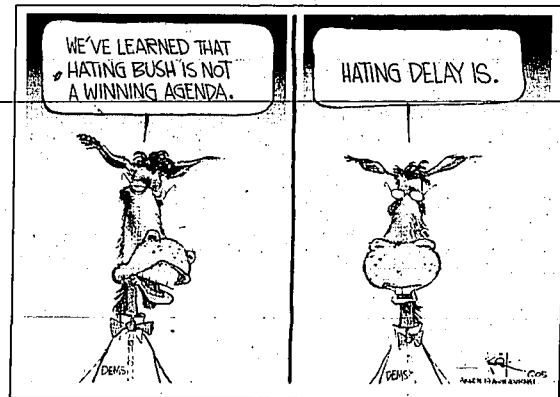
The president's first big post-election initiative, reforming the Social Security program with private savings accounts, has gone over like a lead balloon. Public support for the idea was lukewarm at first and has since gone as cold as a tile floor on a January morning.

The Republicans (those staunch defenders of states' rights) lustily passed a bizarre law that set aside the ruling of a state court in Florida in a controversial end-of-life dispute between a woman's husband and her parents and threw the case into federal court.

Tom DeLay, one of the GOP's brightest lights in Congress, is mired in an ethics scandal and seems to grow more petulant and disagreeable with each passing day.

And how about that John Bolton? Bush's nominee to be our next chief diplomat at the United Nations is a man who can't stand the United Nations and apparently possesses a decidedly un-diplomatic personality.

For many Americans, the already unbroken honeymoon is slipping away. Bush's approval rating has sunk to an all-time low and is now coming in south of the psychologically significant 50



BILL FERGUSON

percent mark. Ratings for his supporting cast of GOP congressmen are even worse. So it's a good time to be a Democrat, right? Nope. As unhappy as we are with the job Bush and his puts in Congress are doing, polls indicate that our opinion of the Democrats in Congress is even worse. Why are we so hard on these people? Maybe it's because they deserve it. If there's any good news in these dismal approval ratings, maybe it's that we've finally had it with a government run by people who refuse to act like grownups and deal realistically with the challenges we face. Perhaps pie-in-the-sky prom-

ises and partisan attacks are no longer passing through our collective common sense filter. Maybe we are ready for someone in Washington to start treating us like rational human beings and not like nitwits who can be manipulated by catch phrases and good luck.

My advice to the Democrats: stop taking potshots at the Republicans and give us some tough love. Level with us about the problems in Social Security and Medicare and tell us what it's really going to take to keep us from going over a financial cliff in the coming decades.

Give us some straight talk and we just might surprise you by taking it like big girls and boys. Perhaps we're in the mood to face up to our responsibility to our children and grandchildren by electing people who tell us

that we need to make sacrifices to ensure their future. I know, I know, it's a crazy idea and I don't expect anyone to run with it. We won't elect any true fiscal conservatives until the other shoe drops and we are forced to start living within our limited means when our mountain of debt finally topples over and buries us.

When that happens, I'm guessing our offspring won't be referring to us as the "greatest generation." I expect they'll come up with something much more colorful and much less flattering to describe us.

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LETTERS

Ecos should target coal plant, not nuclear energy

I recently retired after 40 years of work in the nuclear industry.

Nuclear power is the safest and cleanest source of large quantities of energy we have, bar none. Solar and wind can augment but will never provide a major portion of our energy needs.

I read and listen to all the protesting about how dangerous nuclear plants are and all the ranting and raving over transporting and storage of spent nuclear fuel rods. I have to laugh because the company I worked for (Argonne National Laboratory) developed the technology to reprocess and use all spent uranium and plutonium to refuel nuclear plants. Thus, no waste to have to transport across country or store.

Please don't let the coal-fired folks sweet talk you into believing they are clean and environmentally friendly. If one of those plants is allowed to be built in this state, you can say good-bye to clean air and hello to smog.

Come on, Snake River Alliance and Dr. Peter Rickards, where are you when you could really do some good?
JOHN SILVA
Shoshone

Coal plant won't improve scenery or air

It seems every time I open the newspaper there is an announcement of another proposed improvement to our area.

First, it was Wal-Mart and its mega center; every other week, another dairy wanting to locate here, and now the topper — a coal-burning power plant just north of Twin Falls. What a great addition to the neighborhood.

There is one thing I would like to see done if the plant is built. Paint a mural on the smoke stacks so that every morning when I go out I can enjoy the view.

The winds in our area will spread the pollution and acid rain to everyone within a 50-mile radius. Twin Falls will get the benefit in winter, Wood River when the winds are from the south, Burley most of the time with westerly winds and only seldom will Glens Ferry reap the benefit of the easterly wind fallout.

Here's an idea: If Sempra wants to build a coal burner, put it in San Diego.
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WORLD

Workers stage May Day rallies

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro, leader of one of the world's last communist regimes, commemorated May Day on Sunday by demanding the United States expel Cuban-born militant accused of blowing up a civilian jetliner. Elsewhere in the world, millions of workers staged peaceful rallies to press for better conditions or protest government policies.

But in Moscow, celebrations of the international workers' holiday turned violent when radical activists from the National Bolshevik Party and the Red Youth Avant-Garde political group clashed with riot police after several activists were detained.

In Zimbabwe, despite earlier fears of a ban on May Day gatherings, the southern African country's umbrella group of trade unions held 17 rallies to celebrate the workers' day holiday with no police interference. China used the day to single out thousands of laborers and a few athletes for recognition, dubbing them "model workers," while the weekend labor day holiday started with visits to squares and parks for kite flying and recreation.

Up to 5,000 Bangladeshis demanded the country's first ever minimum wage — \$50 a month. The South Asian country has 1.8 million workers in about 2,500 garment factories earning more than \$5 billion in textiles each year.

Thousands of Russian communists milled in Moscow under pictures of Lenin and Stalin, while tens of thousands of labor union workers and opposition activists denounced reforms that replaced subsidized medicines, utilities and trans-



Cuban President Fidel Castro observes the parade for May Day, in Havana, Cuba. Hundreds of thousands of Cubans marched to the monument of Jose Marti in the 'Square of the Revolution' on Sunday.

port with cash payments. More than 200,000 Germans staged rallies, with many accusing company executives of increasing earnings while squeezing workers' wages and slashing jobs.

Overnight, 69 people were detained after a street party in eastern Berlin deteriorated into a riot. Spike-haired punks and other demonstrators threw stones and bottles at officers patrolling the event, police said. Three people were lightly injured in the clashes, according to police.

Marked by aides in red T-shirts, Castro looked out at hundreds of thousands in vast

Plaza of the Revolution and demanded Washington expel Luis Posada Carriles accused of masterminding the bombing of a Cuban jetliner in 1976 that killed 73 people. Posada denies involvement.

The Cuban president said the case of Posada, who is seeking asylum in the United States, shows the world the immense hypocrisy, the immoralities and the cynicism" of the U.S. government, which has kept Cuba on a list of terrorist states for years.

Castro called Posada "the most famous and cruel terrorist of the Western hemisphere."

Posada, now 77, along with

three associates were imprisoned in Panama in an alleged plot in 2000 to kill Castro at a conference in Panama. They were pardoned last year by outgoing President Mireya Moscoso and Posada has not been seen publicly since then.

Posada's lawyer, Eduardo Soto, says his client worked for the CIA for years and deserves asylum because he would face possible execution if returned to Cuba.

Cuban officials say Posada was involved in many attacks. He has acknowledged planning bombings of Cuban hotels, one of which killed Italian tourist Fabio di Celmo.

Japan boosted by meeting on U.N. Security Council

Knight Rider News Service

NEW YORK — Although Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura likely felt he received a warm response when he called for other U.N. member states to support Japan's bid for a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council, the nation still needs to clear a number of hurdles.

An international meeting on U.N. reform hosted by the Japanese government Friday in New York was attended by 165 of 191 U.N. member states. Machimura seemed to feel that support from a number of other nations for Japan's bid for permanent membership was within his sights.

But countries such as China and South Korea have responded coolly to Japan's bid while the United States has taken a cautious approach to U.N. reform.

At Friday's meeting, held at a hotel near U.N. headquarters, Machimura told ambassadors to the United Nations that since Japan had confirmed its posi-

tion as a peace-loving nation, he was convinced it could be a responsible permanent member on the Security Council.

The meeting attracted representatives — from almost 90 percent of member states — asked Machimura what processes Japan intended to follow for U.N. reform and how the nation could convince the current permanent members to agree to its bid.

A meeting in late March hosted by the so-called G-4 nations — Japan, Brazil, Germany and India, which are campaigning to be permanent members — was attended by 134 nations. A Foreign Ministry source said the number of nations attending Friday's meeting had increased by about 30, mainly because nations such as Italy and Pakistan, who are against the G-4 group, went to the meeting to observe developments.

Still, Machimura said at a press conference that the momentum for U.N. reform was growing.

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Israel, Turkey will set up hot line, Sharon says

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and Turkey agreed to set up a hot line for instant communication between the nations' leaders. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Sunday during a visit by his Turkish counterpart, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is in Israel seeking to mend Turkey's relations with the Jewish state and join in a new wave of Middle East peace efforts.

wholly Muslim state, have long had strong military ties and important trade links.

But relations grew strained last year when Erdogan, whose party has its roots in Turkey's Islamic movement, strongly criticized Israel's treatment of the Palestinians.

The hot line will boost joint anti-terror efforts and other coordination.

"We learned from experience that even when you have close

"intelligence" contacts there is great significance to contacts between leaders and between countries at the highest level," Sharon said, noting that Israel already has such hot lines with the United States, Britain, EU and Russia.

Erdogan's trip marks the second time a Turkish premier has visited Israel. In 1994, then-Prime Minister Tansu Ciller brought an entourage of 200 ministers and business leaders

on a three-day visit here.

World leaders have been flooding into the region in recent months, hoping to capitalize on a drop in violence and "new peace" hopes in the wake of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's death last year.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair visited in December and Russian President Vladimir Putin came last week, making the first visit by a Kremlin leader.

Honduran president ends up in hospital after emergency landing

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A small plane carrying Honduran President Ricardo Maduro went down in the Caribbean Sea near the shore Sunday after its engine failed, and Maduro was taken to a hospital with minor injuries, the president's spokesman said.

The plane had a mechanical problem and fell into the sea, "just beyond the end of the runway at Tolu, a city on the Caribbean coast," said presidential spokesman Jorge Barrios. "It is believed that the plane's engine stopped when it was making its approach for landing."

Maduro, 59, his daughter, Lorena, and the plane's pilot "were all unharmed" after they were plucked from the water by local residents, Barrios said.

"The president is recovering at a hospital in Comayagua," a central Honduran city, he added. Maduro, who has fought a fierce battle against street gangs in Honduras, was on his way to a meeting in Tolu with Mayor Daniel Flores about a government development project.

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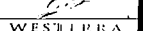


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SPORTS

Effect of foal deaths not evident on race tracks

By Murray Evans
Associated Press writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — When the starting gate opens for Saturday's Kentucky Derby, the average fan won't notice much difference from previous years.

On the track, at least, the impact of the 2001 outbreak of a mysterious illness that killed hundreds of foals and caused pregnant mares to abort seems to be minimal, even though this year's crop of 3-year-olds were most affected by the outbreak.

That has relieved racing directors in Kentucky and other industry insiders, some of whom had concerns about light 3-year-old racing fields in the aftermath of the illness eventually dubbed Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, or MRLS.

"Come Derby day, we'll still have a full field. We'll still have 20 horses," said Geoffrey Russell, the director of sales at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington. "We'll still have good horses."

Just before the 2001 Kentucky Derby, some pregnant mares in central Kentucky — the world's most prominent thoroughbred breeding region — began delivering very weak foals, which needed days of medical treatment to survive, if they lived at all.

During the following weeks, hundreds of foals died. Thousands of mares lost early term pregnancies — that would have resulted in foals born in 2002 that would have been 3-year-olds now. The gestation period for a foal is about a year.

According to The Jockey Club, the disease reduced the number of foals born in Kentucky in 2001 — horses that now would be 4-year-olds — by more



Bald Cat and her foal walk up a fence at Patchan Wilkes Farm, in Lexington, Ky., in this May 5, 2002 photo. When the starting gate opens for the Kentucky Derby, the average fan won't notice much difference from previous years. On the track, at least, the impact of the 2001 outbreak of a mysterious illness that killed hundreds of foals and caused pregnant mares to abort seems minimal, even though this year's crop of 3-year-olds were most affected.

than 500. The following year, the impact was even greater — about 1,700 foals in Kentucky died.

"It's like a lost generation," said Rogers Beasley, Keeneland's director of racing.

The loss of foals cost area horse farms millions in lost breeding fees and resulted in the cancellation of the industry's

premier sale, the Keeneland July Select Yearling Sale, in 2003. The horses that would have been sold at that sale now are 3-year-olds.

Keeneland opted not to have a July sale in 2004, either, and won't have one in 2005, choosing instead to merge it with the track's larger September sale. "It didn't just hit the upper market,"

Russell said of the outbreak. "It hit everywhere. Every level of the industry was affected."

Industry and equine experts say the 2001 deaths didn't drastically affect the quality of the 3-year-old racing crop last year, when Smarty Jones lost by a length in the Belmont Stakes after winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes.

It did affect the health of some horses, though. One horse that ran in last year's Kentucky Derby, Pollards Vision, was blind in one eye because of the after-effects of MRLS.

But if last year's 3-year-old crop was mostly normal, the fields for 2-year-old races at Kentucky tracks were good. One prominent such race on Derby Day at Churchill Downs in Louisville last May drew only five entrants.

Beasley said the fields for 3-year-old races at Keeneland this spring "have been fairly usual except for 3-year-old fillies, which have been a little bit lighter." He said there's "no question" that the MRLS outbreak is a likely reason why.

"With the purses we're giving away, you'd think everyone would show up," he said.

Churchill Downs' racing director, Doug Bredar, said that because of MRLS the track might have trouble attracting full fields for stakes races for 3-year-olds after the Derby.

"You're going to see it across the whole division, whether it's the higher-quality races or lesser claiming races," Bredar said.

Tracks outside Kentucky haven't had as much of a problem, probably because they don't rely as much on Kentucky-bred horses to fill their fields, said Martin Panza, the racing director at Hollywood Park in California.

So if any horse wins the Triple Crown this year, he will have done so against more competition than any of his predecessors. Still, Russell said, there will remain a haunting question about this year's 3-year-olds — one that will never have an answer.

"Did we lose a champion?" Russell asked. "We will never know."

Zito has big hopes for Derby

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — With five horses in the field, trainer Nick Zito has every reason to believe he's about to win his third Kentucky Derby.

"If we don't get No. 3 now, then I'll have to have Secretariat himself," Zito said Sunday outside his barn at Churchill Downs. "There's no question. I can't ask the man upstairs to give me a better shot at this. If it happens, it happens."

Wood Memorial winner Bellamy Road tops Zito's hit parade of 3-year-olds, which also includes Florida Derby winner and runner-up, High Fly and Noble Causeway, Tampa Bay Derby winner Sun King and Andromeda's Hero, third in the Arkansas Derby.

"But this is a game that humbles kings," he added. "If it doesn't happen, it doesn't happen, and we'll keep trying. Hopefully, one of these five will get over the line."

Bellamy Road, owned by Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, worked 5 furlongs in a speedy 1:00.40 Sunday in his first race before the 1.25-mile Derby. High Fly and Noble Causeway also worked — High Fly also went in 1:00.40 and Noble Causeway was even faster at 1:00.

Zito also trains Sun King and Andromeda's Hero.

"I don't have any problems," Zito said. "Actually, all of our five horses are doing exceptionally well."

The trainer also has a plan to deal with the media crush. Each morning, the trainer has a scheduled briefing outside his barn, where he stands inside a temporary fence erected to keep people from getting too close to his horses.

Zito won the Derby in 1991 with Strike the Gold and in 1994 with Go for Gin.

A full field of 20 is expected when post positions are drawn Wednesday, but it is expected to be seen whether owner B-Wayne Hughes has one or two horses in the field.

Trainer Patrick Biancone confirmed Sunday that Spanish Chestnut will be entered, boosting the contenders list to 21. If more than 20 are entered, the field is determined by graded stakes earnings.

"That would leave Hughes with a choice: Send out Don't Get Mad or supplemental entry Greeley's Galaxy, who can get into the field only if fewer than 20 are entered. Derby rules stipulate that early Derby nominations are given preference over supplemental entries."

"I'm hoping that both horses will get in, though last night I was pitching and turning so I think it's probably affecting me," Zito said Sunday. "I have no idea what I'm going to do. We'll wait until entry time Wednesday and hopefully the cards will fall in our favor."

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LOOK! YOU'RE GETTING MARKING PEN ON THE CARPET!!

YOU'D BETTER PRAY THAT I CAN GET THAT INK OUT!

I'D DO WHAT SHE SAYS. SON, YOUR GRAMMA TAKES HER RELIGION SERIOUSLY.

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WHY I SHOULD HAVE ONE TO WEAR AT THE TOOL.

DOES IT MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A LIFE GUARD??

MORE LIKE A PATIO HEATER.

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DAR, GRAMMA, LOOK!! HIS NAME IS PETER, AND HE'S WONDERFUL AND WANTS TO COME HOME WITH US! ISN'T HE CUTE??

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. DON'T WORRY. I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM. I'VE HAD ONE!

CANAL PETER, LET'S GO HOME!

I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY OTHERS WHO WANT TO COME HOME WITH US. YOU'VE GOT AN IN YOUR GEAR ON IN YOUR GEAR.

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Rogaine raises few eyebrows

DEAR PAULA: I read recently in a fashion magazine that Rogaine could be useful for women whose eyebrows have become sparse due to years of tweezing. They recommended that the product be applied with a Q-tip to the brow area and that it



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would take a few months to see results. Could this possibly work? I am usually skeptical of gimmicky-sounding tips from magazines, but my brows are the one thing that I truly dislike about my face. I have been tweezing for about 13 years and would give anything not to have to fill in the bald spots in my brows with powder each day. Please let me know if the side-effects of Rogaine (hair growth on other areas, etc) are still a possibility when the product is applied to the body it's being applied to. I hope that you can help me out with this issue.

DEAR TAMARA: VIA E-MAIL The possibility of Rogaine, active ingredient minoxidil, working on eyebrows is not supported by any research. Even if it were, there are safety issues for this kind of ap-

According to Pfizer, the company that makes Rogaine, even if you use the 5 percent strength on the scalp twice a day, it can still take up to 4 to 12 months to see results.

plication, because getting this stuff in the eyes is a problem. In terms of efficacy, there is some anecdotal research that it could Rogaine grow brows. This assumption is most likely due to the fact that excess (and for women, definitely unwanted) hair can grow in the chin or upper lip can occur when Rogaine is put on the scalp; that is, hair can grow far away from where the Rogaine was applied. No one is quite sure what triggers the excess growth in spots where Rogaine is not applied, but then again, no one is quite sure how Rogaine actually works to regrow hair on the scalp either.

If you decide to try Rogaine and see if it works to grow your brows (or a generic version of Rogaine that's active ingredient minoxidil), remember that it will take a good deal of time to see results, far more time than it takes for hair to grow back naturally.

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Gas prices keeping you home this year?

With the American Automobile Association predicting that summer driving costs as gasoline prices will start about \$2.50 per gallon for unleaded, some folks really are going to be priced out of their vacations this year.

The Times-News is preparing an article about alternatives to summer motorcades, this summer, and would like to talk with readers — especially those who drive recreational vehicles and motorhomes — whose vacation plans for this summer of 2005 have been changed by the high cost of petrol.

If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or e-mail him at scrump@magiclevel.com

New research suggests asthmatics can relax their inhaler use

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most folks with asthma just wish their wheezing would go away.

So a new study at the University of California at San Francisco suggesting that the disease can be more easily managed by asthmatics themselves was interpreted as good news last week.

The report, by UCSF's Asthma Clinical Research Center, said people with mild persistent asthma — and that's 20 to 25 percent of all asthmatics — may be able to use their inhalers on an "as-needed" basis. That's a sea change from conventional wisdom, which holds that asthmatics are risking big problems if they don't take their medications on a rigorous regimen.

According to the Washington Post, asthma patients who took a corticosteroid inhaler only for asthma flare-ups fared as well as those taking daily medication. After an initial treatment period, participants were divided into three groups: One took the corticosteroid, a corticosteroid inhaler; another took zafirlucast, a so-called leukotriene receptor antagonist; and the third group took a placebo — essentially, an empty inhaler.

All were told to take budesonide or prednisone, which another corticosteroid, only in the event of flare-ups.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, the only difference in outcomes was that the budesonide group had about 26 more symptom-free days per year than the other groups.

Local pulmonary specialists urge caution. The catch, they agree, is the definition of mild asthma.

"You need to be cautious," said certified allergist Dr. John Jeppson of Boise.

In a telephone interview about the study's findings, Jeppson referred to the treatment recommendations in the UCSF study as "controversial."

In that report, Gary Miller, associate clinical professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine, said that less frequent medication could save patients money and spare them the side effects that include cataracts and bone weakening.

But Jeppson gives today's prescriptions a thumbs-down credit for "slowing down the loss of lung function."

Along with the more modern but costly inhalers, asthma medication is "extremely safe," he added.

Jeppson's concern is that asthmatics might risk their lives if they relax their medications religiously.

"I'm personally in favor of minimizing medication, but not at the expense of potentially long-term problems," said Dr. Richard Henry, a Twin Falls

Types of Inhalers

Inhalers are handheld, L-shaped portable plastic devices that deliver medication directly to the lungs. A variety of inhalers exists, but they basically fall into two categories: metered-dose inhalers and dry powder inhalers.

Metered-dose inhalers use a chemical propellant to push the medication out. The medication may be released by squeezing the canister or by diaphragm inhalation.

Dry powder inhalers don't use a chemical propellant to push the medication out. Instead, the medication is released by your inhaling more rapidly than you would with a traditional metered-dose inhaler.

If you can't use an inhaler, a nebulizer may be an option. The device works by converting medication into a mist and delivering it through a mask that you wear over your nose and mouth.

Asthma inhalers are used to deliver a variety of asthma medications — some that assist with long-term control and others that provide quick relief of symptoms.

allergist. The inhaler is an effective tool for keeping trouble at bay, Henry says.

And a variety of inhalers is available to help relieve asthma symptoms. Two common types include dry powder inhalers and metered-dose inhalers.

Using an inhaler is just one part of an asthma treatment plan, which may also include checking your lung function with a peak-flow meter, eliminating asthma triggers and exercising. Knowing what types of inhalers are available, how to use them and what to expect can help you better manage your asthma and get the most from your treatment.

According to Allergy and Asthma of Idaho, Henry's practice, understanding what triggers asthma is a big part of winning the battle for air.

Despite even the best efforts, attacks will still occur, Henry says, and "prevention is more important than treatment."

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Why asthma makes it hard to breathe

Air enters the respiratory system from the nose and mouth and travels through the bronchial tubes

In an asthmatic person, the muscles of the bronchial tubes tighten and thicken, and the air passages become inflamed and mucus-filled, making it difficult for air to move.



Inflamed bronchial tube of an asthmatic

In a non-asthmatic person, the muscles around the bronchial tubes are relaxed and the tissue thin, allowing for easy airflow

Normal bronchial tube

American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology

The puzzle of asthma

There are at least three reasons why the lungs are especially vulnerable to allergic responses to proteins.

First, they're exposed to the environment, and hence particles of foreign protein — pollen, for example — may be deposited directly in the lungs.

Secondly, the walls of the bronchial tree contain smooth muscle that is likely to be stimulated to contract if histamine is released by cells affected by the allergic reaction.

In the bronchial tree analogy, the trunk is the windpipe and the large branches are bronchioles that bring air into tiny air sacs (the alveoli) where the oxygen/carbon dioxide exchange occurs.

During an allergic attack, the muscles of the smaller bronchi and bronchioles go into a spasm that narrows the airways and makes it harder to get air in and out.

The lining of the airways becomes congested and swollen and secretes mucus that adds to the obstruction.

The third reason that the lungs are vulnerable to allergic responses is that they contain a lot of densely interconnected veins and arteries that may be involved in the kind of inflammatory response.

So it's not surprising to find that sensitivity is common and represents an important aspect of pulmonary disease as a whole. The most common and most important of these is asthma.

The term asthma is loosely applied to all kinds of conditions in which there is airflow obstruction,

but it more accurately describes conditions in which an allergic component of the bronchial obstruction is likely to be present.

Spasmodic asthma is characterized by contraction of the smooth muscle of the airways and, in severe attacks, by airway obstruction from mucus that has accumulated in the bronchial tree. This results in a greater or lesser degree of difficulty in breathing.

One approach to classifying asthma differentiates cases that occur with an identifiable antigen — an antigen-antibody reaction — and cases that occur without an identifiable antigen or specific antibody. The former condition is known as "extrinsic" asthma, the latter as "intrinsic" asthma.

Extrinsic asthma shows up in childhood because the victim inherits blood serum that contains specific antigens to pollen, mold spores, animal proteins of different kinds, and proteins from a variety of insects, particularly cockroaches and mites contained in house dust.

Extrinsic asthma gets worse with contact with any of the proteins for which sensitization has occurred.

Always obstruction is often worse in the early hours of the morning, for reasons that aren't clear.

The other form of asthma, intrinsic, may develop at any age, with or without specific antigens. Victims experience attacks of airway obstruction unrelated to seasonal changes, although it seems likely that the airway obstruction may be triggered by infections — usually caused by viruses.

Asthmatics can experience airflow obstruction when given aerosols of histamine or acetylcholine (both normally occurring smooth muscle constrictors) at much lower concentrations than provoke airflow obstruction in normal people; victims may also develop airflow obstruction while breathing cold air or during exercise.

An acute asthmatic attack is alarming both for the sufferer and for the onlooker. The most dangerous form of the condition is known as status asthmaticus, during which bronchial spasms worsen over several hours or a day or so, the bronchi become plugged with thick mucus, and airflow is progressively more obstructed. The affected person becomes fatigued; carbon dioxide accumulates in the blood (leading to drowsiness), and the acidity of the arterial blood increases to dangerous levels and may lead to cardiac arrest.

Prompt treatment with intravenous corticosteroids and bronchodilators is usually enough to relieve the attack, but in a few cases death from asthma is reported.

More commonly, asthma tends to diminish in severity with age, and people who had severe asthma in childhood may develop normal lungs after the age of 20. Asthma attacks may be precipitated by food — in small children, possibly by milk; and some adults are extremely sensitive to sulfate compounds in food or wine.

Some asthmatics are so sensitive to aspirin that it can lead to a life-threatening attack.

Source: Encyclopedia Britannica

Sole of the sneakerhead: Retro, hard-to-find shoe styles

The Washington Post

Ian Callender's parents are upstairs in a rooming house at Mitchellville, Md., home; mother in her office, father in the kitchen. Callender is in the back yard, which he has been completely plumped out. Jill Scott plays in the background, the lights are dimmed and the music is soft glow.

Attitude Barry White would be proud

The wine-colored, crescent-shaped couch is crowded with eight sultry models, all in undergarments that, if woven together, could make a shirt for an 18-month-old. Nestled in the middle is Callender, who isn't smiling. For one, he can't beat any of these women who are giving off a Don Corleone-meets-Don Juan vibe, and two, it's hard to watch when your girlfriend is smelting from a few feet away.

The model in the yellow two-piece thingy asks, "So how much do you like these worth?" "About \$200," Callender says.



Ian Callender, 23, of Mitchellville, Md., has dozens of Nike Dunk SB sneakers in his collection of vintage basketball shoes. Such collectors are known as "sneakerheads."

Now he smiles. The models gasp. Callender has posted them holding part of his collection of rare Nike Dunk SBs — cool sneakers — to you there in wingtips — as a photographer friend clicks away. Eight pairs of shoes worth \$200 each. Callender is a regular guy.

He's not alone in his habit. Legions of collectors are standing, zombielike, in the wee hours outside shoe stores, waiting for them to open, muttering things like "deadstock" and "E.O.T.B." These people, mostly young men, are called sneakerheads. Sneakerheads are the coolest, rarest sneaker on the market, whether it be Adidas, Bape or Reebok. And right now, the rarest sneaker is the Nike Dunk SB.

In the age of sneakers with pumps, straps, lights, air bubbles and silver tractors, the 2002 XVII Air Jordans came in a metallic attaché for \$200. Nike Dunk SBs are the anti-New Age Nike. They're what you want to be: simple leather sneakers. They are the last Nikes you'd buy bought when basketball shorts were shorts, not knickerbockers. This time around, designs include stars, zebra stripes, camouflage, plaid, ultra-purple.

October 23, 1985, has been a sneakerhead's since 1989 — when he bought Nike Air Jordans for \$100 while he was in college "trying to find myself." He found himself deep inside his

soles. Now he has 60 pairs, half of which are Dunk SBs. Callender loves them all equally. They are his babies.

But what makes the attraction? What is it that has sneakerheads standing in lines for hours to get old-looking Nikes with funky zebra stripes?

"To be honest with you, I have no idea," says Callender, a systems engineer. "They're just different."

Non-collectors sometimes look at collectors as odd people, obsessives who hoard oddness. For the collector, they are unabashedly fascinated with the object of desire. They purchase and protect it, even if it means only being able to say they are among the few who possess it.

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IMAGE

Caregiver Support Group will meet

The Caregiver Support Group will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. today at the Office of Aging, Annex, 99B Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The support group is for those who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends. The group will provide information, call the Information and Assistance Program at the Office of Aging at 736-2122 or (800) 574-8656.

About childbirth, breast-feeding

Cassia Regional Medical Center offers a childbirth class and a breast-feeding class on Tuesday.

The childbirth class will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the medical center, located at 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley. The class will include information on handling the labor, delivery and problems of pregnancy. Safe exercise will be discussed, and a tour of the birth center will be given.

A breast-feeding class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the board room. The class will discuss the advantages and physiology of breast-feeding and common breast-feeding problems and solutions.

The class will be taught by a certified lactation educator. Participants are asked to bring a doll or stuffed animal. Cost is \$20. To register, call 677-6500.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Scrapbooking."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Cost is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Parenting program

NuParent, a parenting program, will be offered from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

NuParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent and child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying. Pre-registration is required. For dates of the next series and to register, call 733-2092.

Childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through June 7, at St. Benedict's Health Education

To do for you

Center's Physical Therapy Department at 737-2126.

Learn CPR

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Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

About C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The third class of each childbirth program focuses on cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming laborers. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 732-3148.

Ashtama education seminars

The South Central Idaho Asthma Coalition and South Central District Health are hosting two asthma education seminars this week.

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The seminars are both seminars will be Dr. Loren Greenway, Ph.D., FCCP, from Intermountain Health Care in Salt Lake City, Utah. He will present a lecture to teach patients how to control their asthma, as well as ways to decrease or prevent hospitalizations.

The seminars are free. For more information, call Elvia Caldera, district health asthma program coordinator, at 737-5988.

Weight management class

An adult weight management class will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through July 7, in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The 10-week class will be taught by Heather Shaw, registered and licensed dietitian and certified adult weight loss consultant. Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 732-3012.

CPR class

A standard first aid and infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the South Central District Office of the American Red Cross, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, Twin Falls. Participants must register in advance.

For more information on the cost or to register for the class, call the Red Cross office at 733-1611, ext. 300 or (800) 453-2700, ext. 300.

Big Kids class

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About back injuries

Back School, an educational course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

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The class is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby.

Cost is \$7.50 per family with one child or \$10 per family with two or more children.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call 732-3148.

CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. May 10 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend the class to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 732-3148.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning May 11 through June 8, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and newborn—including, breast-feeding and bottle-feeding. Participants also will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 732-3148 or online at www.cvmrnc.org.

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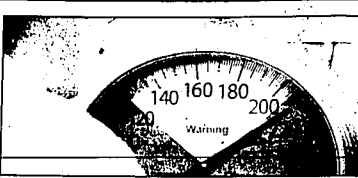
The Look Good... Feel Better program is a community-based, free, national service that teaches cancer patients about beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The program was founded and developed by the Cosmetic, Radiology and Fragrance Association Foundation, a charitable organization supported by the cosmetic industry, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society and the National Cosmetology Association.

For more information, call Cindy at 436-6280.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities.

and education information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: The Times-Herald, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.



A TV ad put out by the Center for Consumer Freedom, which has challenged the government's focus on obesity.

FAT WARS

Industry group's ads take on CDC obesity statistics

The Washington Post

The full-page newspaper ads "shoot" at readers, warning them that they have "been forced a steady diet of obesity myths by the 'food police' trial lawyers, and even our own government."

The sponsor, the Center for Consumer Freedom, is a "non-profit organization dedicated to protecting consumer choices and promoting common sense."

The group was founded about 10 years ago with tobacco, co-company and restaurant money to fight smoking curbs in restaurants. Back then, the group called itself Guest Choice Network. But it changed its name in 2001, as it shifted its focus to food and beverage issues, raised by concerns about obesity, mad cow disease and genetically modified products.

The group and its ads are the brainchild of Richard Berman, a Washington lobbyist and lawyer who is the center's executive director. Berman is also a president of Berman & Co., a public affairs firm that in 2003 received more than \$1.1 million in compensation from the nonprofit group—more than a third of its revenue that year, according to its most recent tax returns.

Berman, 62, also is the founder of two other restaurant-supported groups: the American Beverage Institute, which fights restrictions on alcohol use, and the Employment Policy Institute and lawyer, which has argued against raising the minimum wage—a move that would hurt restaurants because of their large staffs of low-wage workers.

Philip Morris USA Inc. pledged \$600,000—most of the seed money—for Berman's group in 1995. The company

said it needed a consultant who was both a "hospitality industry insider as well as a legislatively savvy lobbyist" according to documents collected as part of the multi-state lawsuit against tobacco companies. Under the 1998 settlement, the documents were made public. Philip Morris continued to give money to Berman for several years, as did restaurant firms such as Host Marriott Corp. and Brinker International, which owns the Chili's Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant chains.

Neither firm returned phone calls about their ties to the Center for Consumer Freedom.

Berman declined to give specifics about who funds the Center for Consumer Freedom. He said only that it is funded by a coalition of restaurant and food companies as well as some individuals. "It doesn't add anything" to give details, Berman said.

According to Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a watchdog group funded by several educational foundations, Berman and his firm have received more than \$7 million since 1997 from the Center for Consumer Freedom and one of the other groups he founded.

Last fall, the watchdog group asked the Internal Revenue Service to revoke the Center for Consumer Freedom's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The watchdog group said Berman has used the center to funnel money to himself and his company, a violation of federal tax laws that bars companies or individuals from running a nonprofit for their private benefit. The organization also said that the group's activities were solely to promote the causes of restaurants and food producers, not consumers. Its activities, the organization said, are "not remotely charitable."

Coping with getting older and vision loss

Knight Ridder News Service

WICHITA, Kan. — Sooner or later, you'll find yourself holding the phone book at arm's length. The stock listings in the newspaper look like a number.

You'll wonder when the restaurant started using smaller type on its menu.

And then you acknowledge an inevitability: Like death and taxes, presbyopia is something you can't escape.

For most people, presbyopia — "old eyes" — starts showing up in the early to mid 40s, says Wichita ophthalmologist Mark Wellens.

"Tiny muscles in the eye, called the ciliary muscles, move the lens to change its focus. But the lens becomes increasingly rigid with aging, and the little muscles can't move it as well. Eventually they give up. The result is an inability to focus on nearby objects."

What are your choices when that day comes? You have several: Wear glasses.

For people who have otherwise normal vision, these "Wal-Mart glasses," as Wellens calls them, are just fine. Readers are available in a range of strengths, from 1.0 to

3.25 or so. You can buy them on your own, testing them in the store to see which suits your needs, or your eye doctor can prescribe them. They are inexpensive (unless you opt for the expensive ones). That means you can keep a pair for close-up work and get a new pair as your eyes get worse — or whenever you feel like spling up your eyes with a new pair.

• **Bifocals**
People who wear glasses to correct vision usually move to prescription lenses. Two options are available: bifocals and bifocals, in which a visible horizontal line separates the top of the lens for close-up vision and the bottom for distance vision, and progressive bifocals, in which the parts gradually blend into each other.

Wellens estimates that more than half of people getting their first bifocals choose the no-line version. People who have worn contact lenses often have difficulty adjusting to the no-line version.

• **Contact**
There is a bifocal contact lens, Wellens says, but only about 50 percent of those who try it can wear it successfully. More common is the "monovision" approach, in which the domi-

nant eye wears a lens to correct distance vision and the other eye wears a lens for close-up vision.

"There really are not a lot of surgical options for treating presbyopia," Wellens says, though it can be done with the same procedures, such as laser surgery, used to correct other vision problems.

But because presbyopia can worsen and because a monovision approach has to be used, surgery isn't a common approach.

• **Lens replacement surgery**
Traditional cataract surgery, in which an artificial lens replaces the natural one, doesn't correct close-up vision.

Seven or eight years ago, the Army multifocal lens implant became available for people seeking cataract surgery. Concentric rings allowed good distance and near vision — but created night-glare problems in many wearers. The Army lens still is available but not widely used, and it wouldn't be used just for presbyopia.

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Elder Law Forum

Straight Talk on Elder Law and Estate Planning
Dana S. Hordick
John A. Lauer

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QUESTION: My mother died recently leaving no will and a modest estate valued at less than \$75,000. The estate consists of bank accounts, a car, personal belongings, and no real estate. Is there any fast, cheap, and easy way to get this property legally transferred to heirs?

Yes, Idaho law provides a nifty, off-the-shelf procedure for estates consisting of personal property (no real estate) and valued at \$75,000 or less. It's known as the small estate affidavit procedure.

Here's how it works: the heirs sign an affidavit saying that: (1) they are lawfully entitled to the property; (2) more than thirty days have passed since the death of the deceased; (3) the net estate does not exceed a value of \$75,000; and (4) no probate case has been filed.

Result: the bank will release the funds, the state will retitle the car, and personal property and effects are distributed among the heirs. Too good to be true? Not really. The Idaho legislature felt this was a necessary and reasonable component to a flexible set of laws known as the Idaho Probate Code. The law changed to increase the ceiling for eligible estates from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

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A ripple effect for painkillers

News about drugs causing heart problems may cut off some cancer research

Los Angeles Times

The discovery last year that the painkillers **Vioxx** and **Coxib** may increase the risk of heart problems wasn't just a disappointment to people with chronic pain and doctors who treat them. The news has threatened to cut off a promising area of research in cancer prevention.

For the last decade, scientists have been compiling evidence that those and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs seem to interfere with the early processes that can give rise to cancer, particularly cancer of the digestive tract. Now, as many as 50 clinical trials are in limbo, say researchers who gathered last week in Anaheim, Calif., for the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Those trials have been using not only the newer drugs — the

so-called **Cox-2 inhibitors** — but also over-the-counter cousins such as **aspirin** and **ibuprofen**.

"NSAIDs have been agents that have been of great interest to cancer researchers," said Dr. Robert Bresalier, chairman of the department of gastrointestinal medicine and nutrition at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. "But I think we need to re-evaluate the question of risk versus benefit."

Research presented at the convention underscored the balancing act that researchers and doctors face when recommending non-steroidal medications in chemoprevention — defined as the use of natural or synthetic substances to reduce the risk of cancer.

Norwegian scientists presented data showing that aspirin, ibuprofen and other non-steroidal NSAIDs help smokers cut their risk of oral cancer by half. (Oral cancer is fatal within five years in about 50 percent of people who develop the disease.) But smokers taking these drugs did not have lower death rates overall — probably because they were experiencing more cardiovascular problems from the therapy, said Dr. Jon Sudbo, the lead author of the study from the Norwegian Radium Hospital in Oslo.

"This really raises a question of safety in cancer prevention treatment," Sudbo said.

The discovery of a potential cardiovascular risk comes at a time when nonsteroidals have moved into the forefront of chemoprevention research. Years of animal studies and observational studies showed the drugs seemed to prevent cancer. Dozens of studies funded by the National Cancer Institute are in progress underway to study the drugs' effects on several types of cancer, including colon, breast, bladder, lung and prostate cancer.

Approved for people with arthritis and other chronic pain conditions, the newer non-steroidal drugs known as **Cox-2 inhibitors** came under scrutiny last year when studies showed a higher rate of heart attack, stroke and cardiovascular deaths among people taking the drugs. **Cox-2 inhibitors** block cyclooxygenase enzymes, which are produced in response to inflammation and by precancerous and cancerous tissues. Unlike traditional non-steroidal drugs, they are less likely to cause stomach bleeding when taken for extended periods of time. **Vioxx** and **Bextra** have since been taken off the market but other Cox-2 inhibitors remain.

Some studies have also suggested that long-term use of the traditional non-steroidal drugs may increase cardiovascular risk. A study by Sudbo is an early indication that all such drugs may raise risk.

Some people won't quit, experts say.

"We thought understanding the smoker's mind would help us end tobacco use," said Gerald M. Peto, professor of sociology at Western Michigan University and author of "Cigarettes: The Battle Over Smoking." "But in some respects we've raised as many new questions as we've answered."

Eight medical groups around the country, meaning it can treat only high patients at any one time nationwide.

Bills pending in Congress would eliminate the 30-patient restriction. "But in some respects while retaining it for individual doctors. The Senate passed similar legislation last year but it died in the House."

"It clearly was not our intention that addicts have less access to buprenorphine because they go to a group practice," said Dr. D. Michael, co-author of the 2000 law that paved the way for doctors to prescribe buprenorphine but also established the 30-patient limit. Levin introduced the bill now pending.

Lung cancer hits women differently

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Doctors are discovering gender differences in lung cancer, and the differences are not only in women catching up to men in getting the disease, they are more likely to develop lung cancer before age 40, according to a comprehensive analysis of lung cancer in the United States.

Yet women have a better chance of being free of cancer five years later, at every stage of diagnosis.

The study by the University of Michigan and Wayne State Medical School researchers was published in the March issue of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, published by the American College of Chest Physicians. It analyzed 22,572 cancer patients, 36 percent of them women, in the federal cancer registry known as SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results).

Overall, women and men typically are diagnosed with lung cancer at about the same age: 66 years, the study found.

But 8.6 percent of women were diagnosed before 50, compared with 6.9 percent of men.

Women also tend to have different kinds of lung cancer. More women are diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, non-small-cell lung cancers found in the outer

reaches of the lungs. They are most likely linked to the use of filtered cigarettes, says Dr. Gregory Kalemkerian, senior author of the study. Adenocarcinomas accounted for 41.7 percent of the diagnoses of women in the study. Small-cell cancers, those in hormonal cells — the "lungs" — accounted for 22.6 percent.

By comparison, squamous cell carcinomas, another type of non-small-cell cancer, found in lung airways, accounted for 36.3 percent of lung cancers in men, followed by adenocarcinomas, diagnosed in 33.2 percent.

Other findings:

- Incidence of lung cancer in men peaked in 1984 at 72.5 cases per 100,000 people. It declined to 47 for each 100,000 by 1999. By comparison, incidence rates for women peaked at 33.1 per 100,000 in 1991, and have held steady between 30.2 and 32.3 per 100,000 from 1992 to 1999.
- Metastatic disease was the most common stage at diagnosis for men (43.4 percent) and women (43.9 percent).
- Kalemkerian says that although the study has some limitations, largely because the SEER database has no information about a person's smoking history and habits, it provides good information for future studies to analyze gender differences in lung cancer.

Study says smokers are unhappier people

Los Angeles Times

When millions of Americans abandoned smoking in the 1980s, many health experts and social scientists thought they had tobacco on the run. But in the '90s progress began to slow. From 1990 to 2000, according to federal figures, only 3 percent of Americans gave up their cigarettes.

The slowdown prompted many experts to conclude that

most of the smokers who could easily quit already had done so. What remained was a hard-core group of Americans who continue to put away despite significant health risks and severe social stigma.

So social scientists turned to a new quarry: understanding the mind of the smoker. By studying dedicated cigarette addicts, scientists hoped they would find common traits and use that

knowledge to design anti-smoking campaigns.

What they have found, however, has proved more controversial than most researchers expected. Smokers are more depressed and suffer a higher rate of anxiety disorders and other psychological maladjustments. And the more nicotine may provide a mental boost that helps them cope. These findings help explain why

some people won't quit, experts say.

"We thought understanding the smoker's mind would help us end tobacco use," said Gerald M. Peto, professor of sociology at Western Michigan University and author of "Cigarettes: The Battle Over Smoking." "But in some respects we've raised as many new questions as we've answered."

Heroin addicts clamor for hard-to-get medicine

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Krystal began using heroin when she was 14, and soon hit bottom. But at 18, she says she is drug-free, holds down a job, attends beauty school and cares for her toddler son. She credits a relatively new medication called buprenorphine with freeing her from heroin's grip.

"Amazing," she says, "and 'lifesaving' are a few of the words addicts use to describe buprenorphine, a pill that blocks heroin cravings and relieves pain."

The problem, some say, is that Congress has made it hard to get the drug, and health professionals are pressuring the government to restrict its availability in this country since 2002, buprenorphine is an alter-

native to methadone, which has been used to treat heroin addiction since 1960. Buprenorphine is also used to treat addictions to prescription painkillers like **OxyContin**, **Perco** and **Codeine**.

"It has been extraordinarily effective in the patients we have given it to," said psychiatrist Dr. Herbert "Doc" B. Columbia University.

Doctors say buprenorphine is longer-acting than methadone, and causes less withdrawal and is easier to withdraw from. Addicts say "bup" gives them a feeling of clearheadedness they did not get with methadone. Also, it can be treated in the privacy of a doctor's office; methadone, under federal law,

is available only at public clinics.

But federal laws say individual doctors and medical practices can prescribe buprenorphine to no more than 30 patients at a time — a provision aimed at curbing prescription drug abuse, where drugs are doled out indiscriminately by doctors trying to make a fast buck.

"Kev's doctor," J. Charles Lentink said he has a waiting list of 185 addicts — many of whom are continuing to abuse drugs while they wait.

More problematic is the restriction on large medical practices. For example, Kaiser Permanente, the nation's largest not-for-profit health maintenance organization with 8.2 million members, operates

eight medical groups around the country, meaning it can treat only high patients at any one time nationwide.

Bills pending in Congress would eliminate the 30-patient restriction. "But in some respects while retaining it for individual doctors. The Senate passed similar legislation last year but it died in the House."

"It clearly was not our intention that addicts have less access to buprenorphine because they go to a group practice," said Dr. D. Michael, co-author of the 2000 law that paved the way for doctors to prescribe buprenorphine but also established the 30-patient limit. Levin introduced the bill now pending.

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- Sunday, May 22 - All Minidoka and Cassia County High Schools
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Sneakers

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basement make their way into an upcoming issue. To arrange the shoot, he called a friend, who called a friend, and before he knew it his basement looked like the *Playboy Mansion*.

Wang, aka **Retrolid**, 28, has 600 pairs of sneakers. He is also administrator for an online message board called **NikeTalk**. Message boards are how sneakerheads find the most important aspect of their collecting: the drop date.

On a local sneaker release day, you go to this. Callender gets up at 6 a.m. and meets up with a crew, a skate store in Frederick, Md., 55 miles from his parents' house. "Out there you don't have to stand in lines; you can sit in your car," he says. "People know who is first and who is second."

When the store opens, the sneakerheads line up and buy the shoes.

The only problem is if you want two pairs you have to wait until the line has gone through one complete line," Callender says.

"It makes me mad," he adds. "I mean the way that sneaker collecting should be done is like, you buy two pairs, one to wear and one to keep in the box. But because people know that they can sell them for a profit, they go for crazy prices, most boutiques only let you get one pair."

"We have all been suckered into this craze in one way or another," says Christina Coleman, 25, Callender's girlfriend, standing in his kitchen. She was late for the photo shoot after going to the Adidas store in Georgetown, where the New York City shell toes for Jan. Arriving an hour before the store opened, she was 10th in line.

"Everybody was talking about it in this sneaker lingo," Coleman says, "like dead living in a foreign country." (Deadstock, by the way, means a good pair of shoes inside the shoe. E.O.T.B. means fresh out of the box.)

Coleman puts the box on the table. Jan's name, Desiree, leans over her shoulder.

"How much were those?" she asks.

"\$159 with tax," Coleman answers.

"Oh, those are cheap," Mom says. "I used to get real angry with him because that's a lot of money to spend on shoes. At first I thought it was just a hobby. Then he started calling from school, 'Mom, is there a pair of shoes there for me?' Then I knew it was serious."

Says Dad, Lennox Callender: "Every time the UPS truck pulls up, I know that the neighborhood, 'What kind of business are they in?'"

The whole craze amazes him.

"I am 50 years old and I have never seen anything like this," he says.

Last year his son went to Manhattan to get the N.E.R.D. anti-series Dunks. The plan was simple: Go up, hang out for 20 minutes, do an early-evening drive-by at NikeTown on Jan 2 to scope out a good location up front, then creep back down later that night when most normal folks would be sleeping, secure the good spot, and when the store opened Jan. 3, get the shoes and roll out.

When word got out by that night, there were 50 people in line," Jan says. "So we just parked and got in line."

With a friend, he stood in line for 15 hours.

Callender's mom remembers that day. "His godparents got a call that he was standing in line in Manhattan, so they went down there and brought him some blankets and hot chocolate."

"We weren't prepared," he says. "When the store opened, people just rushed the line."

Callender got the Dunks in a size 12 for \$220. He sold them for \$370, got a pair of 11s for the same price. This is his as a sneakerhead.

"I swore after that, that I would never stand in line to get another pair of shoes," he says.

"Then I did it for the Hunters and the Hufs."

"I think about how crazy it is sometimes. I think, man, I just sold a pair of shoes to buy another pair."

No, crazy is selling your sneaker collection to fix your parents' car after you wrecked it. Which is what Callender did a couple of years ago.

"My parents went away to Hawaii and they told me not to take the car," he says, voice trailing off. He took the car and crashed it, something about a puddle on his driveway instead of letting insurance cover it, he sold his sneakers on eBay for \$3,500 and fixed the car.

But "when they got back the car was still in the shop, so I had to break it to them," he says. "But it could have worked."

"I am still really mad about that," he says. As most kids would be after crashing their parents' car.

"I was heartbroken because a lot of them were Holy Grails," he says.

Holy Grails?
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It is now a year and a half later, and Daddy is still depressed about this. It's very angry at me...

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PERSONAL PLANES

'Glass cockpit' technology helps make flying easier

BEND, Ore. (AP) — Nancy Huntsman uses her small plane the way some mothers use their Volvos.



Nancy Huntsman poses with her children Merodean and Stewart, right, along with their golden retriever, Betsy, along with the plane she pilots April 22 in Salt Lake City.

While owning a private plane remains a dream few can realize, creative financing options and advances in technology have helped manufacturers inch closer to their far-off dream of putting a plane in every garage.

"You can literally read a book up there," said Neilbauer, who sold Huntsman her first four-seater plane for \$326,000 three years ago.

Last year, we got through Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn," Huntsman said.

Because of the new technology, Lancair's sales have been growing exponentially. This year, the company expects to ship upwards of 180 planes, more than twice as many as last year.

The company's sales mirror the industry trend for piston-engine, propeller planes. In 1994, the industry's worst year, just 455 piston-engine planes were shipped in the United States.

Last year, the total was up to 1,758, according to the General Aviation Manufacturers Association.

"Like many other plane owners, Huntsman keeps her costs down by sharing it with another pilot who flies it on different weekends. Two-seaters are being sold for as little as \$160,000, and new financing laws allow buyers to get 20-year loans rather than paying the balance up front.

"I think flight is much more accessible than ever," said Lee Brinley, 47, a financial analyst from Carl Stream, Ill., who recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by buying a \$300,000 Lancair kit plane.

People who can afford small planes are able to avoid the fines, inconvenient schedules and increased security checks of flying on commercial airlines.

"That's why people are buying their own planes—they've found a way to take command of their lives," said Bruce Holman, who founded NASA's Advanced General Aviation Transportation Experiment, which is trying to widen the use of private planes.

The growth is also partially a result of a 1994 change in legislation that created an 18-year statute of limitation on lawsuits against makers of small airplanes. Until then, investors scared off by the prospect of unlimited liability had stopped backing these small manufacturers.

James Fallows, whose book "Free Flight" explores the future of private aviation, thinks there will come a time when it "will no longer be the playground of the super rich."

Smoko's true name is Smokey Bear

We stand corrected: When we called the cartoon fire suppressor "Smoko the Bear," several readers complained about the "the." We cited in our defense a government-sanctioned 1952 song that went "Smoko the Bear, Smoko the Bear, prowl in a growl and sniff in the air..."



RANXMI KENISOF FACINESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

African-American inventor held 57 patents, most related to improving transportation machinery.

We're not sure we're buying it, but it's been reported that American hospitals treat and average 120 toilet-seat-related injuries a day.

Not everyone has billboards. In 1959, McDonald's spokesman Jan Wirtz argued that restricting them would be detrimental to travelers. "Uninterrupted scenery

can get pretty monotonous. Billboards are only a way of humanizing a landscape."

"Kodak" means absolutely nothing. It was chosen by George Eastman because it was easy to say and remember yet resembled no other word in the English language.

Lloyd's of London, famous for insuring the legs of Betty Grable and Frank Sinatra's voice, didn't start as an insurance company. Edward Lloyd began the business in the 17th century as a coffeehouse near the docks in London.

The African country Mali gets its name from the Bambara word for hippopotamus. Its capital is Bamako, which means "crocodile river" in the same language.

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Friends admire your boldness, Aries

IF MAY 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: By the fall you will be filled with an unwavering passion, so get your priorities straight in July when important lucky breaks offer encouragement and a way to expand your influence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your decisiveness is your best quality under these stars. Go after your goals fearlessly.

ARIES (April 20-May 20): An aura of popularity surrounds you. Plan to circulate and network if you wish business and career to flourish.

TAURUS (May 21-June 20): Tie whimsical ideas and fantasies flow freely. Get in touch with your romantic inner self.

MOM'S FEAST It's Mother's Day, but it's so not her turn to cook.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

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choose to burn off excess energy in constructive ways. Take the lead by gathering information and researching ideas that are on the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): He who stoops to conquer could fall over. Don't bother with comingling schemes with your allies. Shelve unsavory ideas and don't let subtle criticisms undermine your confidence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Temporary uncertainties should not be acted upon. If doubts or fears surround a project, then hold off. Others close could be confusing and this could make you suspicious of them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Accentuate your unique qualities to get attention and stand out from the crowd. Others will enjoy your provocative outfits and forgive outrageous remarks that usually trigger disapproval.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tie down deals and let others know your intentions. Because you are passionate about having nice things and nice people love you, you have 99 percent more chance of success than anyone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Life is just a bowl of cherries. As long as you remain honest and sincere, it is impossible for unpleasant events to trip you up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be true blue, upright and forthright. Steer clear of gray areas where the "right thing" seems uncertain. You will have more clarity tomorrow and anything underhanded will be exposed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romance could be at the top of your personal agenda. You are more attractive than usual, but don't let your guard down in inappropriate situations. Keep career and love life separate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Wear your heart on your sleeve. It is possible that someone else has the same feelings or ideas as you are waiting for a signal from you that indicates similar interests. Romantic times are ahead.

21): Life is just a bowl of cherries. As long as you remain honest and sincere, it is impossible for unpleasant events to trip you up. Don't fall prey to suspicions or evade responsibilities.

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