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Challenger's crew remembered

Americans mark 20th anniversary of tragedy

Knight Ridder News Service

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — It was exactly 20 years ago Saturday and it was a different time — before the massacre at Columbine, before the terrorist assault on New York and Washington, before Americans began to half-expect tragedy at any moment.

The seven astronauts of shuttle

Challenger, including teacher Christa McAuliffe, perished in an orange-and-white fireball nine miles above Cape Canaveral. Debris rained into the Atlantic Ocean for more than an hour.

"Obviously, a major malfunction," a NASA commentator told the world.

Dazed by the news, transfixed by the pictures, Americans gathered and wept and spontaneously illuminated their

cars' headlights. They honored seven people who, in the words of President Ronald Reagan, "slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God."

On Saturday, during a ceremony at the Kennedy Space Center's visitor complex, June Scoobe Rodgers, wife of Challenger commander Francis "Dick" Scoobe, marked the anniversary, attempted to draw some meaning from

Concord remembers life of teacher, astronaut Christa McAuliffe.

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the accident, and extolled the human yearning to explore.

"Without risk, there's no discovery, there's no new knowledge, there's no bold adventure," Rodgers said. "The greatest risk is to take no risk."

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OPENING THE CANYON

Group seeks to trade public plaza on rim for taller buildings

By Chris Baldus Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The star of the show is behind Francis Florence's map.

Florence is talking about how

this city is growing — quickly — north. He ticks off projects like the new Church of Latter-day Saints temple, Wal-Mart, a new hospital, the expansion of Pole Line Road, thousands of new homes, the possibility of a new

high school and even light talk of a convention center. That's the big picture, he says.

It's a picture that will end at the Snake River Canyon, which spreads wide out in his office's conference room window be-

hind him. The star, Florence, a Western Real Estate broker, is one of seven investors in the limited liability corporation Federation Pointe.

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On the agenda

Federation Pointe LLC will take its request for a zoning change to the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday. It's scheduled to go to the City Council Feb. 21.

Top floors

This artist's rendition is of the west building of the project, but both buildings will have similar top floors, dedicated to residential life. Both would have high-end condominiums and fit into the concept that the new place would be somewhere to "live, work and play," said investor Steve Di Lucca, president of Western Real Estate.

"It actually makes it attractive to many people to have a feel of 'OK, if I want to I can ride the elevator down and have lunch or dinner or I can jump on the trail and ride my bike or walk along there,'" he said.

Fine arts theater

Conceptually, the west building will have a 150-seat theater with retractable seats so it can be used for a variety of events from wedding receptions to art displays, said investor Francis Florence, Western Real Estate broker. The final design depends on who the investors wind up doing business with. They hope the Magic Valley Arts Council becomes the owner of this location, but the council has not decided where it will move, yet, he said.

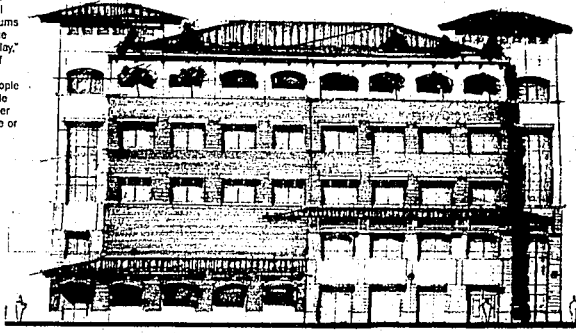
Historic lobby

The main floor of the west building will have a lobby dedicated to local history. The Perrine Stagecoach, with this group of investors bought back from a Texas collector, will be the centerpiece. "We anticipated building this building, and it overlooks the original Perrine ranch," said Florence. "We thought it would be appropriate to try to figure out a way to display that stagecoach in this lobby."

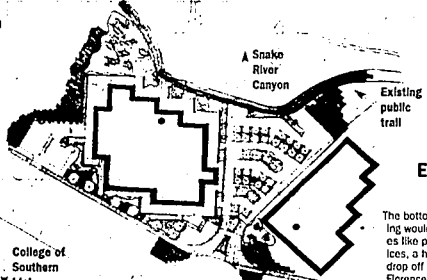
Public plaza

The plaza between the buildings would be 10,000 to 12,000 square feet of either concrete, pavers or both. It would include some landscaping. The space would be privately owned and maintained but dedicated and open to the public, said Florence. Other than the visitors' center next to the Perrine Bridge, "there are no other developments along the canyon, or very few that actually invite the public, allow them to park and encourages them to use the space on the canyon rim," said Florence. "There's really no place for people to gather ... on the canyon rim."

THE PLAN



Graphics courtesy of Hummel Architects and Federation Pointe, LLC



Middle floors

The middle floors of both buildings will be for professional office space, said investor Francis Florence, Western Real Estate broker. The west building will have about 20,000 square feet. The east would have more.

Restaurant

The west building will have a restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating overlooking the canyon rim, said Florence. "For years people said 'Why don't we have a restaurant on the canyon rim?' It would be a good place for a restaurant." And we agree," said Florence. "It would have the capacity to serve functions in the plaza and it work 'hand in hand' with the performing arts venue, he said.

East building main floor

The bottom floor of the east building would include retail businesses like professional support services, a hair salon, dry cleaning drop off and a snack shop, said Florence.

Two killed in vehicle accident

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Two dairy workers were killed in a two-vehicle collision on Four-Mile Road north of Shoshone on Friday evening.

According to Idaho State Police, Timothy Cox, 49, of Gooding, was driving a Kenworth manure hauler westbound on Four-Mile Road when he attempted to turn south onto

625 West Road. Juan Mendez-Arizmendis, 23, of Gooding, was driving eastbound on Four-Mile Road when he encountered the Kenworth making a turn across traffic. Mendez-Arizmendis attempted to avoid the collision, but was unable to do so.

Also in the vehicle with Mendez-Arizmendis was Raul Mendez-Mendez, 18, and Gerardo Mendez, 22, both of Gooding. According to police, Raul was

pronounced dead at the scene from injuries he sustained in the accident. Gerardo Mendez and Mendez-Arizmendis were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Mendez-Arizmendis was later pronounced dead due to injuries sustained in the accident.

Cox sustained minor injuries from the accident. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is investigating the crash.

Amid criticism, U.S. continues to ramp up predator program

By Josh Meyer Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Despite protests from other countries, the United States is expanding a top-secret effort to kill suspected terrorists with drone-fired missiles as it pursues an increasingly decentralized al-Qaida U.S. officials say. The CIA failed recently to assassinate al-Qaida leader Ayman

al-Zawahiri in Pakistan on Jan. 13 was the latest strike in the government's "untested killing" program, a highly classified initiative that officials say has broadened as the terrorist network splintered into smaller cells and fled to Afghanistan.

The al-Zawahiri strike killed as many as 18 civilians, many of them women and children, and Please see PREDATOR, Page A2

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Occasional snow showers mixing with rain late. High in the upper 30s. Tonight: Snow showers mixing with rain at times. Low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow: Rain mixing with and changing over to snow late. High in the lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Occasional snow and snow showers mixing with rain late. High in the upper 30s. Tonight: Mixed rain and snow showers overnight. Low in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Rain showers mixing with snow late. High in the lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Unsettled weather is going to dominate for today and the next several days. A series of Pacific systems are expected to move through the area bringing a chance for snow showers almost daily.

BOISE Expect cloudy and showery conditions for today and the upcoming week. Light rain or scattered rain and snow showers will persist for the next several days.

NORTHERN UTAH Expecting much of the upcoming week. Rain and snow showers could be an almost daily occurrence.

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Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

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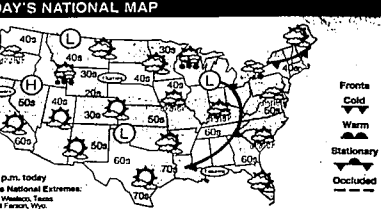
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Predator

Continued from A1... triggered widespread protests in Pakistan. Similar U.S. attacks using Predator unmanned aircraft equipped with Hellfire missiles have angered citizens and political leaders in Afghanistan, Iraq and Yemen. Little is known publicly about the targeted-killing program. The Bush administration has refused to discuss how many strikes it has made, how many people have died, or how it decides whom to target. No U.S. officials were willing to speak about it on the record because the program is classified. Although it is unknown how many times the targets have been missed, several U.S. officials confirmed at least 10 occasions since Sept. 11, 2001, in which Predators successfully fired Hellfire missiles on suspected terrorist leaders overseas, but also many civilians. Critics dispute the program's legality under U.S. and international law, and say it is administered with little oversight outside the CIA. U.S. intelligence officials vehemently insist it is one of their most tightly regulated, carefully vetted programs. Lee Strickland, a former CIA counsel who retired in 2004 from the agency's Senior Intelligence Service, confirmed that the Predator program has grown to keep pace with the spread of al-Qaida commanders, who the CIA believes are branching out in an effort to gain converts, financing and influence. Many groups of Islamic milit-

Challenger

Continued from A1... The sky was overcast, the breeze chilly. Flags flew at half-staff as the shuttle launched in the distance. As the invocation was delivered, her son, Air Force Col. Richard Seabee, also on the dais, gently took her hand into his. It was the first time since a rigid morning, in addition to her husband, were pilot Michael Smith; mission specialists Judith A. A. McNeil and Ellison S. Onizuka; payload specialist Gregory B. Jarvis; and McNeill, a vivacious high school social studies teacher from Concord, N.H., the first "ordinary person" to fly in space. Temperatures fell into the 20s the night before launch. Icicles dangled from Launch Pad 31B. It might still be cold that morning — 36 degrees at liftoff — that the astronauts were glad as they climbed into Challenger. It was the first shuttle flight, but never had a shuttle been launched under such conditions. At the same time, most American astronauts have spent flights as routine, many with NASA had developed a sense of complacency. These were terrible mistakes that have occurred earlier in the space program and

Army decorates POW Jessica Lynch's rescuers

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — The Army unit that helped rescue prisoner of war Jessica Lynch from an Iraqi hospital during a nighttime raid has been given an award for valor. The 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, based in Savannah, received the Valor Award unit award during a ceremony Friday. It is the Army's third-highest unit citation. "Being a special operator, a Ranger is not a job. It's who you are," said Lt. Robert W. Wagner, special operations commander.

Canyon

Continued from A1... They have a plan to create a community gathering place on the edge of the canyon in exchange for two buildings that now would exceed city rules for construction on the rim. Their plan also includes a fine arts theater, a restaurant and a public display of area history. "When you see all the development that's going on, all the things going on in north Twin Falls, city planners and we really need to keep in mind that we've got to create areas where there can be cultural things able to happen — a process for the community to gather," said Florence. The city does OK with demanding parks in residential areas, but we really haven't thought much about providing other types of amenities as part of this (community) development scheme. Wal-Mart doesn't necessarily contemplate that kind of structure. Federation Pointe is going to city leaders this week to ask for a zoning change tailored to allow for buildings on the rim in projects of more than 10 acres that include a mixture of cultural and commercial activities. "Here is a project that is going to complement the existing business park complex that we have. It's going to complement the canyon, rim and it's also going to give the public an opportunity to have access they didn't have before," said investor Richard B. Silvers, owner of Title Fast Inc. "I think it's a pretty good trade-off. The public gets access, we get to build a taller building." The plaza, which will remain privately owned and maintained, will be open to the public throughout the week, said Florence. The group hopes to attract the like farmers' markets, craft fairs and art festivals to the roughly 12,000-square-foot area. "We want this to be used not just for the people who come out here 8 to 5 (during the week), but on Saturdays and Sundays," said investor Steve Di Luca, president of Western Real Estate. The buildings on either side of the plaza will also have amenities they hope will attract the public. They plan for the

Federation Pointe Investors

Richard Silvers, owner of Title Fast Inc., lifetime Twin Falls resident. Mike McBride, marketing manager of Independent Meat Co., Twin Falls resident for more than 25 years. Gary Kourtkov, owner of Western Appraisal and investment, lifetime Twin Falls resident. Steve Di Luca, president of Western Real Estate Group, Jerome resident for 12 years. Jeff Bickel, Western Realtor, past president of the Twin Falls Realtors Association, Castleford native living in Twin Falls. Richard Giesler, associate broker with Western, Fairfield native living in Twin Falls. J. Frank Florence, broker with Western, owner of Milestone Builders and Developers, Twin Falls resident. Source: J. Francis Florence

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NATION

Pelosi: No president should have powers to eavesdrop

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi says President Bush should have used his extensive authority under the law to monitor suspected terrorists rather than approve the National Security Agency's disputed monitoring program.

"I would not want any president — Democrat or Republican — to have the expanded power the administration is claiming in this case," Pelosi, D-Calif., said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Pelosi did not say the NSA's surveillance program was illegal. But she said the administration should follow the procedures in the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which allows government lawyers to ask a secret court for warrants for surveillance in the United States during national security investigations.

"If you say ... this is for a narrow universe of calls, there is absolutely no issue with getting a FISA warrant for that," said Pelosi, who was the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee and has been involved for the past 13 years in overseeing U.S. intelligence agencies.

"It is when you go beyond that, that it becomes a challenge," she said in the interview Friday. The president says he is not going beyond that, so why can't he obey the law?"

Pelosi declined to offer specifics about warrants granted, but she said the administration already has "the smother of all FISAs which enables them to do it."

Bush pushes for Judge Alito's nomination in weekly address

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush gave Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito a broadcast boost Sunday, calling for a simple up-or-down Senate confirmation vote despite a blocking effort by some Democrats.

A final vote on whether to move the conservative federal appellate judge the nation's 110th Supreme Court Justice is scheduled for Tuesday unless opponents win an uphill battle to impose a filibuster.

"The Senate has a constitutional responsibility to hold an up-or-down vote on Judge Alito's nomination," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "Throughout its 216-year history, the Senate has held an up-or-down vote on every Supreme Court nominee with majority Senate support."

The president spoke as liberals led by Sens. Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, D-Mass., worked to deprive supporters of the 60 votes needed to limit debate. They faced resistance from some fellow Democrats as well as solid Republican opposition to the stalling tactic.

Alito, a former federal prosecutor and a lawyer for the Reagan administration, would

replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She is the court's first female justice and the swing vote on several 5-4 rulings that maintained abortion rights, preserved affirmative action and limited the application of the death penalty.



President Bush

"Sam Alito is a man of great character and integrity," Bush said in his broadcast, citing accolades Alito has received from fellow judges. The Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, including seven who testified on his behalf.

"He has more prior judicial experience than any Supreme Court nominee in more than 70 years," the president said. "He understands that the role of a judge is to strictly interpret the law, not to advance a personal or political agenda."

Senate leaders say Alito has enough bipartisan support to overcome any filibuster attempt by minority Democrats, many of

whom contend that Alito's confirmation would jeopardize individual rights and liberties.

Kennedy, in a letter to his colleagues, says Alito has ruled against women, minorities, and the disabled in job discrimination claims, and supports powerful presidential authority. "We want our country to be safe and we expect our president to do all he can to protect us," Kennedy said. "But we want the White House to obey the law: We want a court that will blow the whistle when the president is out of bounds."

Kerry, defeated by Bush for the presidency in 2004, called for a filibuster Thursday while attending a world economic conference at a Swiss resort. Asked Friday if the administration was taking Kerry's call seriously, White House press secretary Scott McClellan chuckled and said:

"It was a pretty historic day. This was the first time ever that a senator has called for a filibuster from the slopes of Davos, Switzerland. I think even for a senator, it takes some pretty serious yodeling to call for a filibuster from a five-star ski resort in the Swiss Alps."

Bush to propose cuts in fighter jets, Army Reserve

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will use his new budget to propose cutting the size of the Army Reserve to its lowest level in three decades and stripping up to \$4 billion from two fighter aircraft programs.

The proposals, likely to face opposition on Capitol Hill, come as the Defense Department struggles to trim personnel costs and other expenses to pay for the war in Iraq and a host of other pricey aircraft and high-tech programs. Bush will send his 2007 budget to Congress on Feb. 6.

The proposed Army Reserve cut is part of a broader plan to achieve a new balance of troop strength and combat power among the active Army, the Na-

tional Guard and reserves to fight the global war on terrorism and to defend the homeland.

The Army sent a letter to members of Congress on Thursday outlining the plan. A copy was provided to The Associated Press. Under the plan, the authorized troop strength of the Army Reserve would drop from 205,000 — the current number of slots it is allowed — to 188,000, the actual number of soldiers it had at the end of 2005.

Proposals to cut funding in two key jet fighter programs would eliminate funding for an alternative engine for the Joint Strike Fighter, the military's next-generation combat plane. Also, they would cut money for F-22 fighters during 2007.

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NATION

Concord remembering teacher's life, not the Challenger disaster that took it

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — It was just as Christa McAuliffe would have wanted.

The Concord High School teacher and her six crewmates on the space shuttle Challenger appear chronologically with no special billing, in a school lesson on space travel.

It was just as she once taught, that ordinary people make history. Except this time, she was the ordinary person and the history was a disaster 20 years ago Saturday that wounded the school and city so deeply that the slightest touch still can bring tears.

This week, as he has done for 19 previous anniversaries, biology teacher Philip Browne taught his students about space travel, from the Mercury missions to the space station. As McAuliffe did in her social studies classes, Browne kept it simple.

He demonstrated the size of the shuttle's cargo bay with an illustration of it holding a Trailways bus; he showed how the parts of its solid rocket booster were stacked together like round Lego blocks, sealed with huge rubber washers called O-rings.

And he explained what could happen if those O-rings got cold and brittle, as they did on Jan. 28, 1986, allowing flames to escape and hit the shuttle's huge fuel tank.

A rubber O-ring failed, the flames leaked out, burned through the orange fuel tank, exploded the oxygen and hydrogen, and the shuttle never made it into orbit," said Browne, 57, who was one of four other New Hampshire finalists in the national competition that eventually selected McAuliffe to be the first teacher in space.

Around each anniversary, he takes his classes to McAuliffe's grave and the nearby planetarium built in her honor. In class, Browne calmly and expertly explains the science, but in an interview afterward, a single word, a question about the cemetery solemn, brings him to tears: "Why?"

"Taking a deep breath to fight sob's, he responds: "I don't want anybody to forget... their bravery, their dedication. They were people who loved life. They wanted something better for the world."

The school is exhibiting material from McAuliffe's odyssey and offering students a new documentary about the teacher-astronaut's life. No spe-

cial ceremonies are planned by the city.

Assistant Principal Bill Haubrich said the anniversary presents an annual dilemma.

"There is a legacy here. How do we promote the legacy, and not promote that particular day that was the most painful day in our school's history?" he said.

McAuliffe's husband, Steven, and children Scott and Caroline disappeared from public view after the explosion. In a rare comment, McAuliffe, now remarried and a federal judge, said he is grateful to the community.

"Our children have been taken in and protected by everyone, and so were allowed to grow up normally and without undue focus or attention, in the best of American small towns," he wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "I suspect there are not many places where that could have happened, and I know Christa would want me to express her appreciation as well for that priceless gift."

son Scott, 29, is married and pursuing a career in marine resource management. McAuliffe wrote, Daughter Caroline is 26, an educator like her mother.

"They both are healthy, happy, great kids, and first-rate people," their father said.

Twenty years ago, the city buzzed with excitement over Christa McAuliffe, who was 37. Scott's third-grade class even went to Florida for the launch.

Ben Provençal, 28, was one of the third graders shivering in the VIP bleachers when Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff.

A full-page photo in Newsweek later showed Provençal, looking tiny in his oversized baseball cap, his hands pulled into his sleeves against the cold. His teary eyes stared at white smoke and zigzag rocket contrails the explosion painted on the brilliant, blue sky.

Provençal said he and his classmates understood before their parents that the Challenger had exploded.

"We had been studying the space shuttle at school. We knew every second of that launch sequence and what was supposed to happen," he said. He remembers the emptiness and the reluctance long afterward for teachers and friends to talk about space trav-



Philip Browne teaches his biology class at Concord High School in Concord, N.H., on Wednesday. Browne teaches his students and faculty members about space travel, from the early Mercury missions to the current space station.

el, especially when Scott was around. Now he focuses on other aspects of the trip, and on McAuliffe's goal.

"He does it as 'Mr. B,' special education assistant and coach at Concord's Rundlett Middle School.

"I used to say, 'I want to be an astronaut too,'" Provençal said, "but now I'm so proud that I teach kids and work with kids and I can follow in the footsteps of people who were as incredible as Christa was."

Former classmate Zach Fried shared binoculars with his dad to gaze at the rising shuttle. He said the tragically prompted questions about trust.

"I think all of us ended up with perhaps a different take on institutional confidence in what the government and what adults could tell us and promise us at the time," said Fried, 29, a graduate student at the University of Michigan.

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WORLD

Kidnappers threaten to kill Christian activists

Attacks kill 22, including U.S. soldier

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Kidnappers holding 40 Christian peace activists gave U.S. and Iraqi authorities a "last chance" to release all detainees in Iraq, threatening to kill the hostages if their demands were not met in a videotape broadcast Saturday.

At least 22 people were killed in sectarian violence across the country, including a U.S. soldier in a roadside bombing in Baghdad and 10 Iraqis in a bombing Saturday in a mostly Shiite town south of the capital.

The hostages — two Canadian,

an American and a Briton — were shown on the tape broadcast by Al-Jazeera looking gaunt and standing near a white wall in what appeared to be a house, then it cuts away to another shot in which they were seated and talking, but their voices were not heard.

The pan-Arab station's announcer said the group, the "Swords of Righteousness Brigades," issued a statement warning it was the "last chance" for U.S. and Iraqi authorities to "release all Iraqi prisoners in re-

tirement of freeing the hostages." "Otherwise, their fate will be death," the statement added, "without mentioning a deadline."

The broadcast of the Jan. 21-dated video tugged a week in which two German engineers were abducted in the northern industrial city of Biele, and the U.S. military released five Iraqi women who had been in military custody — a move demanded by the kidnappers of American reporter Jill Carroll to spare her life. The military said the prisoners' release was routine and not in response to the ultimatum.

A Sunni Arab political leader, meanwhile, criticized Friday's police crackdowns on Sunni neighborhoods in southern Baghdad, which saw about 60 people detained and three killed, apparently by insurgents.

"We condemn the treacherous and terrorist acts that have targeted and killed dozens of innocent people who were only guilty of rejecting the U.S. occupation," Khalaf al-Ilyan said at a press conference. "Any government should defend its people, otherwise, why it should be called a government?"

Saddam trial set to resume, comes under renewed criticism

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The troubled Saddam Hussein trial resumes today with a new judge and with international human rights groups saying political interference is threatening the tribunal's independence.

Saddam and his seven co-defendants are charged in the deaths of about 140 Shiite Muslims following an assassination attempt against the former Iraqi leader in the Shiite town of Du-Jail in 1982. The defendants could face death by hanging if convicted.

The trial, which began Oct. 19, has been plagued by delays, chaotic outbursts by Saddam and the assassination of two defense lawyers.

The proceeding was due to resume last Tuesday after a media break but was postponed for five days because court officials said some witnesses had not returned from the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca in Arabia.

However, court officials told The Associated Press the main reason for the delay was that judges were upset by a decision to remove a juror and another chief judge to replace Rizgar Mohammed Amin, a Kurd who stepped down Jan. 15.

Chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Mousawi told the AP that Raouf Rasheed Abdel-Rahman, a Kurdish jurist, was expected to head the five-judge panel when the session resumes in the heavily guarded Green Zone.

Amin cited health reasons for his decision. But politicians had complained about the slow pace of the proceedings and Amin's patience in the face of frequent outbursts by Saddam and his co-defendants, Barzan Ibrahim.

Amin's deputy, Saeed al-Hamamsh, had been expected to take over as chief judge but was relieved of his duties after allegations he once was a member of Saddam's Bath party. Al-Hamamsh, a Shiite, denied Bath membership and maintained he was the victim of a conspiracy.

One of Saddam's defense lawyers said his team would file several motions Sunday questioning the independence and legitimacy because of Amin's resignation.

"The trial is going through a legal maze," lawyer Abdul-Wahid Obaidi said. "The new chief judge needs a long time to familiarize himself with the details of the case."

He said Amin's departure alone "is enough to prove that the trial is not fair."

Similar questions also were raised by Human Rights Watch, which expressed doubt even before the proceeding started in October about whether Saddam and the others could receive a fair trial before an Iraqi court.

"The resignation of Judge Amin and the transfer of Judge al-Hamamsh mean that two of the five judges who have heard the witness testimony are now off the case," Richard Dicker, a Human Rights Watch official, said in a statement. "It will be difficult for the new judges to impartially evaluate the testimony they missed, damaging the integrity of the trial."

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NATION

Report: Vehicles are racking up more miles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Back in the days when the Goss was working in automotive repair, 100,000 miles was considered the benchmark of a car's longevity. Well-maintained Duracs with less than 300,000 miles were a rarity.

Now, with advanced technology, improved engines and synthetic oils, crossing the 100,000-mile mark on a car is not much cause for celebration.

"We consistently, on any given day, usually have multiple cars with 150,000 to 250,000 miles and quite frequently cars well over that," said Goss, owner of Goss' Garage in Seabrook, Md., and host of radio and TV car-talk shows.

engines, improved spark plugs, higher-performance synthetic oils and better exhaust systems.

David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, said one contributing factor is corrosion protection. "Three decades ago, the steel used in the body and frame had little protection, but now external parts have corrosion-resistant, electroplated steel."

"You might have a powertrain that is reasonably durable, but if

the structure it's in is falling apart, it's not that valuable," Cole said. Now, he said, "resistance to corrosion is dramatically higher."

The report found that, in terms of years, passenger cars are lasting longer, while SUVs and other light trucks are not running as long as before. Transportation officials said the survival rate for light trucks may have dropped because the vehicles are used more for

transportation needs than hauling cargo.

For passenger cars, the report said nearly 79 percent of 10-year-old vehicles are still on the road, up 7 percentage points for comparable vehicles in the 1995 data.

Among SUVs, pickups and vans, it found that 69 percent of all 10-year-old light trucks are still being driven. The 1995 study found that 61 percent of all 10-year-old light trucks were still in use.

AAA offers the following tips for proper vehicle maintenance

- **Change the oil properly.**
- **Rotate your tires regularly.** Proper rotation can add as much as 10,000 miles to the life of a set of tires.
- **Keep maintenance records.** The records are good diagnostic tools and proof you have cared for your vehicle, which can enhance its trade-in or resale value.
- **Run your engine for a few minutes before turning on the heater, air conditioner, wipers and other accessories.** Accelerating with a cold engine can cause premature engine failure.
- **If your vehicle has fuel injection,** keep the gas tank at least one-quarter full.
- **Look for cracks or looseness in engine belts.** Broken belts frequently lead to roadside breakdowns.

Source: AAA

A report released this week by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said passenger cars and light trucks are racking up more miles than ever. Typical passenger cars are now surpassing 150,000 miles, while most pickups, sport utility vehicles and vans are crossing the 180,000-mile barrier.

A report in 1995 said most passenger cars broke 125,000 miles and light trucks typically reached the 150,000-mile mark.

Auto industry officials say it underscores the strides made in engineering and quality control in recent years with a focus on long-term durability. Today's vehicles have more advanced

Corrections

officer shot by inmate during hospital escape dies of injuries

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — A corrections officer who was shot in the face by a hospitalized inmate has died of his injuries, officials said Saturday.

Jeffery Alan Wroten, 44, was shot early Thursday while guarding Brandon Morris, who had been taken to Washington County Hospital the day before after complaining of undisclosed medical problems.

Morris somehow grabbed the officer's gun and shot him inside the hospital, said corrections commissioner Frank C. Sizer Jr., who announced the Wroten's death Saturday.

The 20-year-old inmate ran out of the hospital and forced a taxi driver at gunpoint to drive north, but the taxi driver five miles away, Sizer said. Morris escaped on foot but was quickly captured. No one else in the hospital was injured.

Wroten lived in Martinsburg, W.Va., and was assigned to the medium-security Foxbury Correctional Institution in Hagerstown. Morris was serving an eight-year sentence at the prison for assault, robbery and handgun convictions.

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NATION

All hooah, all the time

A singularly odd word goes everywhere U.S. soldiers do

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In the U.S. Army, which has so many acronyms, expressions and opaque phrases that it seems to deserve its own language, there is one word that is quite possibly uttered more than any other.

That word is "hooah." Pronounced HOO-ah. Alternatively spelled hua and huah.

Attend a company command meeting and you'll hear hooah uttered as often as a 15-year-old says "like" or "you know." Head to the post exchange and buy a Hooah Energy Bar or Hooah-Ah wet wipes or HOOAH2O water. It's not just in Iraq. At U.S. bases around the world, hooah seems an inseparable element of Army life.

Just don't try to define it. And definitely don't try to figure out where it comes from.

"I believe it came from hurrah. It basically means everything from 'yes' and 'yes, sir,' to 'that's great,'" said Capt. James Lowe, public affairs officer for the 566th Regimental Combat Team. "You could use it as a generalized cheer. It's one of those multipurpose phrases — when in doubt, say hooah."

The doesn't even begin to cover it.

They shout hooah to get motivated, and they whisper it when they confer with someone. "I've heard someone just said hooah means you understood something, or it is the proper reply when someone says 'thank you.'" On the other hand, hooah can also be used to say "thank you."

Hooah is a catchall phrase that will get you out of any situation, particularly when receiving a scolding from a higher-ranking officer.

"You use it when you've got a flange on your butt and you're just trying to minimize it," said Capt. Brian Buckner, 30, of Sumter, S.C.

Take this conversation, overheard recently outside the mess hall at Camp Rastaman in Baghdad's eastern outskirts: Soldier 1: How you doing? Soldier 2: Fine. How you doing? Soldier 1: Hooah.

For the different branches of the military, each vastly competitive with and jealous of its distinctions from one another, hooah has become something of a sore point. Marines and sailors have their own saying, more of a "hoo-RAH" or a "hoo-yah," which they claim is entirely separate in origin.

The Air Force brass once reportedly got so irked about sharing "hooah" with the Army that it tried to get them to shout "Air power!" instead. But "Air power" did not have the same potency as "hooah," and has been largely abandoned.

Sgt. Joe Carter, a 23-year-old from Kennett, Mo., recalls how, after arriving at basic training, he and other young Army recruits attended a motivational talk from their commander.

"When we first got there, the commander gave a speech, and at the end he told us, 'I want to hear a loud and thunderous hooah!'" Carter said. "We were real pumped and amped up."

Yet the use of hooah by the uninitiated is generally frowned on. Carter recounted that a drill sergeant bared him and his fellow recruits from saying hooah until they had finished the basic course and earned the right.

And civilians uttering hooah are generally looked upon with either disdain or the astonishment of a person who has just heard a koala bear recite lines from e.e. cummings.

As with any good word, the origins of hooah are highly disputed.

Some claim it derives from the military acronym HUA — Heard, Understood, Acknowledged.

Another tale: When Army Rangers landed at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944, a sergeant ordered them to scale the cliffs looming above them and neutralize the German pillboxes perched on top. One soldier, agitated at the idea, responded "Who, us?" Soldiers ended up following the order, in what became one of the most celebrated acts of World War II.

They then shared the theory that hooah comes from hurrah and hoomy, themselves believed to be bastardizations of the sailor's cry "muzzah," which dates back to the 16th century.

With the Internet widening the forum for debate, blog entries suggesting definitions of hooah have been met with dozens upon dozens of comments from those who think they know better.

With all the derivations that exist, many souls have tried to come up with an official meaning. One such half-serious, half-humorous definition, listed by the Urban Dictionary, reads in part: "U.S. Army slang. Referring to or meaning anything and everything except 'no.' Generally used when at a loss for words."

Lt. Col. Brian Winski, commander of the Army's 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, says, "Sometimes, saying 'hooah' so often it seems to have entered into its subconscious, isn't entirely satisfied with that definition, but says it will have to suffice.

"That's about right if you have to really box it in," he said. "I guess that's about as close as you could get."



President Bush waves and returns the welcoming shout of 'hooah' yelled by soldiers of the Army's 10th Mountain Division during a visit to Ft. Drum, N.Y., in 2002.

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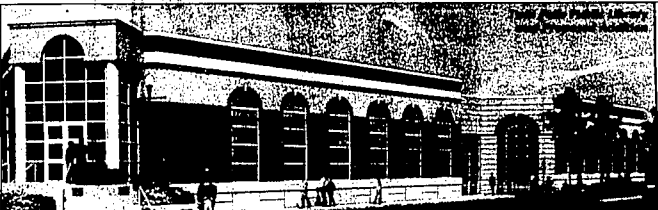
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EDITORIAL

Math reform solutions should take aim before high school

If the words trigonometry, calculus and the Pythagorean Theorem evoke a sense of dread in the back of your mind, you're not alone. Phobia for math is a problem we face with Idaho's high school math requirements.

high school roll around, the scores dip. Colleges and employers say there are too many high school graduates who lack math skills.

"If the kids come into middle school still not understanding the concept of math, they're not going to get it," Boe said.

Our view: Idaho's push for math reform should focus more on earlier grades, not just those at the high school level.

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this, and other issues.

The Idaho State Board of Education proposal to lift graduation requirements with two additional years in math and one additional year of science, appears stalled for this year.

One way to build that knowledge is with teachers. The need for more math teachers in Idaho, and the nation, is on a roll.

What do you think?

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job more attractive to prospective educators by:

Helping future math teachers — The state should consider how to provide more scholarships or college loan assistance to these education majors focusing on math, science and special education. More aid could come to help pay for math certification tests.

Helping today's math teachers — Districts should be given funding and encouraged to pay more to high-demand teachers that we need.

It's legitimate concern. Even State Board President Rod Lewis agreed the changes won't make any difference if they aren't funded.

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After the Senate Education Committee rejected the state budget to two legislators, Democratic Reps. Donna Pence of Gooding and Donna Boe of Pocatello, suggested the creation of an interim committee on curriculum reform.

These type of investments will help the state hire and retain teachers who have a real passion for math, and who want to pay more to high-demand teachers that we need.

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorial are Brad Hurd, Chris Stainback, Steve Cump, Taci Ellis, Bill Bitenzburg, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.

Casual figures create a mystery in Iraq

What is the total number on our side in Iraq that has been killed by the insurgents? Does anyone know? Is our government too incompetent to keep track of this vital information?

Several reasons for the total death count were made to our Idaho congressional delegation. It's not just the number of deaths of soldiers of other nations "fighting side by side" with our own.

Congressman Simpson wrote, "The president recently estimated the number of Iraq war dead to be around 30,000."

What's behind the administration's staggering claim of the threat to America by Iraq's 20-year-old nuclear ambitions?

With approximately 31,000 nuclear warheads (13,000 of which are on high alert) in the stockpiles of eight countries and 441 reactors already operating in 30 countries, why all the concern?

Iran's atomic threat to the U.S. overstated

What's behind the administration's staggering claim of the threat to America by Iraq's 20-year-old nuclear ambitions?

Anyone savvy enough can see the writing on the wall: "This notion that the United States is getting ready to attack Iran is simply ridiculous."

At that time, Tehran has plans to start competing with the New York Mercantile Exchange and London's International Petroleum Exchange, and use a Euro-based oil-trading method.

A worldwide switch from dollars to Euros in oil trading currency reserves would mean that hundreds of billions of U.S. dollars would suddenly be denominated in Euros.

for oil held under the Oil-for-Food program and would suffer the brunt of any currency. We all know what happened next — invasion based on lies. Interestingly enough, by June 2003, Iraq oil sales were once again in U.S. dollars.

Intelligence analyst Philip G. Riddis' article, "In Case of Emergency, No Iran" in The American Conservative discloses reports of Vice President Cheney's instructions to the Pentagon for bombs, computer plans against Iran in case of another terrorist attack inside of America.

I really think George should add another costume to his wardrobe: top hat, tails and a cane for the State of the Union song and dance.

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owner? (2) Why must it always be the home-property owner who suffers the brunt of any currency. We all know what happened next — invasion based on lies.

It is time that the costs of such projects be equitably distributed among the entire population and not just the homeowners. Enough is enough!

RR. Lines remain unconvincing from Sempra. A successful public relations campaign formulates a simple message and then repeats it over and over until the message becomes tant for granted fact.

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of the tobacco. The world's tobacco money would be better spent on improving junior high and high school curriculum, facilities, and recruiting and retaining quality teachers by paying competitive wages.

Rep. Block's intentions are admirable. We'll want our children to be alcohol, drug and tobacco free. However, it would be at best difficult, and at worst impossible to adequately and accurately screen our student population for these illegal substances.

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Eco-hype against Sempra is getting boring. When asked the other day why there aren't more letters to the editor about the coal-fired power plant in Jerome, my initial response is that most small-business owners are a little intimidated by the tactics Sempra's opponents tout, but seemingly most have adopted.

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COAL PLANT OPENS IN THE HEART OF MAGIC VALLEY'S DAIRY FARMS...

NEW PROPOSAL FOR COAL PLANT BETWEEN SUN VALLEY AND SILVER CREEK...

IDAHO STUDENTS DIAGNOSED WITH MERCURY POISONING; SCHOOL CAFETERIAS STATE WIDE ARE SHUT DOWN...

SOUTHERN IDAHO: 275,000 DAIRY CATTLE SLAUGHTERED. DANGEROUS MERCURY LEVELS FOUND IN MILK AND MEAT, GRAZING LANDS CONDEMNED, FED'S SAY "NO COMPENSATION, IT'S A LOCAL ISSUE; 3 JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KNOWINGLY APPROVED THE TOXIC SEMPRA COAL PLANT"

If you have not been following the news lately here is the most important issue confronting you and your family:

In the heart of our food belt, a huge coal burning power plant that uses old technology to unnecessarily pollute is on a very fast track to be approved and built. Pristine Idaho is the only state in the Nation that does not have coal burning power plants. Given this, Idaho understandably has few regulations to monitor coal burning electrical plants or limit their toxic byproducts released into our air, food and water supplies. **IDAHO HAS, HOWEVER, HAD A "ZERO MERCURY POLICY"** which is threatened by proposed changes in the law to **EXEMPT coal burning plants from complying with IDAHO'S ZERO MERCURY Standards.** Monitoring of mercury may not be required by the SEMPRA COAL PLANT IN JEROME, even though we know it will release such toxic poisons that may get into your food supplies. Yes, your food supplies!

WHILE YOU ARE READING THIS ARTICLE, OUR GOVERNOR, MR. KEMPTHORNE AND ELECTED SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH IDAHO COUNTY ARE MEETING IN THE STATE CAPITAL. THEY WILL BE DETERMINING THE FATE AND POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF IDAHO. THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE CHARGED WITH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL CITIZENS IN OUR GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL STATE. HOWEVER, LOBBYISTS ARE TEMPTING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SIDE WITH THEIR ENORMOUS: MERCURY- SPEWING, SMOG-PRODUCING, CHILD-POISONING COAL PLANTS. ARE YOU ONE OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF IDAHO CITIZENS DEAD SET AGAINST SEMPRA BUILDING A SUBSTANDARD COAL PLANT IN THE MAGIC VALLEY? HAVE YOU TOLD YOUR LEGISLATORS? IDAHO'S MOST PRODUCTIVE DAIRY, AGRICULTURE, AND AQUACULTURE REGION IS NOW BEING THREATENED BY THESE "OUTSIDERS."

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST STAND UP FOR US!!!! NOT THEM!!!!!!

WHY DO COAL PLANTS TARGET IDAHO? It's very simple. Most other states, like California, are close to or have already exceeded their permissible maximum pollution levels. Thus, there is no room for polluting coal plants. Idaho has not reached that pollution level and has some of the cleanest air and water in the nation. Large coal burning corporations know there is room to cheaply pollute Idaho. Time is on their side because it will take several years before pristine Idaho reaches its maximum pollution levels and shuts the coal plants down. These coal plants may produce and export all the electricity made in Idaho to other states, states no longer allowed to have polluting coal plants within their own borders due to their already excessive levels of toxicity. Semptra, a California Based company, and others should not be allowed to pollute and destroy everything we love until Idaho reaches the same critical maximum pollution levels. But because Idaho is so pristine and we have no existing coal burning plants within our borders we also have very few and very weak laws to protect us from these very large coal polluting companies. Fat cat corporate lawyers and lobbyists against our 3 little Jerome County Commissioners and our elected officials...get the picture now!

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE CLEAN AIR AND FEW LAWS, BUT "THAT IS EXACTLY WHY THEY WANT TO BE HERE."

MERCURY from the proposed plant may contaminate most every food source that you, your children and grandchildren will ever eat. This proposed coal burning plant is not being designed to minimize toxic emissions, like other plants in this country. It is not a state of the art facility!!! Reportedly, it will create only about 75 low paying permanent jobs. Yet hundreds if not thousands of DAIRY AND AGRICULTURAL JOBS as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue may be lost, because mercury from the plant is inevitable and **CONTAMINATED FOOD IS NOT SALABLE.** The condemning and closing of the first dairy farm in SOUTHERN IDAHO due to mercury would offset any and all the short sighted benefits SEMPRA promises while it seeks to get a foothold on our Idaho soil. **DON'T FORGET THE HEALTH RISKS.**

What is wrong with mercury? Here are some mercury facts.

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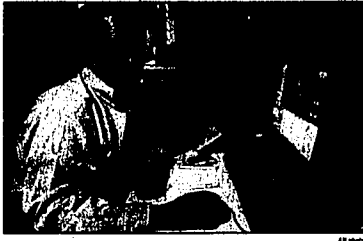
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NATION

Brain scans as lie detectors?

Associated Press's own lying thief checks it out

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press writer



AP photo

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Picture this: your boss is threatening to fire you because he thinks you stole company property. He doesn't believe your denials. Your lawyer suggests you deny it one more time — in a brain scanner that will show you're telling the truth. Wacky? Science fiction? It might happen this summer.

Just the other day I lay flat on my back as a scanner probed the tiniest crevices of my brain and a computer screen asked, "Did you take the watch?"

And two outfits called Cephus Corp. and No Lie MRI Inc. say they'll start offering brain scans for lie detection later this year.

"I'd use it tomorrow in virtually every criminal and civil case on my desk" to check the truthfulness of clients, said attorney Robert Shapiro, best known for defending O.J. Simpson against murder charges.

Shapiro serves as an adviser to entrepreneur Steven Laken and has a financial interest in Cephus, which Laken founded to commercialize the brain-scanning work at the Medical University of South Carolina. That's where I got scanned.

The technology is called functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI. It's a standard tool for studying the brain, but research into using it to detect lies is still in early stages. Nobody really knows yet whether it will prove more accurate than polygraphs, which measure things like blood pressure and breathing rate to look for emotional signals of lying.

But advocates for fMRI say it has the potential to be more accurate, because it zeroes in on the source of lying, the brain, rather than using indirect measures. So it may someday provide lawyers with something polygraphs can't: legal evidence of truth-telling that's widely admissible in court. (Courts generally regard polygraph results as unreliable.)

Laken said he's aiming to offer the fMRI service for use in situations like libel, slander and fraud where it's one person's

Neurologist Dr. Mark George examines data during the brain scan of Associated Press science writer Malcolm Ritter in the MRI room Dec. 8 at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C.

word against another, and perhaps in employee screening by government agencies. Attorneys suggest it would be more useful in civil than most criminal cases, he said.

Of course, there's no telling where the general approach might lead. A law review article has discussed the legality of using fMRI to interrogate foreigners in U.S. custody, for example.

The idea of using scanners to detect lies has started a buzz among scientists, legal experts and ethicists. Unlike penning your mail or tapping your phone, this is "looking inside your brain," Hank Greely, a law professor who directs the Stanford Center for Law and the Biosciences, told me a few days before my scan.

"It does seem to me to be a significant change in our ability ... to invade what has been the last untouchable sanctuary, the contents of your own mind," Greely said. "It should make us stop and think to what extent we should allow this to be done."

But Dr. Mark George, the general neurologist and psychiatrist who let me lie in his scanner and be grilled by his computer, said he doesn't see a privacy problem with the technology.

That's because it's impossible to test people without their consent, he said. Subjects have to cooperate so fully — holding the head

still, and reading and responding to the questions, for example — that they have to agree to the scan.

"It really doesn't read your mind if you don't want your mind to be read," he said. "If I were wrongly accused and this were available, I'd want my defense lawyer to help me get this."

George and colleagues recently reported that the technology spotted lies in 28 out of 31 volunteers. I joined an extension of that study.

That's why I found myself lying in George's MRI scanner, focused on questions popping up on a computer screen.

"Some were easy: Am I awake, is it 2006, do I like movies? Others were a little more challenging: Have I ever cheated on taxes, or gossiped, or deceived a loved one? As instructed, I answered them all truthfully, pushing the "Yes" button with my thumb or the "No" button with my index finger.

Then, there it was: "Did you remove a watch from the drawer?"

Just a half-hour or so before, in an adjacent room, I'd been told to remove either a watch or a ring from a drawer and slip it into a locker. This was the mock crime the study used. So I took the watch. As I lay in the scanner I remembered seizing its gold metal band and nesting it into the locker.

So the computer was asking, did I take the watch?

No, I replied with a jab of my finger. I didn't steal nuthin'.

I lied again and again when asked if I'd taken the watch, but replied truthfully when asked the same questions about the ring. It would be a different computer's job to figure out which I was lying about, the watch or the ring. It would compare the way my brain acted when I responded to those questions versus what my brain did when I responded to routine questions truthfully. Whichever looked more different from the "truthful" brain activity would be considered the signature of deceit.

The computer asked me 160 questions over the course of 16 minutes — actually, it was 80 questions two times a piece. The verdict would take a few days to produce, since it required a lot of data analysis.

In a real-world interrogation, George said, the subject of the questioning would go through an exercise like this ring-or-watch task as well as being quizzed about the topic at hand. That way, if the computer failed in the experimental task, it would be obvious that it couldn't judge the person's truthfulness.

But ethical and legal experts said they were wary of quickly applying fMRI for spotting lies.

"What's really scary is if we start implementing this before we know how accurate it really is," Greely said. "People could be sent to jail, people could be sent to the death penalty, people could lose their jobs."

Charleston asks residents not to recycle old guns and ammunition

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — You may recycle car seats and bottles, but Charleston County has a request for its residents: Please don't recycle your old guns and ammunition.

The county is making the plea after dangerous items, including a loaded gun, were found earlier this month at the county recycling plant.

The plant has an assembly line where recycled items are sorted by hand, said Gregg Vainer, director of the county Solid Waste and Recycling Department.

On Jan. 17, a worker found a torn paper bag with bullets inside. Then a second bag with another box of bullets came down the line. Workers found a box with bullets and three guns.

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Chinese New Year ushers in quest for official holiday recognition

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Emily Yee-Mei Lee remembers that as a child in Taiwan, she longed for the next Chinese New Year, that fabulous day when she would receive neon-red envelopes with \$100 bills and gorge on scrumptious pork dumplings.

But in the United States, Lee usually confronts the festival with angst and guilt: Instead of spending the whole day celebrating, she trudges to her job as a computer programmer and ships her 15-year-old son off to school.

"It makes me feel like it's impossible to be a good Chinese and a good American," said Lee, 47, of Ellicott City, Md. "It's just so hard to properly celebrate the holiday in this country."

The Lunar New Year — which is celebrated Monday by more than a billion Asians around the world — presents a troubling annual dilemma for many of the country's 12 million Asian Americans: honor your millennia-old traditions by taking the day off, or bow to the pressures of Western society by going to work as usual.

Asian Americans such as Lee say they shouldn't have to make that choice. In a sign of their increasing political power, Asian American groups across the nation are pushing measures that they hope will eventually result in a federal holiday, with public schools closing and employees staying home from work.

"This is about respect for our culture," said Henry Lau, a co-founder of the Maryland Coalition for Recognition of the Asian Lunar New Year. "The New Year is the most important festival in our culture, and that needs to be acknowledged."

In Maryland, the Howard County Council passed a measure this month to prohibit public meetings on the holiday. The state General Assembly is considering a bill to officially recognize the day, and activists in Virginia are lobbying for a similar measure. Groups in Washington D.C. are proposing



George Dang, standing, and Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, right, watch a dance marking the Chinese or Lunar New Year, which begins today.

to close school on the Lunar New Year.

The growing movement echoes efforts by earlier immigrant and minority groups that fought for recognition of holidays that honor them, Lau said.

"The Italian Americans have Columbus Day, the Irish have St. Patrick's Day and African Americans have Martin Luther King Jr. Day," said Lau, 60, a manager at the Coordination Council of Chinese-American Associations, a group with members throughout the Washington region, began about a year ago to organize an effort to replicate the city's approach throughout Maryland.

Activists from the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese communities have collected more than 6,000 signatures in Maryland for a petition to recognize the Lunar New Year. And they continue to explain the importance of the holiday — which is observed by many Asian communities, including, the Vietnamese (who call it Tet) and Koreans (who call it Sol Nal) — to elected officials and the public.

On Friday afternoon in an Annapolis, Md., Senate office building filled with bright-red Chinese lions and a Korean orchestra, members of the Maryland Coalition for Recognition of the Asian Lunar New Year met with Republican Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and other elected officials to celebrate the holiday and fight for their cause.

The group is pushing a bill that would make the Asian Lunar New Year a "commemorative day," a quasi-holiday distinction given to only three others in Maryland: Law Day (May 1), Poetry Day (Oct. 15) and the birthday of John Hanson (April 13), an 18th-century lawmaker. Although celebrations of the New Year last for various Asian cultures, advocates want the holiday to be observed on the first day of the lunar calendar, which falls on a different day every year.

"Of course we'd like to have a real holiday, but this is the first step," said Del. Susan Lee, D-Montgomery, the bill's sponsor. "But remember how long it took to get a holiday for Martin Luther King?"

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Polish roof collapse kills at least 26, injures dozens

KATOWICE, Poland (AP) --

The snow-covered roof of a convention hall in southern Poland collapsed Saturday with as many as 500 people inside for a racing pigeon exhibition, killing at least 26 people and injuring at least 130.

A priest outside the building's entrance prayed over the bodies of an adult and a child covered by a blanket and a tarp, as rescue crews worked frantically through the night in subfreezing temperatures to save those trapped inside. Witnesses said people beneath the wreckage were calling family or emergency services on their cell phones for help.

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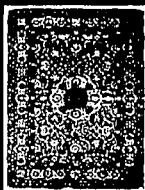
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Chavez warns he will jail officials involved in espionage

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez called the U.S. government an "immoral empire" and repeated accusations of spying Friday, threatening to arrest any American officials caught gathering intelligence on his military.

Chavez's warning came hours after his vice president, Jose Vicente Rangel, accused officials at the U.S. Embassy of involvement in a spying case involving several Venezuelan naval officers who allegedly passed sensitive information to the Pentagon.

Chavez focused his speech to thousands of activists on summing a global "battle" to resist what he termed U.S. imperialism.

The frequent and vocal critic of U.S. global policy used especially harsh terms to describe the U.S. government, calling it a "perverse, murderous, genocidal, immoral empire."



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Iran may be well on way to joining nuclear club

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Three years? Five? Ten? The jury is still out on whether Iran wants nuclear arms — but if it does, the question is no longer whether it has the skills to make them but when it will finish building the first one.

Iran says it does not want state-of-the-art technology. It insists on running — uranium enrichment — has the sole purpose of making fuel for nuclear reactors to generate electricity.

But enrichment can also create the fissile core of nuclear warheads.

So, it's Iran's assertion it needs an enrichment program to meet energy needs has been met with skepticism from the United States and other nations already worried about Tehran's plutonium experiments, black market procurement of "dual-use" components that could fit into an atomic arms program, and off-limits sites that dissidents claim are military nuclear workshops.

The skeptics are trying to persuade other nations that enrichment must be taken to prevent the Tehran regime from working on the technology that could give it the bomb.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the foreign ministers of the U.N. Security Council's four other permanent members and Germany are meeting Monday in London to see if they can agree on a coordinated approach when the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency discusses Iran later this month.

Iran's Jan. 10 decision to restart small-scale uranium enrichment — and its president's call for Israel to "twip off the map" — have boosted support for a U.S.-European initiative to refer Tehran to the Security Council.

The 35-nation board of the International Atomic Energy Agency will debate that idea when it meets Thursday at the U.N. agency's headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei, for one, hopes that Iran can be persuaded to accept a Kremlin proposal to move its enrichment program to Russia, where it could be monitored more closely. On Wednesday, the top Iranian nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, called the proposal a "positive" development.

In the meantime, Iran is taking a tough public stand — threatening to expand its limited enrichment into a full-scale program that would allow it to enrich tons of uranium.

If Iran is referred to the Security Council, "our actions will not be limited to research," Larijani warned. "Then we will begin industrial enrichment."

Experts and Iran's critics say if Iran does that, its first bomb will be only years away — leading to a spike in tensions in the already volatile Middle East.

An Iran with an atomic bomb and the means to deliver it would make not only nuclear confrontation with Israel a mind-numbing possibility. It could also lead Iranian rivals, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, to start their own weapons programs.

The IAEA says its three-year probe of Iran's nuclear program has produced no evidence the Iranians are trying to build atomic arms, but the agency also has not been able to rule that out.

American intelligence revealed last year, based on information found in a laptop computer reportedly smuggled out of Iran, suggested Tehran's scientists at least had engineering drafts of a nuclear warhead.

"It's not a smoking gun, but it's the best evidence that Iran has a secret nuclear weapons program," says nonproliferation expert David Albright, a former U.N. nuclear inspector in Iran.

The IAEA probe in Iran also has turned up disturbing findings, including black-market drawings showing how to cast fissile material so it can be used as the core of nuclear weapons.

ElBaradei, the agency's head, has refused to rule out that Iran may be working on a nuclear "weaponization program" including warheads, missile delivery systems, electronics, gyroscopic stabilizers and related items.

Hamas proposes Palestinian army with militants folded in

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Hamas suggested Saturday that the Islamic group could create a Palestinian army that would include its militant wing — responsible for scores of deadly attacks on Israelis — in the aftermath of its crushing victory in parliamentary elections.

Israeli officials condemned the plan, demanding that Hamas renounce violence. Palestinian security officers, including loyalists from the defeated Fatah Party, said they would never submit to Hamas control.

"Hamas has no power to meddle with the security forces," said Jibril Rajoub, a Palestinian strongman.

Angry police stormed the parliament building in Gaza and armed militants marched into the Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' residence in Ramallah to demonstrate their rejection of Hamas' authority. Their defiance raised fears of a spike in violence between the Palestinian factions.

Clashes have already broken out between the two sides. Hamas gunmen wounded two policemen in Gaza early Saturday in what authorities said was a roadside ambush. The attack came hours after another fire-fight wounded a Hamas activist and two police officers, one of whom was in a coma Saturday.

Hamas won 74 out of 132 seats in parliamentary elections Wednesday to Fatah 45. The militant groups' victory threw the fate of international aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority in doubt and darkened the chances for a peace deal with Israel.

Speaking from his base in Damascus, Syria, Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal insisted his group would not disarm and said Hamas' military wing est-

imated at nearly 5,000 gunmen in Gaza alone, could be merged into a Palestinian army.

"We are ready to unify the weapons of Palestinian factions, with Palestinian consensus, and form an army like any independent state," he said.

Israeli officials demanded that Hamas look for peaceful solutions to the conflict.

"If Hamas wants to be considered a partner in peace, it's very clear what it has to do. It has to renounce terrorism, disarm, accept Israeli's right to exist and support political solutions to issues rather than pursuing violent jihad," Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Reggev said.

Mashaal also said Hamas would abide by existing agreements with the country "as long as it is in the interest of our people."

Israel and the Palestinians have a host of agreements dealing with everything from administration to peace frameworks. Mashaal did not say which agreements he was referring to.

Israeli officials have said repeatedly that they would not deal with Hamas, and Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said Israel would not rule out targeted killings against Hamas leaders if they attack Israel. Israeli airstrikes in 2004 killed Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and his successor Abdel Azz Rantisi.

"Whoever stands at the head of a terror organization and continues to carry out terror attacks against Israel is not immune," Mofaz told Israel's Channel 2 television.

Hamas' victory shocked Fatah, which dominated Palestinian politics for four decades. Abbas ordered an investigation

into why his party lost so badly. Marwan Barghout, the jailed Palestinian uprising leader who was Fatah's top candidate and led efforts to reform the party, appealed for Fatah to hold a general conference to elect fresh leadership, according to a statement released by his wife, Fadwa.

He also congratulated Hamas and said Fatah would peacefully transfer power.

"We will respect the democratic process and its results and help those who won the confidence of our people," he said.

Holiday party in post-mortem room draws disgust in Norway

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Health officials in southern Norway said they were disgusted at reports that employees at a hospital threw a party in a post-mortem room and covered an autopsy table with a white cloth and candles.

Management at the Fredrik-

stad hospital said it learned two weeks ago that employees had staged a Christmas celebration in the room where post-mortem examinations were performed. "This is unacceptable and unheard of," Health Minister Sylvia Brustad told state broadcaster NRK. "It makes me sick."

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Kempthorne visits soldiers in Texas

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne spent two days in Texas this week, visiting and thanking 250 Idaho National Guardsmen who are training for a year-long deployment to Afghanistan.

Kempthorne is the first out-of-state governor since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to visit troops at Fort Hood, the largest military base in the United States, the Idaho State Journal in Pocatello reported Saturday.

Kempthorne told the newspaper he wants soldiers to know they are supported and welcomed.

"We are doing all we can do to support the soldiers and their families through this era," said Kempthorne, who observed a training exercise Friday.

He and other Idaho government officials toured the Fort Hood facilities Friday, visiting with soldiers and ensuring that troops had adequate training in vehicle rollovers, culture and language — as well as proper equipment.

"It is important as the commander in chief to ensure they have the training and equipment to realistically execute

their mission as best they can and as safe as they can in a war zone," the governor said.

This is the second group of Idaho National Guardsmen to deploy for the Middle East since 2001. The 116th Cavalary Brigade battalion returned last fall after serving nearly a year in Iraq.

"It is a truly significant contribution," Kempthorne said, "and many, many families have sacrificed."

Idaho soldiers here say they miss their families, but are excited for the opportunity to defend their country.

"Now they know Osama's alive, I think we're more excited to go," said Sgt. Dan McKnight of Meridian. "What's the last thing Osama will see? An Idaho rocket coming through his cave."

Pfc. Brandon Barrera, a native of Rupert, already misses his wife, Stephanie, and their 9-month-old son, Brandon Lee.

"It hurts to leave them behind," Barrera said. But despite the longing, he said he is enthusiastic.

"I'm ready," he said. "I was born ready."



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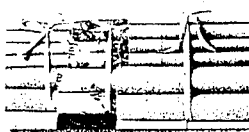
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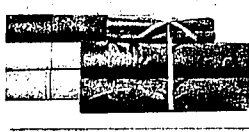
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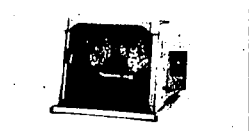
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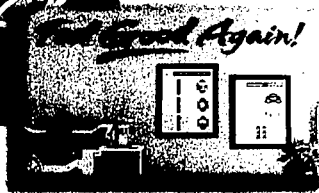
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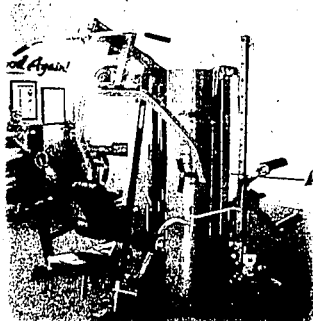
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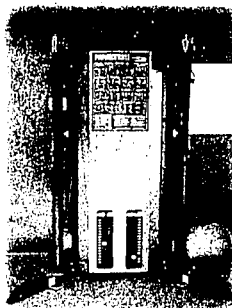
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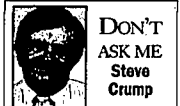
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How does Dick Clark stay awake?

Were true party animals, my wife and I. Last Saturday evening, we went to a church supper and planned to spend the rest of the night out on the town. Instead, we got home at 6:21 p.m.

Eight twenty-one p.m. That's possible. I don't fully realize that Victoria and I are more than just a little middle-aged and that this is — after all — Idaho, where Saturday nights go to die. But anybody who can't hold out until 9 o'clock on a Saturday evening ought to be exiled to Utah. And small-town Utah at that. Coming home that early on Saturday is the first step down the slippery slope toward bunion pads, PolliGrip and Lawrence Welk.

And I, for one, am determined to resist it, no matter how comfortable the couch is.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Yet I must admit: Staying up way past my bedtime just isn't that easy anymore. On the New Year's Eve just past — which happened to fall on Saturday night — Victoria and I purposely made a late dinner reservation and then headed to downtown Boise, perhaps to listen to some jazz. If that pulse is to be found there, where in Idaho, one would think it would be there.

With great anticipation, we walked into the bar at the Overseas Plaza hotel. Historically, it happens in place on New Year's Eve. There were 20 other couples about our age sitting at tables and looking as if they were about to fall asleep. And the piano in the corner was covered with a tablecloth.

"Where's the music?" I demanded of the bartender. "It's New Year's Eve," he replied. "The piano player doesn't work holidays."

After deliberating, we decided to stroll over to a nearby restaurant that is equipped with a piano bar. By 11 o'clock, the only patrons left in the joint were a gaggle of guys sitting at a corner table, getting progressively drunker and louder.

"I'm taking a wild guess here," my wife said. "They didn't get a date for New Year's Eve."

Discouraged about our big night out, we decided just to drive home. We were en route when a blizzard struck, and my friend Debra — the designated driver for the evening — noticed there were firetrucks going off all around town to celebrate the arrival of 2006.

"I ought to pull over so you two can kiss," she said, remarking that it was our first New Year's Eve since Victoria and I got married. But she didn't have to bother — both of us had fallen asleep in the back seat.

Still, I am resolute about resisting our long slow descent toward eating supper at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On Saturdays, I'm going to sleep in until 6:30 a.m., take a three-hour nap in the afternoon and, in the evening, coffee up like caffeine-addicted Seattleite.

And when I wake up in my Barefootlounge at 2 o'clock Sunday morning with two dogs sleeping in my lap and the test pattern flickering on the television set, I shall feel immense satisfaction.

For I will, after all, be awake past midnight.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Salmon	124%	72%
Big Wood	140%	85%
Little Wood	141%	81%
Snake	125%	70%
Little Lost	107%	61%
Henrys Fork/Teton	122%	77%
Upper Snake Basin	122%	72%
Clearwater	150%	82%
Salmon Falls	128%	82%

As of Jan. 28

A comparison of basin snowpack, by watershed, to the 1971-72 average.

Despite weather, YMCA banquet is a success

Fundraiser easily passes \$22,500 goal

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA held its third annual banquet and silent auction on Saturday night, and despite the difficult driving conditions, the banquet was a success.

The banquet and silent auction was organized to help raise money for facility maintenance and upgrades, as well as to help support scholarships for families that could not otherwise afford memberships to the YMCA.

"It's kind of a two-fold objective," said Karen Jachimowski, CEO of the YMCA. "We're celebrating the great work from our volunteers, board members and workers who have done such a great job, and we are raising funds to put into the YMCA."

The banquet had set a goal to net \$22,500 from the evening's event, but as of early Saturday morning it was easy to see that the YMCA would easily surpass the goal.

Because of local support from donations from local businesses and community members, the auction and game prizes were provided without cost to the YMCA. The prizes ranged from \$40 prizes to a Florida vacation with an estimated value of \$2,500.

"The community support has just been overwhelming," Jachimowski said. "People came to us and gave us over 252 donations for the auction."

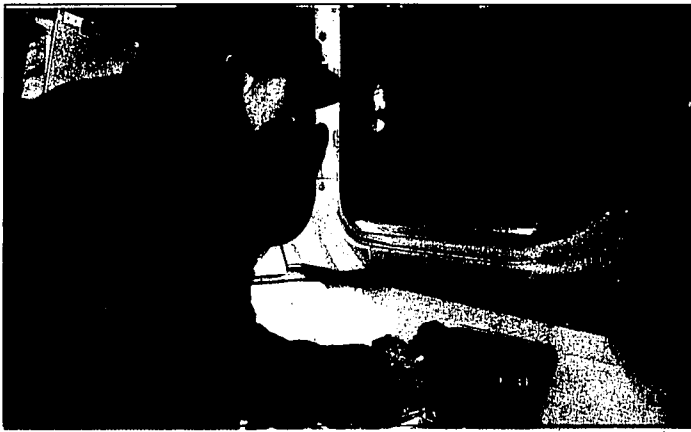
The YMCA has successfully raised and managed its limited financial resources in past years, and last year was no exception. The program finished the year with a \$35,000 surplus, which will ultimately be invested in maintaining the YMCA's antiquated facility — one of the greatest costs of the program's budget.

"In the next year or two we might look at a capital campaign," said Jachimowski.

"Because this building is almost 50 years old, and there are a lot of good things about it, we're looking at it."

All the programs are extremely strong, and you can tell because the parking overflows into the street," Jachimowski said. "When I see our patrons are not laughing about it."

S'NO FUN ON THE ROAD



Karon Lentzer, driver for WSE Transportation, LLC, pumps diesel into her truck at the Flying J outside of Twin Falls as her hoodies, Bridget and Possum, look on. Lentzer hit bad weather coming into Idaho from Utah, slowing her to 45 mph.

Driving snow across southern Idaho forces some drivers to pull over

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Recent weather patterns are wreaking havoc on drivers passing through the Magic Valley. Saturday morning brought a gentle snowfall with light winds to Twin Falls, but drivers on Interstate 84 were ambushed by wind gusts of up to 15 miles per hour and almost 2 inches of snow.

Drivers passing through the King Hill area experienced white-out conditions that forced some vehicles to the side of the road.

The Idaho State Police (ISP) responded to numerous requests for assistance throughout Saturday morning and into the evening hours — exhausting dispatchers as well as patrol officers.

"We've had a lot of accidents today," said an ISP operator. "And they're still coming in, so that's what tonight will be like."

The Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) web site reported that all roads in Idaho were on alert for hazardous conditions — however, there appeared to be some confusion among Idaho agencies about road conditions.

Although the ITD website reported that south Highway 33 to south Highway 47 was closed because of wind and snow, the ISP said no roads were closed. ITD was not available for comment, but said all road conditions were available on 511 Idaho — the ITD's information hotline.

Truck drivers were also confused about the state of state roads.

Bill Shaw, from Hebung, said he had heard about road closures near Mountain Home from other drivers, but he wasn't going to stop driving based on rumors. When asked how he monitored weather and road conditions, Shaw said truck drivers had the most accurate information available.

"I hear about it on the radio from a driver up ahead of me," Shaw said. "I never trust road reports."

But most people who don't have radios simply avoided traveling on Saturday.

Camas County High School in Fairfield and Community School in Sun Valley, as well as Carey High School, all canceled sports events and Democratic state representatives were unable to speak at a Twin Falls County Democratic Party discussion because of the hazardous road conditions.

Truck drivers who were fueling their trucks at the Flying J north of Twin Falls said they would slow their speed, but they wouldn't stop and wait for the snow to pass. Karen Lentzer, who drives for WSE Transportation LLC, said road conditions seemed to worsen as she crossed the border into Idaho.

"I've been hauling a load all the way from Cheyenne (Wyoming)," Lentzer said. "As soon as I came up north into Idaho I had to slow down to 45 miles per hour because the winds were blowing so hard. Boy, it just really started coming down and covering the roads to the point where you could barely see them."

From sand dunes and land mines to Sun Valley

Ski slopes help eight veterans heal war wounds

By David Larson
For The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — A group of 20-somethings was sitting on the deck of River Run Lodge last Thursday. All males, they were talking about going out on the town, nightlife in the different cities they've been to and what runs they were going to ski today. Something was wrong though, something missing.

The eight American troops were seriously wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, they smoked cigarettes, made jokes and got ready to ski as a whole different challenge thousands of miles away from the hot desert of the Middle East awaited them.

"I've done it a couple times before," Hollenbacht says of skiing. "It's kind of hard to manipulate stuff with a prosthetic, though. I can't move my ankle very well."

The soldiers were all accompanied by a member of the Sun Valley Ski School as they were taught how to make turns and use their poles while navigating their way down the mountain.

Daniel Gilyeat had already made it to the top of the mountain in just his third day on the hill.



Soldiers and Marines tasked Bald Mountain to learn how to ski and snowboard recently, in a joint effort by the Wood River Ability Program, Operation Comfort and Brooks Army Medical Center in Texas.

He felt great," he said. "It's just been awesome, we've been doing really well."

Today, Gilyeat, who deployed with a platoon of Marines out of Boise, can focus on mogul-infested black diamond runs. It's quite a contrast, as just seven months ago, Gilyeat was roaming the Middle Eastern desert in a bullet-proof Humvee. Part of this tank battalion, Gilyeat was hit with a double stake mine,

forcing him to adjust to a different life, one that involves prosthetics in order to get from Point A to point B.

Doing something as simple as this, skiing under piercing blue skies on a leathery white mountain, can do wonders for wounded soldiers like Gilyeat. "It's helped quite a bit," Gilyeat says of being able to take part in such a unique experience. "One, I get to talk to other wounded soldiers and tell them the past I've been through. Two, I can describe to civilians what it's really like over there — what differences we have made."

Charlie Brime, the vice president of the San Antonio chapter of the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots, is also helping sponsor this event. Though he's not quite the age of these young soldiers, he's mixing it up just the same.

"I think this helps immensely," Brime said in between talking to soldiers. "First, to prove to them that they can get out and do things. I think it helps them to socialize with other people."

Brime has a point. Rather than sitting in a pale hospital room with nurses who are trained to feel remorse, these guys are being to the fullest, learning new activities and seeing new things. After all, despite their injuries they still have a big life in front of them.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

More place names drop word 'squaw' in Central Oregon

(SPOKES) One (AP) — Squaw Peak, Central Oregon, is being renamed, as it has been known for decades in Central Oregon.

Squaw Creek, Calla W. Whychus Creek, as it flows through the Cascade Range, is being renamed the Calla River. The word "squaw," pronounced "shoo-ah," means "the place where the river crosses the water."

The name change is being undertaken by the Oregon Department of Geology, which has been working to eliminate the word "squaw" from place names in Central Oregon.

The word "squaw" is widely considered offensive to American Indians.

In all, 18 place names in Central Oregon using the word "squaw" were changed. The largest number from Oregon to be approved by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, a committee of federal officials that dates to 1890 and the administration of Benjamin Harrison, was 18.

Approval was expected. Two large landowners, the Forest Service and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, had worked on the changes for several years, and a state board had given its OK.

Five years ago, the Legislature passed that all Oregon place names using the word "squaw" would be changed. So far, the chairman of the state Geographic Names Board says, about 25 names have been changed, including the 16 announced Thursday. More than 100 remain to be changed.

The process is slower than I expected," said Champ Vaughn of Molalla, a geographer and retired official of the Bureau of Land Management. "You cannot remove a name until you approve a replacement."

DEATH NOTICES

Valley Regional Medical Center from injuries sustained in an automobile accident northwest of Shoshone.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by De-mary's Gooding Chapel.

Raul Molecio Mendez
GOODING — Raul Molecio Mendez, 18, of Gooding died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident northwest of Shoshone. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by De-mary's Gooding Chapel.

Lavar Milton PAUL — One Lavar Milton, 83, of Paul, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Juan Mendez Arizmendis
GOODING — Juan Mendez Arizmendis, 23, of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Magic

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Ellis Perry



BURLEY — Ellis Perry, a 51-year-old resident of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 20, 1954, in Jerome, Idaho, the son of Henry J. and Ann Rendon Perry. He graduated from Valley High School in 1972, and then continued and completed his college education at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He married Marlene Martinez on April 5, 1975, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert.

Ellis enjoyed playing baseball in the summer and basketball during the winter months. He liked putting puzzles together and listening to music.

He was very active in his children and grandchildren's lives and always looked forward to family gatherings. He loved his family and especially enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren, Xavier Robert Perry, Daniel Rosado Jr., Richard Ellis Perry Jr., Raquie Perry, Shelby Rosado, Sammy Rosado, Dominique Ayers and Damian Ayers.

Ellis worked for Ore-Ida

living in Portland, Ore.; his parents, Henry and Petra Perry of Eden, and brother, Robert (Emily) Perry of Jerome; his eight grandchildren; and four nephews, David Perry of Palm Springs, Calif., John (Carm) Perry of Boise, Mark (Lisa) Perry of Twin Falls and Derek Perry of Moscow, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry Sr. and Julia Hoyce Perry and Antonio and Francisca Medina Rendon, and an uncle, Juan Vidma.

A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Little Flower Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Reginald Nwanzur as celebrant. Burial will be in Germ Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until the time of rosary on Monday and from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass on Tuesday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Ava Louise Owen Flinn Hudelson



TWIN FALLS — Ava Louise Owen Flinn Hudelson, 89, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Ava was born on Jan. 24, 1917, in Beloit, Kan., to Jennie Wynn Sherwin and William Henry Owen. She married John Harold Flinn on Nov. 26, 1936. In 1946, they moved from Jewell, Kan., to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they farmed south of town. They moved to a ranch in Hagerman in 1963. They later owned and operated the Y-Inn Motel in Bliss. After Harold's death, Ava returned to live in Twin Falls. She and Ellis Hudelson in 1986. They enjoyed winters in Arizona before his death in 1993.

Ava was a great cook, played

Gates of Boise and Peggy (Frank) Ervin of Hagerman; sisters, Janet (Leo) Bursell of Jewell, Kan., and Thelma Becke of Paul; her best friend, Dild Simmons of Twin Falls; and by eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands; son, Larry Lee Flinn; brothers, Max and Vall Owen; and sisters, Mary Tullar and Hazel Foster.

The funeral for Ava will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," inament will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to a charity of the donor's choice.

pinocle, and enjoyed bowling.

She is survived by her daughters, Dottie (Frank)

Jerry Takashi Hirai



Jerome — Jerry Takashi Hirai passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, 2006, at the age of 70 at home.

He was born April 15, 1935, at Rexburg, Idaho, to Yuzo and Yoshiko Shiomi Hirai. He attended elementary school in Cogood, Idaho, and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1953. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1956 and was honorably discharged from the Reserves in 1962. He farmed with his family in the Idaho Falls, Blackfoot and Malta areas. Jerry married Melba Ulrich on Feb. 13, 1956. In 1973, they moved to Jerome and farmed northwest of town, where they raised three wonderful daughters, Geri, Sheri and Dottie. He retired from farming in 2003.

He enjoyed many activities with his family including fish-

ing, bowling, softball, tennis and gazing at the stars through his telescope in the backyard.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Melba of Jerome; his three daughters of Boise; four brothers, Charley (Martha) Hirai of Idaho Falls, Bob Hirai of Los Angeles, Calif., Jack (Kunie) Hirai of Wendell, Idaho, and Yosh (Kiyomi) Hirai of Monterey Park, Calif.; many nieces and nephews; and his three dogs, Moka, Dinky and Puchi. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Violet Sase and Lucille Hirai; and one brother, Mack Hirai.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Baldwin A. Camlin officiating. Visitation will be conducted from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Vivian L. Peters



TWIN FALLS — Vivian L. Peters, 84, of Twin Falls and formerly of Wendell, passed away Jan. 27, 2006, at her son's home in Twin Falls.

She was born Sept. 15, 1921, in Minneapolis, Minn., the daughter of Rudolph and Hannah Billeter.

During her life, Vivian enjoyed hunting, fishing, taking trips and traveling. She especially enjoyed cooking for her family.

Vivian was also a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Surviving are her stepson, Bill (Jan) Peters of Twin Falls, stepdaughter, Mary Kane of

Saxton; 10 step grandchildren; and 10 step great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Vivian will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho, with burial following at the Filer Cemetery.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to Hospice Visions, 209 Skene Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

SERVICES

Amanda Francis Brooks Climer of Arto, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; family and friends may call one hour before the funeral Monday at the mortuary.

Kollen June Brackett of Caldwell and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Dakon Funeral Chapel, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley. Family and friends may gather after the service at the home of Tom and Robin Lynch, 1404 Burnett Drive in Nampa.

Mary Daugherty of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home; vigil service with rosary at 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mary Pauline Ellis of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

David Don Ivie of Harpster, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Camas County High School gymnasium (Blackfoot Funeral Home in Gangville).

New film shows Lewis and Clark's effect on Nez Perce

LEWISTON (AP) — A new documentary aims to show that the Lewis and Clark Expedition not only left a lasting footprint on America 200 years ago, but made a dramatic impression on the lives of the Nez Perce people in Idaho.

The 28-minute documentary, "Surviving Lewis and Clark: the Nimiput Story," describes the Corps of Discovery from the perspective of native people who encountered the explorers as they headed for the Pacific. It recreates the first meeting between the visitors and the tribe, as well as the impact of the visit over the two centuries since then.

Tribe members say it's not just another film about the trek by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and their expedition party.

"We wanted to be historically accurate, and there are things in the movie the general public might not know," said director Dan Kane, a tribal member and video production manager for Lewis-Clark State College.

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Sundance honors 'Quinceanera' and 'God Grew Tired of Us'

Final screenings bring festival to a close today

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Two films examining immigrant life in America, the Hispanic teen drama "Quinceanera" and the Sundance refugee documentary "God Grew Tired of Us" won top honors Saturday at the Sundance Film Festival.

"Quinceanera," written and directed by Wash Westmoreland and Richard Glazer and featuring a cast loaded with newcomers and unknowns, won both the festival's jury prize and the audience award for U.S. dramatic films, the latter chosen in voting by Sundance movie-goers.

Starting Emily Rios in a striking film debut as a girl ostracized by her family after she becomes pregnant shortly before her 15th birthday, "Quinceanera" offers a cultural clash portrait of Los Angeles' Echo Park area, gradually a Hispanic neighborhood that has become a trendy enclave.

Christopher Quinn's "God Grew Tired of Us," which follows three Sudanese boys adjusting to life in the United States after the bloody civil war in their homeland, received both the jury prize and audience award for U.S. documentaries.

Another immigrant story, the Mexican film "De Nadie," won the audience award for world-cinema documentary. Directed by Tin Dirdamal, the film traces a Central American woman's 1,300-mile journey north in search of a new life in the United States.

A special jury prize for independent vision was awarded to director So Yong Kim in "Beethoven's Days," about a newly-arrived Korean girl trying to find her place in America.

"Inq in Fragments," offering a new perspective on the lives of U.S. occupation, won three documentary prizes: The directing and cinematography awards for James Longley and editing honor for Kelly, Billy McMillin and Fiona O'wy.

The dramatic directing award went to Dito Montiel for "Guide to Recognizing Your Saints," which also received a special jury prize for best ensemble performance. The film features Robert Downey Jr., Rosario Dawson, Dianne Wiest, Chazz Palminteri, Shia La Beouf and Channing Tatum in a drama based on Montiel's youth on the mean streets of Astoria in the teens during the mid-1980s.

The Waldo Salt screenwriting award went to writer-director Hilary Brougher for "Stephanie Daley," starring Tilda Swinton and Amber Tamblyn in a drama about a teen accused of killing her newborn baby.

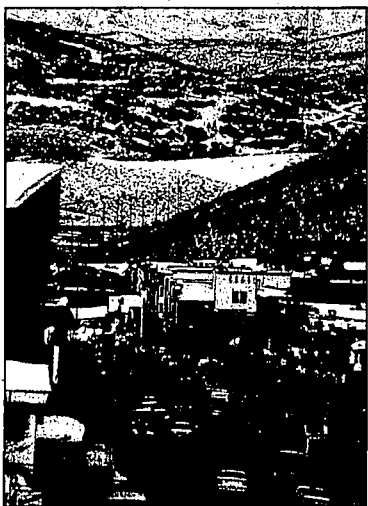
The French thriller "13 Tzameti," written and directed by Geza Borok and following a young man whose spur-of-the-moment journey turns perilous, earned the dramatic jury prize for world cinema.

The world-cinema audience prize for dramatic films went to the New Zealand's "No. 2," writer-director Toa Fraser's drama about a Fijian marlarch (Rube Deo) struggling to bring his alienated family together again.

Mexican director Juan Carlos Ruiz's "In the Pit," chronicling the lives of workers building a new layer on top of a busy Mexico City freeway, won the documentary jury prize for world cinema.

Prize-winning films were to screen one last time Sunday as the festival ended its 11-day run.

Members of the various Sundance juries included Terrence



A view from the top of Main Street is seen on the last day of the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, Saturday. Main Street is a social center of the festival, as people go there to eat and shop, to see and be seen.

Howard, star of last year's dramatic audience-award winner "Hustle & Flow," and filmmaker Alexander Payne, Andrew Jarecki, Alan Rudolph and Miguel Arteta.

Among other winners:

- Tom Richmond received the cinematography award for dramatic films for "Light at Your Door," director Chris Gorak's drama about a couple (Mary McCormack and Rory Cochrane) separated when a terrorist attack unleashes deadly toxins in Los Angeles.

- Special jury prizes were presented to the documentaries "American Blackout," director Ian Inaba's look at the disen-

franchisement of black voters; "TV Junkie," filmmakers Michael Cain and Matt Rudecki's portrait of one man's obsession with the power of video; Phillip Groening's "Into Great Silence," a glimpse of devotees' lives at the Grande Chartreuse monastery in the French Alps; and "Dear Pyongyang," Japan-raised director Yonghi Yang's exploration of her father's allegiance to North Korea.

- Writer-director Julia Kwan's "Eve & the Fire Horse," about two Chinese sisters seeking to reverse their family's run of bad luck, received a special dramatic jury prize for world cinema.

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Judge says recovery plan for Colorado River fish inadequate

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a recovery plan for an endangered Colorado River fish isn't good enough.

U.S. District Judge Frederick Martone rejected the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plan for the humpback chub, ruling it didn't lay out a timeline for the fish population's recovery and didn't allocate any money to get the job done.

The lawsuit brought by the environmental groups Grand Canyon Trust and Earthjustice sought a more comprehensive recovery plan and argued that the federal government had not met the requirements of the En-

dangered Species Act.

"I'd say it's a pretty big win for people who care about the fish because the recovery goals were being missed," said Nikolai Ramsey of the Grand Canyon Trust.

The government must now rewrite the plan to include more specific goals and lay out a timeline for recovery.

The humpback chub population in the Grand Canyon has gone down by about two-thirds in the past 13 years, from 10,500 in 1989 to 3,500 in 2002.

The groups suing strongly opposed a part of the plan that would count the population as recovered if there were 2,100

adult fish, lower than when the species was listed as endangered.

The Trust argued that number is so low it doesn't trigger recovery requirements.

The Fish and Wildlife Service employee who takes the lead on humpback chub issues declined to comment on the lawsuit.

The main culprit for the declining population of the chub is the Glen Canyon Dam near the Arizona-Utah border, which has lowered the river temperature in the Grand Canyon and eliminated much of the river level fluctuations and sediment deposits. Non-native fish such as

trout that survive better in the colder water have added competition, as have other factors.

The Jan. 23 ruling paves the way for environmental groups to press for more aggressive recovery efforts, which could include a dam to raise the temperature of the water released at Glen Canyon Dam or changing experimental flows from the dam in a way that wouldn't benefit power generation.

Ramsey said the humpback chub's decline is just "the tip of the iceberg," noting that four of eight native fish in the Grand Canyon have already become extinct.

Longtime director of Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival steps down

MOSCOW — The longtime director of the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho is stepping down after this year's festival and retiring in June.

Lynn "Doc" Skinner has been heading the festival since 1977, and has helped persuade some of the biggest names in jazz to attend. Jazz greats like Lionel Hampton, Ray Brown, Dizzy Gillespie, Diana Krall and Lou Rawls have helped to make the festival a success, Skinner said.

"Nothing gives me more pride than the growth we've seen in the festival these three decades," Skinner said in a news release.

UI officials say they will conduct a national search to find a replacement to head up the festival, reported the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

Skinner has been with the university since 1971, when he was hired as an assistant professor of music. In 1972, Skinner assisted with the festival.

The UI music school was named for Hampton in 1987.

The jazz festival is now a four-day event, attracting more than 50 artists and nearly 22,000 student musicians and visitors annually. This year it starts Feb. 22.

Toddler brain-dead after being run over by mother

MOSCOW — A 15-month-old boy, struck by a family car being parked by his mother, has been declared brain-dead by doctors in Spokane.

According to the police report, mother Kayla Brown placed her son, Kellen M. Dean-Brown, in the vehicle when it started rolling backward down an incline on the street. She said she tried to reach the controls from the passenger side.

When that failed, she ran to the driver's side and was able to stop the vehicle. Brown was not immediately aware that her son had been struck.

The boy was rushed to Gritman Medical Center in Moscow by ambulance, and then flown to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

after Wendy Topping, a Medicine specialist for the Acon Agency on Aging in Lewiston, read the story in the newspaper last week. His benefits were restored the same day.

Durnall had quadruple bypass surgery almost three years ago and relies on six prescriptions and other medical support to keep him going.

Man accused of running over, killing woman

COEUR D'ALENE — Prosecutors have refiled murder charges against a man accused of running over an Athol woman on New Year's Day.

Second-degree murder charges against Jonathan Wade

Ellington were dismissed last week after Magistrate Judge Dageno Marano ruled the state hadn't established sufficient evidence of malice. Prosecutors refiled the charges Friday.

Ellington is accused in the death of Vonette Larsen, 41. According to charging papers, Ellington harassed Larsen's two daughters and followed them to the family home. After Ellington left, he was located by Larsen and her husband Joel Larsen.

Joel Larsen testified that he watched Ellington drive toward his wife, who was standing in the roadway, and run her over. She died at the scene.

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Diana Krall and Lou Rawls have helped to make the festival a success, Skinner said.

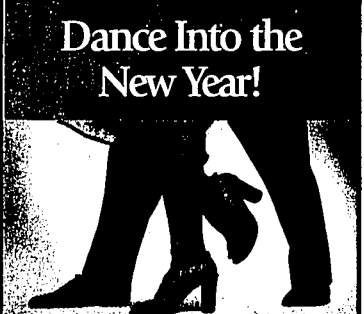
Man gets benefits back after being declared dead

CRAIGMONT — Dave Durnall has been given a "new life" with the reinstatement of his Medicine and Medicaid services after the two agencies erroneously declared him dead.

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His benefits were reinstated

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Organizing old birth records requires puzzle-solving skills

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Genealogists have a new resource for tracing family history: access through the Utah History Research Center to birth records from 1905, the year the state officially began collecting such data.

The records, contained in tan notebook-style registers, are the first batch of birth documents to become public as a result of legislation passed eight years ago. For relatives and genealogists, that means a more accessible and affordable way to collect vital statistics crucial to reconstructing family histories.



Glen Falrough, an archivist with Utah State Archives and Records Services, looks over birth records from the early 1900s, on Jan. 5 in Salt Lake City. The first batch of birth records, kept officially in Utah beginning in 1905, are about to become public at the Utah State Archives after sitting sealed for 100 years.

In careful, concise script, county clerks recorded newborns' genders and names, if known; parents' names, their places of origin and occupations and number of other children; and the name of the midwife or doctor who participated in the birth. There were 5,578 births recorded in 1905, almost exactly divided between boys and girls, according to the Sixth Annual Report of the Bureau of Statistics published in 1906. For family historians, the data provide invaluable links to the past.

"The big starting point for people is 20th century records. That is as far back as memory goes and then you have to go to documents to find more about your ancestors," said Dave Oulmette, collection manager for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

On Jan. 4, State Archives staff began pulling 1905 registers from about 300 storage boxes kept at the state record center in West Valley City in preparation for making the microfilmed copies that will be available to the public.

It is a daunting task. The boxes aren't organized by year or county. The first registers they pulled cover more than one year, which will require archivists to temporarily shield some data. The biggest challenge is creating an index of names to aid researchers, some-

thing that could take months.

"I thought they were in much better arrangement than they are," said Glen Falrough, processing archivist and spokesman for the State Archives. "In a lot of respects, it's like putting together a jigsaw puzzle."

Sill, Patricia Smith Mansfield, archive director, expects much of that work, indexing aside, will be done by the end of the month.

In the meantime, the center, operated jointly by the state archives and the Utah State Historical Society, will do its best to help researchers who know the county and approximate birth month of the individual they are searching for, Mansfield said.

The registers are considered a first draft of the official birth records kept by the State Office of Vital Records and Statistics. The records held by the center don't, for example, include later amendments, such as addition of a baby's name or correction of a misspelling. The center's records are useful for research purposes, but are not legal documents.

Still to be worked out is how

the center will handle records that may have subsequently been sealed by a court order because of such events as adoption or a paternity suit.

And the registers are unlikely to be complete, since Utahns were still getting the hang of documenting births and deaths in 1905.

Until now, individuals could, for a fee, order copies of certified birth records from Vital Records or one of several document businesses if they showed a "direct, tangible and legitimate interest" related to personal or property rights, official government purposes, medical or statistic research and court orders.

In 1998, then-Rep. David Zolman of Taylorsville carried legislation that broadened access to vital records to immediate family members, guardians and legal representatives, including genealogists. His bill also required the documents to be made public after a specified number of years. Death records became public after 50 years and birth records after 100 years.

Skier claims world record cliff jump

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A Utah skier says he has set a world-record cliff jump at the Grand Targhee Resort in Wyoming, dropping 245 vertical feet off the back of Fred's Mountain.

Jamie Pierre, 32, of Salt Lake City, said Friday he made his record-breaking jump on Wednesday as a way to spread the Christian word. He has previously dropped 180 feet and said he had been calculating this jump and waiting for perfect conditions for years.

"It wasn't some yahoo stunt," Pierre said. "I chose to do it so it would open up doors so I could witness my faith in Christianity."

Pierre said he had evaluated the jump for at least seven years before determining that his ability and conditions were right. Teton Gravity Research, a company that specializes in filming radical ski feats, measured the distance from the

cornice to the landing hole with a range-finder to jirm the world record, he said.

The previous world record was set by Paul Ahern of New Zealand, who jumped 225 feet in 1995, according to an article in Skiing Magazine that mentions Pierre's jumping exploits.

Five photographers and three cinema shooters recorded the event, said Josh Nielsen of Teton Gravity Research.

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Exxon demands court reduce \$5 billion Valdez award

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. urged a federal appeals court Friday to erase the \$5 billion in damages an Alaska jury ordered the oil giant to pay for the 1989 Valdez oil spill.

Exxon attorney Walter Dellinger told a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the company should be liable for no more than \$25 million in punitive damages. Punitive damages are meant to deter and punish misconduct.

Exxon, which reported third-quarter earnings of \$10 billion, said it has spent more than \$3

billion on clean-up work and to settle other federal and state lawsuits stemming from the spill.

Deterrence has been so satisfied by that amount," Dellinger said, adding that because of the money Exxon already has paid out over the last 16 years "the harm was largely remedied."

The comment prompted chuckles from a packed courtroom that included fishermen whose livelihoods were damaged when the Valdez oil hit a chartered reed and dumped 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound.

"Our lives were trashed," said Mike McCarty, a former Prince William Sound fisherman who said he now works as a substitute teacher in Arizona and hawks fish at local markets.

Friday's arguments were based on Exxon's appeal of an Anchorage jury's \$4.9 billion punitive damages award to 34,000 fishermen and other Alaskans whose property and jobs were harmed by the black goo the ship left smeared on roughly 1,500 miles of coastline.

During questioning, Judge Andrew Kleinfeld suggested to Dellinger that the \$5 billion should be reduced to about

\$1.2 billion.

"You're saying we should basically erase the punitive damages award," Kleinfeld said to Dellinger.

The case has come before the San Francisco-based appeals court twice before. Both times, the 9th Circuit ordered U.S. District Judge H. Russel Holland of Anchorage to reduce the award.

The latest figure he came up with was \$4.5 billion plus interest.

In 1994, a federal jury found recklessness by Exxon and the captain of the Valdez, Joseph Hazelwood. The finding of

malfeasance made Exxon liable for punitive damages.

The plaintiffs alleged that Hazelwood ran the ship aground while he was drunk and that Exxon knew the captain had a drinking problem but let him command oil tankers anyway.

"That Exxon took chances with the livelihood of 32,000 people makes the conduct, from a common sense perspective, worse," plaintiff's attorney Brian O'Neill argued.

But Kleinfeld wasn't so sure. "They wouldn't want to lose their 11 million gallons of oil," he said.

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Historical records and buildings being neglected, Idaho lawmakers told

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — At Idaho's state historical museum, mold covers an entire wall and the roof is leaking behind several displays.

At the State Archives, staff is scrambling to honor requests for military, marriage and other government records which have increased six-fold since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks tightened federal requirements for proof of identity.

And at the new \$4.3 million Idaho History Center, which held its grand opening Thursday night, security guards and the surveillance system may have to be eliminated for lack of money.

The agency is getting further and further behind. "Steve Garber, executive director of the Idaho State Historical Society that oversees these facilities, testified Friday before the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

The agency is asking lawmakers to boost Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's \$4.3 million request for fiscal 2007 by \$64,500 to address the backlog. Garber says are critical staffing, archiving, security and maintenance needs.

Maintenance on the 59 state buildings of significant historical value has not been funded for the past four years, creating a \$240,000 backlog, but

Kempthorne decided not to ask lawmakers for maintenance funds this year.

He also scrapped agency requests for an additional archivist to deal with the 12,000 annual requests for copies of state records, a curator for the historical museum, a program to preserve cemetery records and money to pay for nighttime security at the Old Idaho Penitentiary campus, where the new Idaho History Center is located.

"In looking at the governor's recommendation, you didn't get a single request fulfilled," Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, noted to Garber.

Some lawmakers questioned why Kempthorne would not seek money to maintain existing state structures when he's asking the Legislature to spend \$24 million on his "preference Idaho" state parks initiative to snow sticks to the state of Idaho monument at the entrance to Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls Saturday afternoon. The area is experiencing an unusual amount of moisture due to Northwest weather patterns.

IDAHO IN SNOW



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Veterans

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"It's all part of their physical therapy. It gets them out of the hospital, they crave getting out. As most have never asked before, but they have all taken to it like a duck takes to water."

Jesse Schertz, a 22-year-old from Peoria, Ill., never thought he'd be on Bald Mountain today, learning how to snowboard. "Hell no, I never thought I'd get blown up," Schertz says. "I lost my leg, got burned all over. He was released from the hospital "Dec. 22, 2004" and it's been three years since his leg was taken for good.

Today, though, Schertz is making the most of the opportunity before he goes back to work, or back to college. He still has projects to do, like working

on his trucks and his new Harley. He might get an apprenticeship at a bike shop in his old neighborhood. The 22-year-old is just happy to be here today, far away from a place he wishes he probably never knew.

"It beats sitting around the barracks," he says.

When someone thanks him, congratulates him for being an American hero, the amputee who is learning to snowboard offers back through this time minus the fiery feeling.

"It was just a job," he says, leaving to get ready to head up the mountain.

David Larson writes for The Wood River Journal in Halley. He can be reached at 208-788-3444.

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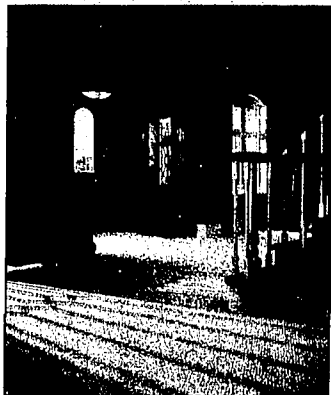
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— Conan O'Brien, on reports that Leonard Nimoy will appear in a Super Bowl pain-reliever ad

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Ben Roethlisberger will be the second youngest quarterback to start in a Super Bowl. Who is the youngest?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College

CCSN, Glendale, Henderson, New York
CSI vs. Utah State, 9 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Semi-pro league needs players

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Dragons and Twin Falls Dragons semi-pro baseball teams need players for the upcoming North West Triple B spring season next April. Tryouts will be held on March 13.

The Twin Falls Dragons and Burley Cats need coaches and players. Also, the Burley team is in need of a manager. Call Carlos at 212-4044 to sign up.

Burley hosts

benefit fundraiser

BURLEY — The 20th annual benefit volleyball tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center, old Burley High School, 1600 Parke Ave., Burley. Play begins at 6 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. and starts at 2 p.m. Saturday. Entry fee will include \$120 plus Area Business sponsored donations.

There will be three games in pool play with a double-elimination tournament. The tournament is limited to 16 teams. Call Scott Beck at 678-4464 or 312-1900 (if no answer please leave a message). Call Carlos at 212-4044 to sign up.

Proceeds will benefit Kelsey Gillette Austin. Kelsey is the daughter of Jerry and Roanne Gillette. She was born with a heart defect called Truncus Arteriosus.

She had three heart surgeries by the age of 4, and since then survived many other problems. Her latest heart repair was at Primary Children's Medical Center on Nov. 20, 2005. She developed a bone in her chest wall when she was detected until Jan. 5 when a plastic surgeon was called in.

She has been recuperating at her parents' home for the two months since her surgery. She is married and hopes to soon return to her husband, Dallas, in southern Salt Lake City, Utah.

Previous beneficiaries include Brandon Tracey, Aubrey Shurtz, Dennis Hanks Family, Samuel Darrington, Spencer Christen, Jessica Bockler, Isiah Gomez, Kayla Whinnill, Skyler Bennett, Travis Wages and Erin Adkins Hobson.

Rodman delivers crowd, win in U.K.

BRIGHTON, England — Dennis Rodman justified his pay for a one-game appearance by helping the Brighton Bears of the British Basketball League to a victory before a capacity crowd on Saturday.

Brighton beat the Guildford Heat 91-88 and is sixth in the 11-team standings. The game drew 1,500 fans and 60 journalists.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Dan Marino. Marino was 23 years, 127 days. Roethlisberger will be 23 years, 340 days on Feb. 5.

SPORTS

CSI WOMEN 96, CEU 69

Eagles crush CEU

Moores combine for 53 in win

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's not a fool-proof recruiting strategy, but College of Southern Idaho women's basketball coach Randy Rogers might want to see how many Moores are going to be available in 2007.

Current Golden Eagles freshmen Maria Moore and Brittany Moore combined for 53 points to lead No. 11 CSI to an easy 96-69 victory over the visiting College of Eastern Utah Golden Eagles Saturday night at the CSI Gymnasium.

Maria Moore finished with a game-high 28 points, 12 rebounds, and five steals, while backcourt mate Brittany Moore broke out of her recent shooting slump to drop in 25, hitting 5-of-11 three-point attempts and finishing 6-of-6 from the free throw stripe.

"Coach Rogers told me to just keep shooting," Brittany Moore said. "We crashed the boards hard, and when I shot and missed, it was like throwing up a rebound for them to put back in."

The Eagles hustled for 22 offensive and 52 total rebounds, while limiting the bigger CEU frontline to only 34 total boards. Freshman Amy Bratwold's work on the boards netted her eight rebounds and as many points.

Rebounding helped, but it was the 19-3 (10-0) Eagles' full-court press that was the difference. CSI forced 30 CEU turnovers and had a field day against a CEU guard corps that often looked uncomfortable with the ball.

Starting sophomore point guard Elisha Harris turned the ball over six times, but was still a more steady option bringing the ball up than her replacements.

"When Harris goes out, they really struggle," Rogers said. "With these other guards in, they struggled with the press and we got to them. Even though we didn't force 40 turnovers like last night, I think we got out of our shells."

CEU fell to 11-8 (2-5 SWAC) despite sophomore post Kristyn Wallace's 19-point, nine-rebound effort. Harris added 12, while guard Jana Glover pumped in 16 to help pace her team.



REAGAN THOMPSON/The News-Bee

CSI freshman guard Kaylan King tries to maintain control of the ball Saturday night during the second half of their Scenic West Athletic Conference game against Eastern Utah in Twin Falls.

CSI also had one of its best nights at the charity stripe, hitting 21-of-26 attempts, good for 81 percent. CEU struggled at the stripe, however, hitting only 5-of-15 attempts.

CSI took a 44-29 lead into the half after Clara Christian ripped the ball away from CEU's Harris, took it nearly the length

of the court, and finished with a layup that hung on the rim, dropping at the buzzer.

The Eagles gained their lead midway through the half, going on a 14-9 run between the 16- and 13-minute mark. With Harris on the bench, the Eagles took advantage of the CEU backup guards' uncertainty

with the ball, forcing four turnovers in that span with their full-court press.

Moore led the Eagles with 12 first-half points, while Glover scored seven to lead CEU at the half. The Eagles have a bye week next week before they head to Coeur d'Alene to face the North

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Jackson knows football is finite, ministry eternal

By Amanda Hardy
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Joe Jackson is not sure if there will be football in heaven, but he does know one thing: "I can preach till I'm 90."

Known as "Mad Mountain" Jackson by teammates when he played for the Minnesota Vikings and New York Jets in the 1970s, Jackson was a hard hitting defensive end and a nightmare to any quarterback.

"I have a purpose and a pas-

Joe Jackson speaks

Former NFL player Joe Jackson will speak today at 10:30 a.m. at The First Assembly of God Church at the corner of Locust and Addison avenues. He will also lead a community assembly at 6 p.m. at Roper Auditorium by Twin Falls High School.

sion," Jackson said. "I'm not a pro-athlete just going to kids, I believe there is a divine message to what I say." Jackson's stop in Twin Falls this weekend is part of a four-day tour in the Magic Valley speaking to groups and youth.

"I speak about truth that has

nothing in God," he said. "Jackson said he has always had faith in his life, but as an 18-year old freshman walking off the practice field at New Mexico State he had an "awakening" that changed his life from that moment on.

"I had religion for 19 years," Jackson remembers. But, after speaking with a boy his same age about religion that day after football practice he developed a relationship with God. "Since then he has spoken in high schools, prisons and venues around the world."

Jackson, a full-time motivational speaker since the early '90s, combines his work with the

two passions in his life: music

and football. "I feel football parallels life," Jackson said. "It's about finishing strong, paying a price, sacrifice and discipline, things I try to live by."

"Though a natural on the field, Jackson admits he is the least likely person to speak in public.

"I had fear, I lacked the confidence," he said. "But, life is about being able to transition. I had to learn separation."

"This is a message he aims to pass on to youth along with making good choices."

"I had to learn to draw a line in the sand, no drugs, no steroids," he added. "I was going

to make it with what God gave

me." And Jackson did make it, though it was not always easy for him as a Christian in the NFL. "I regret I didn't understand you and make your own categorizations," he said. "But, I never desired to be a pleaser just for the sake of fitting in."

One of Jackson's main goals is to connect with the youth. "Young people need to know they're loved and have value and are important," he said. "This is something he has learned in his life through his work."

"Your window is so short as a pro-athlete, but mine has eternal significance," he said.

Ricker wins snowboarder X gold after Jacobellis pulls out

The Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — The three-time defending champion was out, resting her sore knee for the Olympics.

It didn't matter to Maelle Ricker. Ricker, a member of the Canadian Olympic team, ended American Lindsey Jacobellis' reign as snowboarder X champion, passing Joanne Anderson on the final jump on Saturday to win her second Winter X Games gold.

"I'm sure it would have been more legit if she was there because she was competing to hold her four straight wins," said Ricker, of West Vancouver, British Columbia. "But it's still nice to win. Deep to the chest that Lindsey was missing, it was still good competition."

U.S. Olympic team member Nate Holland edged Switzerland's Marco Fuser in

How'd Willie do?

Bun's Willie Elm took fifth place in his 30-cross quarterfinal Saturday. The semifinals are scheduled for Sunday. Coverage continues on ESPN2 at 11 p.m. Sunday.

Olympics next month.

But the first day of Winter X was as much about the Olympians who didn't compete — Jacobellis, Hannah Tere, Gretchen Bleiler — as the ones who did. Jacobellis is at the top of the list.

A technically sound stylist, Jacobellis has a high profile headed into Turin. She's a favorite to win gold in snowboardcross and the focus of a Visa

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Maelle Ricker (B) celebrates after winning the women's snowboarder X event while fourth-place finisher Tanja Frieden, of Switzerland, comes to a stop in the background — as they compete in the Winter X Games Saturday, in Aspen, Colo.

SPORTS



Dallas Mavericks' Josh Howard, center, hangs off the rim after dunking the ball as Utah Jazz' Jarrod Collins (31) and Deron Williams, right, look on in the first half of NBA basketball action in Dallas, on Saturday. The Jazz' Devin Brown (23) is in background right.

Mavericks whip listless Jazz

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki shook off a twisted ankle to score 21 points and Josh Howard scored 24, leading the Dallas Mavericks past the Utah Jazz 105-89 Saturday night for their season-best eighth straight victory.

Coming home after a 5-0 road trip, the Mavericks trailed for only one possession in the opening minutes. A far bigger scare was seeing Nowitzki doubled over in pain after getting his feet tangled with a Utah player late in the first quarter. He limped off the court and went to the locker room, but returned midway through the second.

But they enjoyed a 51-37 rebounding edge for one of the few times this season, held the Knicks to only 35 percent shooting and allowed the fewest points scored against them this year.

Wizards 107, Bobcats 97

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored 32 points and the Wizards won their 11th straight game, falling two games below .500 for the first time since Dec. 31.

Allen Iverson, scoring in 33.6 minutes, played a game, sat out with a sprained left ankle after he was injured in the fourth quarter of Thursday's loss against Orlando.

Grizzlies 95, Hornets 86

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — David West scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half and grabbed 12 rebounds Saturday as the New Orleans Hornets beat the Memphis Grizzlies 95-86.

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Minico cruises to Halverson title

The Times-Herald

Local sports

RUPERT — It was all smiles for the Minico Spartans at the end of a long and snowy day Saturday, as they captured the 2006 Red Halverson Memorial Invitational at Minico High School.

Local sports

Girls basketball Postseason

Raft River, Hansen survive in Southside

MURTAUGH — Raft River jumped out to a 21-6 lead and cruised to a 68-27 lopsided win over Castledorf Saturday night in the Southside girls basketball tournament.

Lindsay Hutchison scored 15 and Brittany Hansen scored 13 points to lead the Trojans. Jany Lopez scored 13 for the eliminated Wolves.

In the other game, Hansen eliminated Murtaugh 62-45 after jumping ahead 25-5 in the first quarter.

Hansen's Charlotte Freestone scored 16 points followed by 15 for Amanda Urie in the win. Druce Tolman scored 15 in her Red Devils prep finale.

Hansen and Raft River play at 6 p.m. Monday in a loser-out game. Halverson takes on Oakley at 7:30 in the championship.

Raft River, 68, Castledorf 27

Castledorf won 27-26 in overtime. Raft River scored 27 points in the first half.

Hansen, 62, Murtaugh 45

Murtaugh scored 45 points in the first half. Hansen scored 62 points in the first half.

Northside games rescheduled

SHOSHONE — Snow Saturday morning forced the Northside Tournament schedule to be bumped back to Monday.

On Monday, the junior varsity championship will be played at 4:30 p.m. followed by varsity loser-out contests between Camas County and Dietrich at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Monday winners will play a loser-out contest at 6 p.m. followed by the conference championship between Shoshone and Richfield at 7:30. The second-place game between the Wednesday loser-out game winner and the championship game loser will be played Thursday at 7.

Boys basketball

Buhl 52, Snake River 41

BLACKFOOT — Senior guard Mikey Bourner scored 24 points including four 3-point goals and junior forward Will Chivers

added 20 as the pair combined to lead the Buhl Indians over the Snake River Panthers 52-41 Saturday night.

The Indian defense was also a key factor in the game.

The Indians played a great defensive game and forced a good team to take some tough shots, Buhl head coach Ryan Bowman said. "And it paid off for us."

Buhl (10-5, 5-1) travels to Wood River Tuesday.

Hagerman 54, Gooding 45

HAGERMAN — Senior forward Taylor Talbot scored 25 points including two 3-point goals for Hagerman to lead the Pirates to a 54-45 win over the Gooding Senators in Saturday night action on the court.

"I think it was a hard fought battle — both teams played well," Hagerman head coach Kevin Cato said. "But we hit eight free throws in the fourth quarter to help seal the game."

Tyler Wines and Justin Rogers each contributed 10 points to lead Gooding. Ryan Lester and Jason Brown each added seven.

Hagerman (14-2, 9-0) plays at Raft River Tuesday.

Hagerman 64, Gooding 45

Gooding scored 45 points in the first half. Hagerman scored 64 points in the first half.

Collego

BYU 86, Colorado ST. 84

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Fernando Mallam stole the ball from Colorado State's Stephan Gilling with seconds remaining and Brigham Young held on for an 86-84 victory Saturday night.

Colorado State (12-6, 1-6 Mountain West Conference), which won its first nine games at home this season, lost for the second straight time at Moby Arena and for the sixth time in its last seven games.

Brigham Young led BYU (12-6, 4-3) with a career-high 24 points as the Cougars snapped a seven-game losing streak in conference road games dating back to 2005.

Weber ST. 66, Idaho ST. 61

OGDEN, Utah — Weber State's Nedim Pejovic had career-highs of 17 points and seven rebounds and led the Wildcats snapped a seven-game losing streak by beating Idaho State 66-61 Saturday.

Idaho State (9-10, 1-6) was led in scoring by David Schroeder with 18. Tim Henry had 10 points, four rebounds and four assists for the Bengals.

Stars win thriller over Red Wings

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Modano pounced a shot into the top of the net in the first extra round of a shootout, giving the Dallas Stars a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday in a thrilling game between the top teams in the Western Conference.



Dallas Stars left wing Jussi Jokinen (38) from Finland and defenseman Sergei Zubov, right, celebrate with teammate Mike Modano (9) after Modano scores the winning goal in a shootout against the Detroit Red Wings in their NHL hockey game Saturday. Dallas won 2-1.

Dallas goalie Marty Turco beat Detroit for the first time in 11 tries and this would've been the toughest for the former University of Michigan star to get over had Modano not balled him out.

After two superb periods, Turco had the penalty that led to the Red Wings' lone goal early in the third period. Then, with Dallas leading 2-1 on the third round of the shootout, Turco pulled out to have the game by replacing Henrik Zetterberg to miss wide right but a replay led to him being called for throwing his stick at the puck.

Lightning 6, Flyers 0

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Mighty Ducks 6, Kings 2

LOS ANGELES — Corey Perry had two goals and an assist. Scott Niemi added a goal and two assists, and Anaheim held a franchise record with four power-play goals.

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Rangers 7, Penguins 1

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Blue Jackets 4, Predators 3

COLUMBUS, Ohio — David Vyborny scored the second of his two goals with 1:23 remaining to give the Blue Jackets a comeback victory.

SPORTS



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward catches a ball during football practice Saturday, in Pittsburgh. The Steelers head for Detroit on Monday, to prepare for Super Bowl XL against the Seattle Seahawks.

Regaining their running game a Super Bowl priority for Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chuck Noll or Bill Cowher, Terry Bradshaw or Ben Roethlisberger, Lynn Swann and John Stallworth or Hines Ward. The 1970s or the 2000s.

The coach and the quarterback don't matter, and neither do the wide receivers nor the era.

The Pittsburgh Steelers always stay the same, in good times and bad, and that means their offense relies on the running game to set up the pass, and not the other way around.

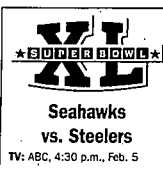
Not these Steelers, at least not in these playoffs, and that's a source of worry to coach Bill Cowher. Especially last a week from only the second Super Bowl appearance in 26 years for a franchise whose offensive philosophy changes less than any other NFL team.

For all the attention given Jerome Bettis' Super Bowl homecoming to Detroit for the Feb. 5 Super Bowl against Seattle, and Bettis' three short-yardage touchdown runs, the Steelers' running game was surprisingly ineffective during their three AFC playoff road victories.

A year after running the ball more than any NFL team in the last 20 years, the Steelers were limited to a 2.7 yards per carry average at Denver and Indianapolis.

Their 3.2-yard average in three games is lower than a number of other NFL teams, and their average per carry less than their opponents (4.3) and well off their own regular-season average of 4.0.

The drop-off reflects the change in tactics that saw the Steelers start the Colts and



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Broncos games by throwing first to build a lead, then running the ball to preserve it. Both opponents knew the Steelers would try to sit on the leads with their running game and adjusted their defenses accordingly.

Regardless, the lack of yardage is becoming a concern to Cowher. Willie Parker, a 1,200-yard back, has been held to a 2.7 average and doesn't have a playoff run longer than 14 yards. Bettis has minimal yardage — a 2.65 average over two games — since he had a 25-yard run against Cincinnati.

So far, Roethlisberger's effective throwing — seven touchdown passes with only one interception — has more than made up for the lack of rushing.

So far, "We're doing what we have to do to move the football, and teams have been stuck on taking away our running game so we've had to pass to move it," rookie tight end Heath Miller said.

All-Pro guard Alan Faneua said the Steelers simply are taking what defenses are giving them, and that the running game hasn't, and won't, go away.



"It's always run-first," Faneua said. "The last couple of games, people decided to stop the run so we passed the ball, got the lead and sat on the lead. You're not going to set the world on fire when you're up 17 points. Look at the situations: We were trying to kill the clock and trying to pound it out."

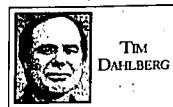
Cowher looks at the rushing statistics and doesn't like what he sees, despite Roethlisberger's strong throwing.

The second-year quarterback was 14-of-19 (73.7 percent) against Cincinnati and 21-of-29 (72.4 percent) against Denver, the two best playoff completion percentages for any Steelers quarterback who attempted more than 10 passes in a game.

"We've got to run the ball better, there's no question about that. We've played two pretty good defenses and this one's no different, they're ranked fifth against the rush," Cowher said of the Seahawks.

The Seahawks gave Washington (25 carries, 59 yards) and Carolina (12 carries, 36 yards) no room to run in their two NFC playoff games, though Carolina virtually abandoned the run after falling behind 17-0 early in the second quarter.

Reasons abound for having an extra week before Super Bowl XL



TIM DAHLBERG

For 43 percent of American adults — the ones who describe themselves as loyal NFL fans — this might be the most painful weekend of the year. They're oddly disconcerted, and sometimes break into cold sweats while pausing the remote control.

It's little wonder why. For 25 straight weeks the NFL has been feeding their addiction, beginning with the oddly named American Bowl Aug. 6 in Japan (Atlanta 27, Indianapolis 21, for those who might have forgotten).

Summer turned into fall and then became winter. The seasons changed, but there was always one constant. Every Sunday you could count on the NFL for a quick fix.

Those glorious days are over. The Super Bowl looms and, for one weekend, television sets are silent across our great land.

So why does the NFL insist on adding an extra week before the big game? Turns out there are plenty good reasons, some of which you may not have thought about before.

Among them, it gives:
• Matt Hasselbeck and Terry Bradshaw can take the NFL commercial and fully capitalize on their folksy charm during the game. Dan Rooney is a league icon and son of one of the founding members of the NFL while Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen kept the Seahawks in Seattle and remained patient with Mike Holmgren when things weren't going so well.

The NFL additional time to find and remove all the Matt Millens hanging in effigy at Ford Field.

• Jerome Bettis another week to savor what may be the last game of his career. Bettis has the rare chance to do what few athletes can — go out on top in the biggest game he's ever been in. That didn't look so promising only a few weeks ago when his untimely fumble against Indianapolis on Oct. 12 ended his career prematurely.

• Indianapolis Colts fans a chance to unload the hotel rooms they booked a few

months ago when their team was undefeated and seemed certain to be headed to the Motor City.

• Vegas betting parlors and offshore Internet sites another week to rake in Super Bowl bucks. Last year, gamblers won a total of \$30.7 million in legal sportsbooks in Nevada and untold hundreds of millions more online in books of questionable legality.

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No. 1 UConn takes seventh straight

Broncos blow out Vandals

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Hilton Armstrong had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Josh Boone had nine and 13 on Saturday to lead No. 1 Connecticut to its seventh consecutive win, a 76-62 victory over Providence. The Huskies (11-6, 6-1 Big East) used a 52-34 rebounding edge to win their second chance points to 11 for the Friars.

Providence (9-9, 2-5) fell to 0-5 against ranked teams this season and has not beaten one in 15 tries.

Bolse St. 82, Idaho 68

MOSCOW — Junior guard Koby Karl scored 25 points as Boise State beat in-state rival Idaho 82-68 Saturday at Cowan Spectrum.

Karl was 8-for-14 from the floor against the Vandals, including a 6-for-8 clip from beyond the 2-point arc.

Boise State (10-9, 3-5 Western Athletic Conference) won its fifth straight game in the series between the schools, which now stands 42-37 in the Broncos' favor.

The loss was the eighth straight for Idaho (8-14, 0-6), which hasn't won since defeating North Dakota State 76-71 on Dec. 21.

The Vandals were led by Thoris Shepard with 23 points. David Dubois added 14 points.

No. 5 Florida 81, Vanderbilt 58

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Al Horford had 16 points, 16 rebounds and six assists and Florida bounced back from consecutive losses.

College basketball

The Gators (18-2, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) matched the school record with their 19th straight victory at home and avoided their first three-game losing streak in nearly two years.

DeMarre Carroll had 18 points for Vanderbilt, which has lost three of four since a stunning win at Kentucky.

No. 8 Illinois 76, Purdue 58

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Rich McBride scored 19 points and Illinois won its 33rd straight home game, tying Southern Illinois for the longest current streak in the country.

Gary Ware and Marcus Green each scored 11 points for Purdue, which lost its fourth straight.

No. 11 Michigan St. 69, Penn St. 60

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Shannon Brown scored 23 of his 29 points in the second half to lift Michigan State, which played without center Paul Davis.

Geary Claxton had 19 points for the Nittany Lions (10-6, 2-5).

No. 12 Pittsburgh 77, Marquette 71

PITTSBURGH — Antonio Graves and Carl Krauser led a decisive 10-0 run late in the game as Pittsburgh overcame a sluggish start and a 12-point deficit.

Freshman Dominic James had 16 points for Marquette (15-6, 5-3).

No. 14 G. Washington 81, Rhode Island 62

WASHINGTON — Pops Mensah-Bonsu had 17 points and 12 rebounds and George Washington closed the game with a 29-8 run.

No. 17 UCLA 63, Oregon St. 54

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Luc

some players manage to find it.

• Seattle fans time to drink a few million more triple lattes and get their own kind of buzz on. There are only three Starbucks in Detroit, but luckily they'll understand how Seattleites come in and start speaking coffee bubble like "Double-tall, four-pump vanilla caramel Macchiato."

• The Rolling Stones more time to remember what lyrics they are in and what the lyrics are to "Start Me Up." Think a Janet Jackson wardrobe malfunction was "cocking" Keep your eyes on Keith Richards during halftime.

• Seemingly ordinary people enough name to do silly things like name their towns for a week like Washington, Pa., did when it adopted the monicker Steeler Pa. Then there's the Pennsylvania couple they less their 15-month-old son in a No. 7 Steelers jersey and make sure he never misses a Steeler game on TV. The boy's name? Seven.

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Richard Mbah and Moutbe had 14 points and eight rebounds to lead UCLA.

SAN CATE had 24 points and seven rebounds for Oregon State (10-10, 3-6).

Temple 91, No. 18 Maryland 85

PHILADELPHIA — Mardy Collins scored 25 points and five assists and Courtney Sims added 18 as Temple, which went on a 17-2 run late in the game.

Nik Cauer-Medley led Maryland (14-5) with 30 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 19 Tennessee 81, South Carolina 65

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Chris Lofton scored 23 points and Andre Patterson had 13 points and 12 rebounds to lead Tennessee.

The Volunteers (14-3, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) won their third straight game.

No. 21 Georgetown 76, Cincinnati 57

WASHINGTON — Jeff Green had 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists and Georgetown pulled away early to its fourth straight win.

James White scored 22 points to lead Cincinnati (14-7, 3-4).

Rutgers 65, No. 22 Louisville 56

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Quincy Doum had 19 points and seven rebounds and Ollie Bailey scored six of his 12 points down the stretch as Rutgers scored the game's final nine points.

Louisville did not score over the final 3:02.

Michigan 80, No. 23 Wisconsin 76

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Dion Hareis scored a season-high 23 points and Courtney Sims added 18 as Michigan won its second straight over a ranked opponent.

Bailey heads into retirement with 2nd-place finish

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jerry Bailey was about to end the final moment of his career in the paddock Saturday when the horse kicked him in the hip.

"Guess I went out with a bang," Bailey said.

The jockey headed into retirement with a sour side and a neutral smile following a second-place finish in his last race. Bailey's festive ride Silver Tree was three-quarters of a length short in a bid for a come-from-behind victory Saturday in the \$500,000 Gulfstream Farms 119 Turf Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

"I hope more people bet to place than to win," Bailey said. The race was part of the Sunshine Millions Cup, with four races each at Gulfstream and Santa Anita. Florida-bred horses edged California-breds 37-35.

Bailey's mounts finished 11th and fourth by a nose in his earlier races. So he concluded his 31-year career with 5,893 victories, the last coming aboard favored filly Shakespear in a \$33,000 allowance race Friday.

"Not exactly a fairy-tale ending, was it?" said Bill Mott, Silver Tree's trainer and Bailey's long-time friend. "But it was close. Hours before his final race, Bailey said he would approach it like the Kentucky Derby, which



In a photo provided by Equi-Photo, Jockey Jerry Bailey gets kicked on the right leg as he and trainer Bill Mott back off in the paddock while trying to mount Silver Tree for the last ride of Bailey's career, Saturday, at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, Fla. Bailey finished second in the race.

he won twice. And so the loss hurt — just like his right hip. "You're either a hero or a goat. I guess I'll go out hay tonight," Bailey said. He put his arms around his wife and son as he talked about his final race.

"I think Silver Tree was probably the best horse. But going into a turf race with a lot of speed, I knew it would probably set up that way. It didn't open up in time for me. I played the hand that was dealt me. It just wasn't enough."

Bailey, 46, won a record seven Eclipse Awards as the nation's best jockey.

Lava Man won the \$1 million Sunshine Millions Classic at Santa Anita. Other winners there were Moscow Burning in the \$500,000 Warren's Thoroughbred Filly and Mare Turf Stakes, Florida-bred Hot Storm in the \$300,000 Filly and Mare Sprint, and Da Stoops in the \$250,000 Sun Day in the Sunshine Millions Dash.

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Letting Kwan skate in Turin was the right thing to do

NANCY ARMOUR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When it comes to figure skating, someone's always got their sequins in a snit about something. There's the ever-popular debate about whether it's a sport or all the glitzy, shenanigans and, of course, those horrific costumes. But sending Michelle Kwan to the Turin Olympics shouldn't even be a question. She deserves that spot, and she's earned it. And with the way she looked in front of that monitoring committee Friday, don't bet against her making a run at another medal.

Kwan may not have had her usual competitive sparkle — it's a little dull in an empty rink, wearing practice tights and a ponytail — and she's going to have to add a few more tricks to her arsenal. But her all-business attitude showed just how badly she wants this.

The plan was to have breaks between her run-throughs, giving the monitoring committee a chance to compare their notes and Kwan time to regroup. Skaters don't often do back-to-back run-throughs. But to do so five minutes after they've done a program, and they're still gasping for breath and wiping away the sweat that's dripping from their foreheads.

But four minutes after she finished her long program, there was Kwan, back at center ice in her starting pose. "I'm glad that you're doing Michelle," said Bob Horn, head of the monitoring committee. "She was ready to do her short program."

Kwan initially hadn't planned to do any double axels for the monitors. That was the jump on which she injured her groin, and she only started doing it again Thursday. But she went ahead and tried one in the short program anyway.

And promptly fell. Now, that one error wasn't

aside for Emily Hughes, the bronze medalist at nationals, is just shy.

At 25, the five-time world and nine-time U.S. champion is no longer heads and skates above the competition the way she once was. She has competed sparingly over the past few years, and her fourth-place finish at the world championships last March was her worst in a decade. We're still waiting to see that triple-triple combination she's always talking about.

Her poor showing at worlds? It still was less than half a point from the bronze medal. She also was using programs designed for the old 6.0 judging scale, not the new points-based system that has very specific difficulty levels.

"It was hard to adapt under the new system," she said. "But this year I made sure she spins, the network and all the spins were up to the new system. So I'm not too worried."

When she's on, Kwan's performances can move people to tears. Though she was clearly more concerned with getting through the session than performing Friday, there were glimpses of that old brilliance.

Her free skate music, Tchaikovsky's "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" is the soaring, majestic type that suits her best. Her footwork is quick, intricate and expressive, the kind of dancing on ice that can bring a house down. And the spin she did at the end of the session would stack up against anyone in the world.

"It's truly the opinion of this monitoring team that Michelle could win the Olympics," Horn said. "We really believe that, and she skated that way."

She certainly deserves the right to try.

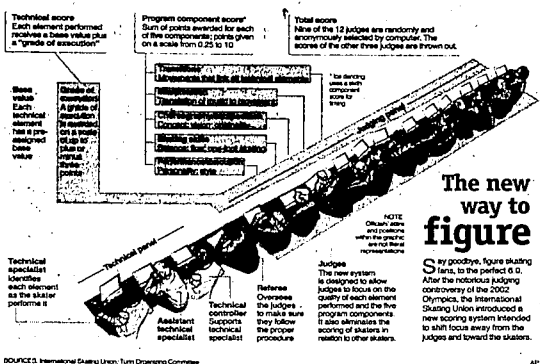


FIGURE 1: International Skating Union. Turin Engineering Specialist

Old and new to meet on ice in Turin

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Sasha Cohen, Irina Slutskaya and Evgeni Plushenko are back. A Russian couple is the heavy favorite in pairs yet again. Judging is in the spotlight. And Michelle Kwan is making one last run at gold.

If the story lines for the Turin Olympics sound familiar, well, many are. But figure skating is anything but predictable, and the only certainty is that someone will come along to shake things up.

"You never know what can happen," Slutskaya said. "It's ice. It's slippery. It's life."

So let's get everyone's favorite Olympic soap opera going. Kwan has gone to the last two Olympics as the gold-medal favorite, only to find herself beaten by a fellow American who skated with the joy and abandon that was once her trademark. She has a silver from Nagano and a bronze from Salt Lake City, and she stuck it out on these last four years in hopes of finally completing her set with that elusive gold.

But the five-time world champion isn't the favorite this year. She didn't even seal her spot on the plane to Turin until Friday. "I've been in all situations before, the underdog, then favorite," Kwan said. "I have a lot to work on. I'm going to try my very best to skate from the heart."

Given a medical bye into the U.S. team two weeks ago because of a groin injury, the 25-year-old skater her long and short programs for a five-person monitoring committee Friday in Los Angeles, where she was fit and healthy enough to compete.

"If she's healthy and able to compete, she's definitely one of the strongest to compete for the United States at the Olympics," Cohen said.

But not the strongest. That's Cohen, who finally lived up to all of her considerable potential with her first national title this month.

She's always been a dazzling mix of beauty, grace and athleticism, but she lacked the resolve that transforms elite athletes into champions. She was second to Kwan four times at nationals, and she botched her chance at a medal in Salt Lake City with a shaky free skate.

After spending 25 years on the East Coast, though, Cohen found herself when she returned to Southern California and longtime coach John Nicks.

"I definitely want to feel like there's no regrets, that I've put in every ounce of training that I can," she said. "I want to skate, amazing. I want an Olympic gold medal. It's been a dream of mine."

It's not about anyone else," she added. "It's about me and what I want to get done there."

If Slutskaya is at her best, though, it might not be about anybody but the Russian.

Her only loss since the 2004 worlds was at the Grand Prix final, and the skater who beat her, Japan's Mao Asada, is too young for Turin.

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto know something about second chances. The ice dancers are favorites to Southern California and finally end the U.S.'s 30-year Olympic drought. But it wasn't long ago that the couple wondered if they'd even get to go to Turin.

The Canadian-born Belbin wasn't due to get her citizenship

until 2007 — a year too late for Turin. But Congress stepped in, passing a law that allows her and other immigrants to take advantage of recent changes that speed up the naturalization process.

"I think we're looking at these Olympics as just the icing on the cake," said Belbin, who was sworn in Dec. 31. "We want to live it up and take in everything that the Olympics has to offer."

When Pladenko is healthy, he's in a class by himself. He's added two more world titles since finishing second to fellow Russian Alexei Yagudin in Salt Lake City, and he won his fifth European crown in a rout last week. Despite barely being able to breathe for the last 1.5 minutes of his free skate because of the flu, he beat reigning world champion Stéphane Lambiel by more than 16 points.

Against him I can't make any errors," Lambiel said.

Though Lysacek finished second to three-time champ Johnny Weir at nationals, he's considered a better shot for a medal. He was the bronze medalist at last year's worlds, and was the only American man to qualify for the Grand Prix final before withdrawing with an injury.

"Our theory (so far this year) was play it safe and be consistent," said Lysacek, who is coached by the renowned Frank Carroll. "But Frank's been warning me and saying, 'There's going to be a time during the season when you have to take a risk. You're not going to get anything out of the Olympic Games if you don't take a risk.'"

"I think if I do my best and I have a quiet day in the program, I have just as good a shot for gold as anyone else."

Americans chasing Canada in women's hockey

NEW YORK (AP) — For nearly two decades, the hierarchy in international women's hockey has remained the same: Canada and the United States sit on top in remarkable equilibrium, with the rest of the world far below.

Don't expect that to change at the Turin Games, where the Canadians and the Americans are strong favorites to face off in their third straight gold medal game.

But both teams have a new look this winter, with new players going after their first Olympic medals — and even experience for the next American generation of forwards. Longtime goalies Sara DeCosta and Sarah Tuttle also left the program.

"There's no doubt it's a different time for us, but we're just focusing on the players who are still here," veteran U.S. forward Katie King said. "Everybody's trying to never going to be like it was before, but you have to move on and try to win."

Smith no longer is an speaking terms with Granato, who had been an over U.S. team



Team USA's Angela Ruggiero scores her team's second shootout goal on Team Canada's Kim St-Pierre, on April 9, 2006, at the World Women's hockey championship in Linköping, Sweden. The shootout ended, 3-1, with Team USA winning the gold medal and Canada the silver.

since international competition began in 1990. She will be an NBC commentator instead of the U.S. captain — and the controversy is just one reason Turin should provide the most intriguing competition since women's hockey became a medal sport.

It isn't the same game it was four years ago, or even one year ago, said Smith, whose decision to leave was the talk of the sport last fall, even among the perplexed Canadians. "We're a much different team, and the Canadians have made changes as well. The rest of the world is getting better every day. You've got to meet those challenges head-on, or you're going to get caught from behind."

Sarah Parsons, his top rising star. Just four players — forwards Jenny Potter, King and Tricia Dunn-Luoma and star defenseman Angela Ruggiero — remain from the club that won the sport's first gold medal in Nagano in 1998.

The new goalies are West Coast products: Thanda Gunn, a Southern California, overcame epilepsy to earn her spot, while Alaskan Pam Dreyer was forced to postpone her wedding to recover from an injury in time for the Olympics.

Canada is loaded again behind forward Hayley Wickenheiser, generally considered the sport's top offensive player. Most of Canada's wins were convincing victories — but the United States won two of the last four, including a game in Winnipeg on Jan. 1.

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she was honored by the president and the Russian Olympic Committee and minister of sport as the best athlete in the sports-and-medals country.

"I'm so excited for this time," she says, "I'm in her voice carrying all the way from Moscow. "You're so happy. I just want to go there and do my best."

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She's been nominated to carry Russia's flag in the opening ceremony, and on Thursday she'll be carrying the Russian Olympic Committee and minister of sport as the best athlete in the sports-and-medals country.

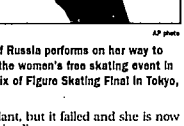
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And oh, the star potential. With cherubic, apple-cheeked, short hair that evoked memories of Dorothy Hamill, and a quick, bright smile, fans were automatically drawn to Slutskaya when she was on the ice. She was funny and charming, too, cracking jokes at news conferences and showing a joy that's a rarity when a sport becomes a job.



Irina Slutskaya of Russia performs on her way to second place in the women's free skating event in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Tokyo, Dec. 17, 2005.

had one transplant, but it failed and she is now back on the waiting list.

Natalia was well enough that her daughter came to the United States in the spring of 2003 to skate with the Champions on Ice tour. When Slutskaya returned to Russia, though, she had a cough and high fever that came and went without any relativity.

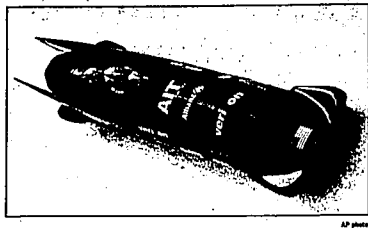
Through it all, Slutskaya never complained. She returned to competition at the 2004 worlds, and her ninth-place finish was her worst ever. But she beamed as if she'd won the title, thrilled to be back on the ice.

Slutskaya's energy slowly returned, and she was back to her old self by the fall of 2004. Though the medication she takes to keep her illness in check often leaves her tired and with swollen, aching legs, it hasn't slowed her on the ice. She's won all but one competition in the last two seasons, including her second world title.

"I'm very impressed with Slutskaya. As an impressed with Michelle (Kwan). Not because of what they do in any particular, but the length of time that they've been on the podium at the world level," says John Nicks, Sasha Cohen's coach.

The mark of a great athlete is not necessarily of one performance, but the performances over a number of years.

Skeleton drama aside, U.S. sliders have big medal hopes



Team USA 1 with pilot Todd Hays, Pavlo Ivanov, Steve Mesler and brakeman Brock Kretzberg during the first run of the 4 men bobsleigh world cup competition in Koenigssee, southern Germany, on Jan. 15.

NEW YORK (AP) — The last time an American men's bobsledder won gold was 1948, a drought Todd Hays says he wants to end. Vonneta Flowers will seek a second straight Olympic win, this time with a former rival. And Tony Benshoof, Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin are looking to make huge history.

Yes, there are sliding story lines entering the Turin Games other than the season-long drama and occasional dysfunction that hovered over the U.S. skeleton team.

American sliders won eight medals in Salt Lake City four years ago, and will be hard pressed to match that total this time without a home-ice advantage. Still, each of the three U.S. sliding teams heads to Italy believing medals are not only possible, but realistic.

We've had enough of these messes and I hope that something good is about to happen," said Jim Shea Sr., the president of the U.S. skeleton and Skeleton Federation whose now-retired son Jim Jr. won skeleton gold in 2002. "Like seeing one of these kids on the medal stand with a big smile on their face."

Smiles have been a rare sight of late for U.S. skeleton athletes, who slide headfirst down the same track used by bobsledders and luge at speeds nearing 80 mph.

In October, reigning World Cup champion Noelle Pikus-Pace broke her leg when a bobsled smashed into her. She returned midway through the season, but the U.S. women carried on to Olympic sport — going to Katie Uhlenhuth, the top American in this season's standings.

Weeks later, national team coach Tim Nordlie was suspended amid sexual harassment allegations. An arbitrator found no credible evidence to support those claims, but the U.S. Olympic Committee also investigated and ultimately refused to let him coach in Turin.

"I believe that everyone on the team will be able to do great without Tim," said Zach Lund, the top U.S. men's slider. "But it would definitely be nice to have him back since he is a part of all our success."

Lund also has endured turbulence of late. He was suspended for two races after he failed a

drug test — he said it stemmed from his use of a common hair-restoration product.

But he will race in Turin, and likely will be considered a medal favorite. Eric Bernotas and Kevin Ellis, who'll join Lund on the men's Olympic team, also have had strong seasons.

"We've been through a lot," Uhlenhuth said. "I'm going to continue as I have throughout the season, doing the best I can and focusing on the one race that counts in February."

Hays feels the same way. He drove the U.S. to a four-man silver medal in 2002, only 0.3 seconds behind German driver Andre Lange. Hays' silver, along with driver-turned-coach Brian Shimer's bronze in the same event, snapped a 46-year medal drought for the U.S. men's bobsled program.

Another silver simply won't be good enough for Hays, who has eight World Cup medals this season alone.

"Hopefully we can get it all together for the games," Hays said. "I think we're definitely starting to peak."

Hays isn't the only American bobsledder with big plans for Turin. Both U.S. men's and women's field are considered serious medal threats as well.

Shauna Rohbock drove her sled to the top of the first two races of the season's first four races, and raced particularly well at the Cesana Pariol track in the Olympic site — a year ago, even beating Germany's top driver and World Cup leader Sandra Kiriasis in one run.

Flowers will be pushing for Jean Pralognan, who was known as

Doublets specialists Grimmette and Martin won bronze in 1998, silver in 2002 and hope to complete that trilogy with a golden finish in Turin. And Benshoof could become the first U.S. single slider to medal in an Olympic — he's consistently been among the top three on the World Cup tour this season.

But he'll have to beat a star-studded field including defending Olympic champion Armin Zoeggler — who'll slide on his home track — and the great German Georg Hackl, a three-time gold medalist whose presumably in his final Olympics.



Team USA skip Casale Johnson delivers a stone against Team Canada at the World Womens Curling Championship in Paisley, Scotland, on March 23, 2005.

Curling is ready for its close-up

NEW YORK (AP) — The only TV coverage of curling's Olympic debut was from David Letterman's mom.

Eight years later, the sport once miscast as "extreme shuffleboard" will come into the house with regular broadcasts, anchored by a telegenic U.S. women's team that could leave Turin with the first American curling medal since it became an Olympic event in Nagano.

"Winning a medal would be unbelievable for us — any medal," said Cassie Johnson, the 24-year-old skip who joins her older sister, Jamie, on the American team for the 2006 Olympics. "It would also be good for the sport."

Although popular in Scotland, which claims to have invented curling, and in Canada, which claims to have invented ice, curling remains on the fringe in the United States. Apart from scattered clubs around Minnesota and Wisconsin, few Americans paid it any attention — until Salt Lake City.

With its frenzied sweeping and clattering rocks, curling was the breakout hit of the 2002 Games. But the attention came with an almost condescending tone that underplayed the physical nature of the sport and put it in a leisure class with shuffleboard and bocce.

Still, American clubs reported increased membership, longtime curlers had trouble getting time and the query in Scotland that makes the best rocks worked to meet the demand.

"That's our No. 1 goal, to get people out there and trying it," said Pete Fenson, the skip of the U.S. women's team. "Any kind of exposure that the game can get is going to help. That's why we see an explosion with the Olympics, because people see it on TV, they watch, they call their local clubs and they want to get involved."

"The Olympians didn't need to be convinced," said Maureen Brunt, the lead thrower on the American women's team. "If other people like it, it validates the fact that we've put everything else on hold."

And like it they do. Curling tickets for Turin have been among the fastest to sell, and organizers say Americans will dominate the crowd.

"That puts an added responsibility on the U.S. teams: They're not just there for themselves, but with the sport's future resting on their shoulders. Fenson knows that it's not enough for Americans to watch the curling in Turin; they have to see Americans succeed there."

"We think that it has something to do with how well the teams do over there," he said. "I think we realize that, but I don't think anybody's feeling any extra pressure because of it. Once they try it is usually when people start to like the game. They appreciate what it takes to play the game and to play well, and how demanding it is."

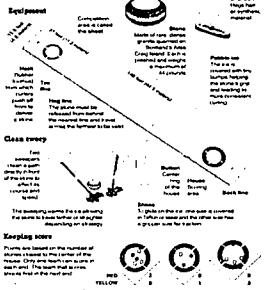
It can be an impact, Fenson's skill will have to overcome defending Olympic champion Paul Trulsen and a Canadian squad led by Brad Gushue. Sweden, Switzerland and Britain also figure to be among the contenders.

"The American women were the only team to medal in Sweden at the world championships last year, but not to them in the final. Anette Norberg will skip for Sweden again in Turin. Scottish housewife Ithona Martin is back at the Games four years after throwing the "Stone of Destiny."

Rocking the house



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Each stone is made of a single piece of granite and is 36 inches long, 16 inches wide and 16 inches high.

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to win Britain's first winter gold since Torville and Dean's Bolger in 1994.

And Canada, which has a gold and a bronze in the only two Olympic competitions, is always a threat.

The U.S. women are poised to make a splash, led by the blondo and bashful Johnson sisters. NBC plans to broadcast 26 matches, 15 of them live.

"People think it's easy and that anybody can do it," said U.S. second Jessica Schultz, noting that her curlier handles a 42-pound stone another walks almost 3 miles during one match. "We want people to try it and see how hard it is, and to understand why we're out there sweeping the ice."

Hakkinen shoots for biathlon breakthrough

By Amio Stapleton Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE — Jay Hakkinen was justified just to make the Olympic team in 1998 in Nagano and to shoot his way to the post the best finish ever by an American on biathlon four years later in Salt Lake City.

Now, at 28, he's in his prime and has much bigger ambitions at Cesana San Sicario in the Italian Alps.

"I have been to the Olympics before," he declared. "I want the podium now."

Hakkinen, of Kaslo, Alaska, is the best U.S. biathlete ever but wasn't satisfied until he puts each week's earnings in an American for the first time in a sport long dominated by Norwegians, Germans, French and Russians.

Biathlon combines cross-country skiing with rifle marksmanship and is the most popular winter sport in Europe, with tens of millions of viewers each week tuning in for World Cup competitions.

size of a coffee cup saucer from a starting position. For every miss, they have to ski a 150-meter penalty loop, costing them valuable time at the finish line.

That's what kept Hakkinen off the podium in Salt Lake, where he finished 13th in the pursuit, the world's highest finish ever by an American.

With the third-fastest ski time, he had hit just one of the two targets he missed out of 20, he would have won the bronze.

Jeremy Teela, 29, of Anchorage, who has been competing against Hakkinen since high school, also sees himself in the medal hunt after a surprise 14th-place finish in biathlon's longest event, the men's 20-kilometer individual race, at Salt Lake City.

As an excellent altitude performer, Teela could be just the sport for him to break through, too.

The others on the U.S. men's team are: Tim Burke, 23, of Paul Smiths, N.Y.; Lowell Bailey, 24, of Lake Placid, N.Y.; and Brian Olsen, 22, of Bloomington, Minn.

spectacular season in World Cup competition. Her best career finish was 31st in the sprint at the 2002 Games.

She'll be joined in Italy by 23-year-old twins Tracy and Lanny Barnes of Durango, Colo.; Carolyn Tracy, 23, of Duluth, Minn., and Sarah Konrad of Bishop, Calif.

At 38, Konrad is the oldest U.S. woman Olympian this year and the first American woman to qualify in two different sports in the same Winter Olympics. She'll spend her first week in Italy competing in the biathlon and the final week competing in cross-country skiing.

If Konrad can hit 70 percent of her targets in the biathlon, she has the potential to be the biggest surprise for the Americans because of her exceptional skiing skills. She has that rare attribute in her sport commonly called a "huge engine," in which her extraordinarily high aerobic capacity allows her to "skate" at high speeds for a long time without slowing down.

Unlike Steer, who depends on shooting well, Konrad relies on her skating — and in the sprint race, a great skier can almost out-ski a penalty loop.

Not everyone in Italy excited about Olympics

SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) — Using that most ancient of means for expressing private thoughts publicly — graffiti — someone scrawled OLYMPIADI INFERNALI in his spray paint on a stone wall along a road snaking through the Alps near Turin Games venues.

It's a play on words. Olimpiadi Invernali means "Winter Olympics in Italian. Olimpiadi Infernali means "Olympics from hell."

Yet while locals complain about the congestion caused by construction projects or worry about Turin Olympic finances, they generally are optimistic about their city's moment in the spotlight.

What there does appear to be an abundance of elsewhere in Italy, though, is indifference. Whether it's the country's pronounced north-south divide, or the simple fact that millions here would rather spend a day at the beach than bobsledding the Feb. 10-26 Winter Games down the slopes.

Even the government official overseeing the Olympics is quick to note that he's a "man of letters," not one of his 58 million countrymen.

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In this image made available by the Torino 2006 Olympic Torch Relay web site, an unidentified Olympic torchbearer runs in the seemingly deserted ancient downtown in Matera, southern Italy, on Jan. 3.

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T.F. city tournaments near Gymnasts succeed in Boise

The next big event for the Twin Falls Bowlers is city tournaments. Entry forms are available.

Ladies will be bowling at the Bowldrome on Feb. 11-12, 18-19. The lineup is four-person teams that can be bowled at noon on Feb. 11, 2 p.m. on Feb. 12, 11 a.m. Feb. 18 and 2 p.m. Feb. 19.

The singles schedule is 3 p.m. Feb. 11, 10 a.m. Feb. 12, 2 p.m. Feb. 18 and 10 a.m. on Feb. 19. Doubles will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 11, noon Feb. 12, 4 p.m. Feb. 18 and noon Feb. 19.

Cost is \$15 per event per bowler with all events at \$150. All events are optional and can be signed up for handicap, scratch, both or neither. Entries close on Feb. 6 with \$1,000 guaranteed prize fund.

The men's city tournament will be at the Magic Bowl on



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

or neither. Entries close March 3 with \$2,500 added to the prize fund.

If you have any questions about the tournaments you should contact the local association secretary, Kay Puschel, at the secretary for the women and Les Poe for the men.

Last Tuesday morning, congratulations went to Tonya Armstrong. She is a first-year bowler who bowls because her husband needs a woman on his team. That morning, she bowled a 207, 95 pins over her 112 average. Her series was 454 and the highest on the team. Join Tonya and "Let's Go Bowling!"

Thelma writes a column for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-4537 or by e-mail at tucker@angletlk.com.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Gymnastics began its competitive season with impressive performances at the Holiday Classic held in Boise last December.

"We are continuing to build on the successes we had last year. This is a rebuilding year with many athletes entering a new level of competition. Last year we dominated with our second year athletes. This year we are showing the rest of Idaho that we can dominate with our first year competitors as well," said head coach Jennifer Wright-Clinton, the owner of Magic Valley Gymnastics. The Magic Valley is quickly becoming the driving force in Idaho gymnastics. I predict another successful state meet for our athletes.



Pictured is the Level 6 team from Magic Valley Gymnastics. In the back row, from left to right are: Alycia Williams, Ashley Geist and Clara Hawkins. In the front row, from left to right are: Sami Drollinger and Courtney Ellis.

In December, Magic Valley gymnasts dominated the level 6 competition, taking the top spots in each of the age divisions they entered. In the 8-10 year old division, Courtney Ellis and Samantha Drollinger took a 1-2 sweep in the all-around with scores of 33.1 and 33.05 respectively. Ellis also placed second on the bars, and first on the floor. Drollinger placed first on the vault, third on the bars, and second on the beam and floor.

In the ages 11-and-older division, Magic Valley took a 1-2-3 sweep in the all-around with Ashley Geist taking first with a 33.7, Clara Hawkins taking second with a 33.25 and Alycia Williams placing third with a 33.05.

Geist also placed first on the vault, beam and floor. Hawkins placed second on the vault and bars, and third on the floor. Williams placed third on the vault, bars and beam.

In the level 4 competition, Gabby Bormoy dominated the 8-9 year old division winning each of the four gymnastics events and compiling an all-around total of 35.60 points to be the highest all-around total of the whole competition.

Also in the 8-9 year old division

of the level 4 competition was Mackenzie Molesworth who placed 10th in the all-around with a 32.90 and second on the floor.

In the 6-7 year old division of the level 4 competition, Brinley Reed placed third on bars, first on the vault, and second on beam and third overall with a combined score of 30.05. Tori Aragon placed fifth overall with a 27.85 and Yousune Fitzhugh placed sixth overall with a 27.40.

In the 8-and-under division of the level 5 competition, Rachael Glaze placed fourth overall with a 32.10, Anna Priddy placed fifth overall with a 31.9, Haley Ackerman placed third on the bars and sixth overall with a 31.15. Krista Giodowski was 11th all-around.

In the 11-and-older division, Lami Roemer placed third on the vault, first on the bars, third on the all-around with a score of 30.0.

In the level 7 competition, Champe Shelton won the all-around with a score of 35:175

and also placed first on the vault and bars and third on the beam. Taylor Macce placed fifth in the all-around with a 32.90 and second on the floor.

In the level 8 competition, Mykel Walton placed fourth overall with a 32.2 and second on the bars. Teammate Brooke Wagner competed in three of the four events, nursing a sore heel and hopes to return to full competition in the near future. In the level 10 competition, McKenzie Martinez dominated taking first places in each of the four events and winning the all-around with a score of 34.65.

Gymnasts in the early season competitions are trying to qualify for the State Championship that will be held in March 2006, in Moscow.

Magic Valley added the following athletes to the state qualifiers list:

Level 4: Brinley Reed and Madeline Ko.

Level 5: Haley Ackerman, Rachael Glaze and Lami Roemer.

Level 6: Alycia Williams.

Level 8: Mykel Walton.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

BOWLING

Here are the scores reported from the bowling centers for the current week.

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SPORTS

North conquers South again

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Charlie Whitehurst's passing, Michael Robinson's running and Daniel Buckley's alert special teams plays sent the North to a 31-14 victory over the South in the Senior Bowl on Saturday.

The showcase game for senior NFL prospects didn't include many highlights for the more heralded offensive stars. There were an array of errant passes and few big plays.

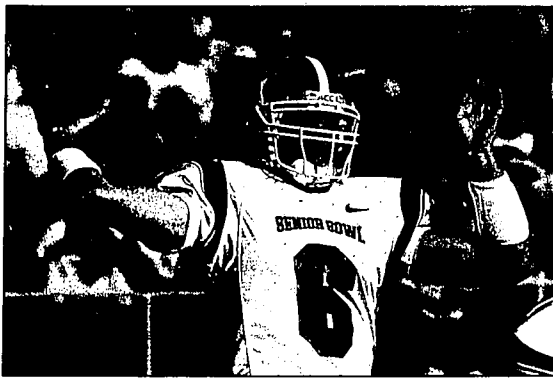
But Robinson displayed the running ability that could bode well for a possible position move after a dazzling season at quarterback for Penn State. He led two touchdown drives with his legs, not his arm, and gained 63 yards on nine carries despite a sack.

Whitehurst, the North's offensive MVP, directed a seamless drive after Vanderbilt's Jay Cutler was ineffective on the first two series. The Clemson quarterback was perfect on five attempts for 66 yards, lofting a 15-yard scoring pass to Colorado tight end Joe Klopfenstein and finishing 7-of-9 for 30 yards.

Besides Whitehurst, none of the quarterbacks found any consistent rhythm.

Nebraska's Bullocks recovered two muffed punts, snubbing one in the end zone for a score and setting up the final touchdown with the other in the fourth quarter.

It was a mostly quiet day for two of the top offensive NFL prospects, Cutler and Memphis tailback DeAngelo Williams. Cutler was just 6-of-19 for 69 yards and was intercepted in the end zone by Cedric Griffin of Texas to end the game's opening drive. Cutler did complete a 7-yard TD pass to Arizona State's Derek Hagan with 6:12 left after Bullocks' second fumble recovery.



North quarterback Charlie Whitehurst of Clemson looks to throw the ball against the South during the first half of the Senior Bowl college football game Saturday, in Mobile, Ala. Whitehurst was named the North's offensive player of the game, which the North won 31-14.

Williams played sparingly but effectively with three carries for 31 yards. He also took a screen pass 28 yards in the fourth quarter and was the South's offensive MVP.

The overall MVP was Miami receiver Sanrice Mass of the South, who had three catches

for 46 yards and a touchdown. He also ran 27 yards on a reverse and recovered a fumble.

The defensive MVPs were Georgia Tech's Geris Wilkinson (South) and Penn State's Tamba Hall (North).

The game's two in-state quarterbacks produced both threw touchdowns passes for the South. UAB's Darrell Hackney hit a wide-open Devin Armstrong of Auburn in the left corner of the end zone for a 17-

yard score early in the fourth and Alabama's Brodie Croyle hit Moss of Miami for a 30-yard TD in the first.

Moss made a nifty juke on a defender to get open on the play.

Light ends Dominique Byrd of Southern California and Klopfenstein were the North's top receivers. Byrd had four catches for 67 yards and Klopfenstein finished with three receptions for 39 yards.

Long-awaited Garcia-Woods showdown nears

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Sergio Garcia believes his putting is now good enough to take him to new heights. The first step will be getting past Tiger Woods in the Buick Invitational.

Garcia overcame a double bogey on the second hole that nearly wrecked his round, then hit 8-iron into 5 feet for a birdie on the 10th hole Saturday and a 4-under 68, giving him a share of the lead with Ildf Pampling of Australia.

They will be joined in the final group Sunday by Woods, a three-time winner at Torrey Pines who shot himself into contention by firing fearlessly at flags for 67, the best round of the day on the tough South Course.

"It's time for it to happen," Garcia said of his putting, which has kept him from winning more than he has. "It's a new feeling for me, but it's a wonderful one. Hopefully, we can keep it going like this."

Garcia and Pampling, who also birdied the final hole for a 68, were at 11-under 205.

Woods was nowhere near the lead through seven holes and was spraying shots all over Torrey Pines until a 7-iron into the eighth green. He made par, but the swing felt the way it should, and Woods seized on it the rest of the round. He made three straight 6-footers, one of them to save par, and tipped out for birdie on the final hole.

He was at 206 with Australian rookie Nathan Green, who shot 69.

"I put myself there with a chance to win tomorrow," Woods said. "There's so many

guys with a chance. You have to play your game and see what your good enough takes them.

Adding to the dynamics of what should be a thrilling conclusion was Phil Mickelson, who was among nine players who had at least a share of the lead at one point Saturday. Lefty made three bogeys on the back nine, but a good putt on the 18th salvaged a 69 and left him only two shots behind, along with Jesper Parnevik and Brandt Jobe.

"I had it going," said Mickelson, who had the outright lead after a birdie on 11. "The last seven holes did me in, but I'm still within striking distance. I think it's going to be a really interesting Sunday."

Ten players were separated by three shots going into the final round.

Stenson leads Qatar heading into final round

DOHA, Qatar — Henrik Stenson shot a 1-under-71 Saturday to retain his one-stroke lead after the third round of the Qatar Masters.

Stenson, at 11-under 205 heading into the final round, leads Paul Broadhurst (67) and Niclas Fasth (68). Richard Finch, who shot a 71, and Ricardo Gonzalez (72) are tied for fourth, two strokes behind Stenson.

Defending champion Ernie Els had a 69 to move within six shots of the leader.

On Friday, the South African equaled Bernhard Langer's European Tour record by making his 69th consecutive cut.

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- 2 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 3 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 3 Blood Mobile 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Moose Hall
- 3 Dinner @ Country Club 5-7 p.m. Prime Rib, Steak, Shrimp, Chicken, & Trout
- 6 Cards/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 7 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands
- 7 Speaker: Centennial Committee
- 7 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 7 ROCK TALK @ Eighth Street Center 6:00-7:30 \$5 per person
- 8 Buhl Centennial Museum Grand Opening
- 8 Kiwanis 12 noon at Grandstands
- 8 Bingo at Moose Hall 7 p.m.

- 9 Rotary 12 noon at Grandstands
- 9 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 10 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 10 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 13 City Council at City Hall at 7 p.m.
- 13 Cards/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
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- 17 Dinner @ Country Club 5-7 p.m. Prime Rib, Steak, Shrimp, Chicken, & Trout

- 18 Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.
- 18 All you can eat \$3.00
- 20 President's Day
- 20 Cards/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 21 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands
- 21 Speaker: Noah Miller
- 21 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 22 George Washington's Birthday
- 22 Kiwanis 12 noon at Grandstands
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Rupert man brings Mayan work home

Richard Hansen, a former potato farmer from Rappert, is one of the world's foremost authorities on ancient Mayan civilization. He spent years farming by day and researching by night. From 1992 to 2004, he commuted by plane to University of California-Los Angeles to work as a research professor.

Not anymore. Now he drives to Pocatello, where he's part of Idaho State University's Anthropology Department, said a news release from the university.



BUSINESS BEAT
Chris Baldus

Hansen was featured in the *Wall Street Journal* in November for his archeology and conservation work in the El Mirador region of Guatemala. In December, that country, grateful for his work, bestowed on him the highest honor it gives civilians.

All who received the National Order of the Cultural Patrimony of Guatemala can know that they have a special place in the life of our country, and have earned the respect and affection of the Guatemalan people," Guatemalan President Oscar Berger said when he gave Hansen the award in Guatemala City.

To learn more about Hansen's work in Guatemala, you can go to <http://www.imirador.basin.com>.

It was Halloween last year when Dana Henry opened Equilibrium: Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine. Her office is at 1625 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. A graduate of the Southwest Acupuncture College in Boulder, Colo., she's a nationally licensed practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine and herbolgy, she said. She also has a bachelor's degree in Asian studies from Colgate University, where she graduated cum laude.

Banner Bank is open at 1340 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. It will have a ribbon-cutting celebration from 10 to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Banner Bank, based in Walla Walla, Wash., operates 57 branch offices and 12 loan offices in 24 counties in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Banner Corp. is its parent company.

More about Jerome growth: Last year the Jerome City Council approved development plans for 1,188 houses which are expected to be built over the next three years, said Martin Eick, the city's economic development director. To put that into perspective, the city has about 3,000 existing homes, he said. And, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the city grew by 755 homes between 1990 and 1979. From 1980 to 1970, that growth was 250 new homes, said the census.

Scams and more scams: If you get me an e-mail account, you too, have been victim to some great human dramas. Just Friday morning I received an e-mail from a sergeant in the U.S. Army whose division discovered \$25 million in a box they originally thought was a bomb. Now, they're trying to smear the rest of the country and need my help. He said he'd split the money with me. Oh, my gosh. What a deal?

But wait, here is another offer. Secret the widow of a man who worked for deceased Liberian President Charles Taylor needs my help. She has \$20 million stashed from a secret government meeting involving really secret diamond trades. They are derivatives of a scam that dates back to the 1960s, when it used letters to the rich as victims. You are offered big bags of money if you can just send some money first. You can read all about the "Nigerian Scam" on the internet.

People have fallen for these. "Fortunately, not too many," said Tim Martin, securities investigator for the Idaho Department of Finance. "Unfortunately, we certainly have had our share of actual victims in the past."

New tax season, new rules

Tax filers face changes for auto donations, retirement savings and more

**By Elliott Putnam
Associated Press writer**

WASHINGTON — New rules for donating that old car, tax breaks for hurricane victims and bigger incentives to save for retirement are among changes Americans will see this tax-filing season.

Other new wrinkles include: High gasoline prices lifted the standard mileage rate allowed for business use of vehicles. And a new definition of "qualifying child" adds tax benefits for certain filers — the technical fix of which might make your eyes glaze over.

But if the fine print is too much

to take, take heart: This year, the Internal Revenue Service has made it easier to procrastinate. The filing deadline is April 17, two days later than usual because the regular deadline, April 15, is a Saturday. And there's a new, automatic six-month extension anyone can get by simply filing a form.

Also, the IRS Web site features new online tools for figuring qualification for two complex tax items — the alternative mini-

mum tax and earned income tax credit — as the agency continues to prod taxpayers toward electronic tax preparation and filing.

"Electronic filing is a quick, easy, smart way to file your taxes and get your refund faster," said Richard Morgante, commissioner of IRS' wage and investment division, which handles taxes filed by individuals.

Last year, 68.5 million individual returns were filed electronically — more than half, and an 11.3 percent increase from the previous year. Many were e-filed by tax professionals, but about 17 million came directly from home computers. Safeguards ensure e-filing is secure, the IRS says.

Those still resisting that route should know this: Taxpayers who e-file and have refunds deposited directly into their bank accounts get the money in as few as 10 days, compared with six to eight weeks to get a refund check when paper tax forms are filed by mail.

Congress added several temporary tax breaks for victims of the devastating hurricanes Katrina, Wilma and Rita. Some highlights:

- Suspension of limits on writing off personal casualty losses; normally, such losses must be reduced by a \$100 deductible and 10 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

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GREENSPAN THE POLITICIAN

His long career produced many victories

**By Noll Henderson
The Washington Post**

WASHINGTON — Government leaders, Wall Street analysts and academics have heaped accolades on Alan Greenspan as he prepares to step down as Federal Reserve chairman Tuesday, leaving behind a strong economic expansion, tame inflation and low unemployment after more than 18 years of adjusting the nation's interest rates.

But Greenspan, 79, also leaves a remarkable political legacy, say Republican and Democratic policymakers who have worked with him in Washington over nearly four decades.

From his days working on Richard Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign to his congressional testimonies last year, Greenspan has helped candidates, presidents and lawmakers devise and sell policies on countless social and economic issues. An avowed "free-market" Greenspan consistently pushed for less government regulation, smaller federal budget deficits and freer trade; these observers said. Early on, he helped move the federal government to play a smaller role in the U.S. economy than was commonly accepted in the 1960s and 1970s.

However, as Greenspan has indicated in public and private comments, his years in political life also taught him that compromise is necessary to preserve both capitalism and democracy. Over time, Greenspan helped forge several deals that strengthened the government's hand or extended its reach.

"Alan has had, mostly behind the scenes, a tremendous impact on government policy" over the last 40 years, said former president Gerald R. Ford in a December interview. Ford appointed Greenspan chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in 1974.

Long before becoming Fed chairman in 1987, Greenspan played key roles in ending the nation's military budget campaign, helping Congress approve the Helms Bill Clinton's 1993 budget and President George W. Bush's 2001 tax cut. He urged Congress last year to create private Social Security accounts to reduce the deficit and resist calls to renege trade barriers.

"Alan Greenspan has probably been a key player in more Republican presidential campaigns and Republican party platforms and Republican administrations than any other economist in the country," said Martin Anderson, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution who worked in the Nixon and Reagan administrations. "He's a wonderful politician."

Greenspan thrived in the Republican Party because it housed so many like-minded individuals. But Democrats, including President Jimmy Carter, also embraced deregulation in the 1970s; Clinton, in the 1990s, supported free trade and deficit reduction, declaring the era of big government over.

In the process, "the political impact of (Greenspan's influence) has probably been to push the Democrats more to the center on fiscal policy," said independent banker Felix G. Rohatyn, a Democrat who served as Clinton's ambassador to France.

The Fed chairman declined to comment for this article.

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Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan prepares to answer questions before the Senate Banking Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington in this 2002 file photo.

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Photo courtesy of Earl and Carol Holding

Some Wood River Valley resident were suspicious of Carol and Earl Holding, pictured, when they bought Sun Valley in 1977. This weekend they are being thanked for turning it into one of the best ski areas in the world.

Owners of Sun Valley honored

Holdings were not so popular when they bought resort in 1977

**By Karen Bosack
The Wood River Journal**

Neither Earl nor Carol Holding knew how to ski when they wrote out a check for \$12 million to purchase Sun Valley in April 1977.

But they learned how to carve turns on what is regarded as one of the best ski mountains in the world. And with every turn they made, it seemed, they raised the standard for ski resorts a little higher.

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It's this hands-on attention to detail and excellence that has marked the Holdings' tenure at Sun Valley. And it's this love of detail and excellence that has prompted the community to honor them with a tributes today. A free public one will be at Carole's Double Mountain Lodge. A sold out dinner will follow tonight in the Limelight Room.

The beginning

Sun Valley was not the stuff of glass chandeliers from Milan and handwoven wool carpets from England when Earl and his wife Carol stopped for lunch nearly 30 years ago while driving from Salt Lake City to their ranch in Montana, said Jans, a real estate developer from California, had done what he could, cutting new runs on Mt. Baldy, building the Sun Valley Mall and upgrading the Inn and other properties he had bought from Union Pacific. But the Lodge Dining Room and its battleship gray linoleum floor was closed. The bathhouse in the Inn had worn through to black cast iron. Resort employees had to move guests' beds in lodge guest rooms every time it rained because the roof leaked.

And each time Jans wanted to upgrade facilities, he had to sell off Sun Valley holdings in a systematic process that had led to Sun Valley's condo boom. Please see HOLDINGS, Page D5

Highlights of Greenspan's long career

**By Karen Yourbak
The Washington Post**

- **EARLY YEARS**
1944: Greenspan drops out of Julliard to play tenor sax and clarinet in a swing band. The band's manager was Leonard Garment, who later became Richard Nixon's law partner.
- 1952: Meets Ayn Rand, founder of "objectivism."
- **RICHARD NIXON YEARS**
1967: Rand's book on capitalism includes Greenspan essays.
- 1968: Martin Anderson, friend and fellow Rand devotee, asks Greenspan to join the Nixon campaign.
- **GERALD FORD YEARS**
Sept. 4, 1974: Sworn in by President Ford as chairman of Council of Eco-

- nomics Advisers. Ayn Rand attends.
- **RONALD REAGAN YEARS**
1980: Serves as an economic adviser on Reagan's campaign.
- 1981-83: Chairs the National Commission on Social Security Reform.
- 1985: Helps James A. Baker III prepare for confirmation hearing on nomination to be Treasury Secretary.
- Aug. 11, 1987: Succeeds Paul A. Volcker as chairman of the Federal Reserve.
- **GEORGE H.W. BUSH YEARS**
Fall 1990: Urges Congress to reduce the deficit and enact a budget deal that includes tax increases.
- February 1992: Bush appoints Greenspan to second term.
- November 1992: Bush loses to

- Bill Clinton.
- **BILL CLINTON YEARS**
January 1993: Six meet to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at State of the Union address.
- February 1993: Supports President Clinton's deficit-reduction budget proposal, which includes tax increases.
- February 1996: Clinton appoints Greenspan to third term.
- January 2000: Clinton appoints Greenspan to fourth term.
- **GEORGE W. BUSH YEARS**
January 2001: Urges Congress to cut taxes.
- May 2004: Bush appoints Greenspan to fifth term.
- October 2005: Bush nominates Ben S. Bernanke to replace Greenspan when his term expires Tuesday.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Angela Griggs
Angela Griggs, 19, of Kimberly has been promoted from assistant manager at the Only a Dollar Store on Blue Lake Boulevard in Twin Falls to manager at the same store in Jerome. The Kimberly High School graduate started her new job Jan. 12.

Shelly Botch
TWIN FALLS — Primary Therapy Source, Pediatric & Adult Physical Therapy, 325 Martin St., Suite 2, welcomes the addition of speech language pathologist Shelly Botch. She has a master's degree and certificate of clinical competence in speech language pathology. She has an extensive background in school age and early childhood speech and language disorders and delays. She currently specializes in pediatric feeding and swallowing as well as early childhood language development.

Botch has been a speech pathologist-feeding specialist in the Magic Valley for approximately eight years and is a member of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association.

Botch received both her master's degree and bachelor of science degree in communication disorders from Eastern New Mexico University.

Botch lives in the Twin Falls area with her husband and twin boys. She can be reached at 734-7333.

Realtors
TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Realty announced the arrival of several new Realtors.

- Nor Herrera is a graduate of Shoshone High School. He earned a degree in

computer drafting from the College of Southern Idaho. A resident of the Magic Valley for 13 years, he also plays in a band called Karigma and speaks Spanish.

• Jamie Williamson was raised in the Twin Falls area and graduated from the College of Southern Idaho, then received a bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University. Her interest in real estate has grown over the years starting with the purchase of her first home at 18.

Williamson and her husband moved numerous times while he was serving in the military. They relocated to the Twin Falls area in 2002. She brings experience with relocation and first-time home buying to the team.

• Laurie Madden grew up in San Jose, Calif. She moved with her husband and two children to Kent, Wash., in 1996, and then moved to Twin Falls after eight years in the Emerald City.

Clear Springs
BUHL — Clear Springs Foods Inc. announced its recent hiring and promotion of employees.

Ed White has joined Clear Springs as vice president of operations. He will be responsible for all of the operations of the company.

Clear Springs is a vertically integrated company with egg production, feed manufacturing, processing, specialty processing, and primary distribution in its own fleet of refrigerated trucks.

White began his career with Kraft Foods and has spent the past 20 years with Congrat Foods. He is a graduate of Idaho State University where he earned two bachelor's de-

grees in business (marketing and management) while playing football. He currently serves on various boards in the community, including the Police Community Council Board, Magic Valley Health Partners, Cactus Petes Advisory Board, and the ARTEC Board.

• Margaret Horton has been promoted to the position of sales service supervisor, where she will oversee the order entry function, monitor inventory issues, plant production coordination for special customer needs, and general customer service activities.

Horton joined Clear Springs in 1981. She has been instrumental in shaping the sales service department and is committed to meeting or exceeding the expectations of customers.

She is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho FastTrac Business Development Program.

• Cally Parrott has been promoted to the position of director of corporate relations, where she will oversee corporate communications and relations, continue to manage corporate giving, oversee various employee benefit programs and be responsible for human resource administration. She also serves as an officer of the company.

Parrott joined Clear Springs in 1990 and is currently pursuing a master's degree from Idaho State University. She is a graduate of Lewis Clark State College where she earned a bachelor's degree in business management. She currently serves as a Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee Precinct representative. She has formerly served on the boards of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, United Way of South Central Idaho and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.

Casino workers
JACKPOT, Nev. Cactus Petes Resort Casino announced its team members of the month for December 2005.

• Bob Stevens works in the Support Division in the Transportation Department and drives the team member bus. He joined Cactus Petes in October 1997.

• Michael Gates works in the Slot Department in the Gaming Division. He joined Cactus Petes in December 2002.

• Alencito Camacho is a server in Canyon Cove Buffet in the Food and Beverage Division. He joined Cactus Petes in April 1996.

Cactus Petes also announced its leaders for the fourth quarter.

• Janie Palomino is a server in the Human Resources Department in the Support Division. She joined Cactus Petes in March 1997.

• Lynda Schlund is a shift manager in the Table Games Department in the Gaming Division. She joined Cactus Petes in October 1995.

• Jessie Gonzalez is the Room Chief at Pancho Villa in the Gaming and Beverage Division. He joined Cactus Petes in May 2004.

MILESTONES



Canyon Cartridge Inc. opened in December in the Wilco Shopping Center at 799 Cheney Drive, Suite D. The opening was celebrated with a ribbon cutting hosted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. The store specializes in compatible and remanufactured ink and toner cartridges. Canyon Cartridge is owned and operated by Carlos and Susan Kelly. Pictured left to right are Carlos and Susan Kelly, and Wesley Kelly.



Riverdale Mortgage opened a new office in December at 1092 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. The store originated in Rupert and is a local company. Local employees have experience working with conforming, non-conforming, one-time close and home equity loans. Pictured from left to right are Sonya Black, loan officer; Mike Manning, owner-operator; Mark Wiseman, owner; Jeff Catmull, owner; and Sam Evans, Twin Falls branch manager.

Chevron reports record profits in fourth quarter

Los Angeles Times
Revenue for the quarter rose to \$53.8 billion, up 26 percent from the same period a year ago. The company had \$11 billion in cash as of Dec. 31, after spending \$755 million in the fourth quarter to buy back shares.

"The hurricane impact significantly exceeded everybody's highest estimate," said Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Fadel Gheit, who owns Chevron shares and rates it a buy. "Being in the Gulf of Mexico and being in the path of the hurricanes, there's nothing you can do about that."

David O'Reilly said Gulf Coast oil and gas production — 300,000 barrels a day before the storm — was limited to almost half that, or 160,000 barrels a day, in the fourth quarter. Of the remaining 140,000 barrels of daily production still shut in by storm damage, O'Reilly said: "We've recovered the easy-to-recover portion in the Gulf of Mexico ... There could be 20,000 barrels per day that we just won't ever get to recover because it's not economic."

Baldus

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state of Idaho."
A prominent scam out there now involves job seekers, he said. People are asked to submit their resumes to fake job services. Then the services e-mail them back asking people to open bank accounts that the service will fill, allowing the people to keep a percentage for themselves. It's a scam coming out of Russia, Martin says, and the accounts are tied into online brokerage frauds.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Money editor Chris Baldus at cbaldus@magicvalley.com or 735-3259.

College offers training in basic office programs

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will be offering a series of classes designed to deliver the basic features of programs used in everyday business — Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Outlook. The emphasis will be on menu items and toolbar features, and classes will take a hands-on approach to help students be able to use these programs effectively and independently.

Classes meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays in Shields 101. The cost is \$35 each or \$140 for all five classes.

Following is the class schedule:

- Microsoft Word, Feb. 6 and 13, will cover completing and printing a letter, formatting and envelope.
- Microsoft Excel, Feb. 27 and March 6, will cover creating spreadsheets, formatting and printing from the program.
- Microsoft Access, March 13 through 27, will cover creating databases, writing and running queries and making changes to the database using query.
- Microsoft PowerPoint, April 3 and 10, will cover creating and formatting slides, using menu items for preparing and presenting slides shows.
- Microsoft Outlook, April 17 and 24, will cover creating address books, sending and receiving emails, and using menu and formatting functions.

For more information or to register, call 732-6286 or 732-6290.

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on the Hill" this Thursday at the Idaho State Capitol Building in Boise.

The activity is jointly sponsored by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers, Idaho and the Idaho Association of Health Underwriters. It offers an opportunity to learn about the legislative process and voice opinions to state legislators and members of the Idaho Department of Insurance.

Activities begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with a reception, dinner and entertainment with the legislators starting at 5:30 p.m. Continuing education credits are available for those participating. For more information, call 362-4953.

Classes to teach supervision

TWIN FALLS — A new schedule of the four-part Basic Supervision course coordinated by the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University will begin in February.

The class, which was modified recently to meet the changing needs of employers and their employees, will begin with Phase I, "The Art of Supervision," at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7-28. The program helps new or existing managers develop personal effectiveness skills in the areas of creating a motivating climate, leading for growth and performance management.

Cost is \$390 for each program, which includes all instruction and program materials. A 10 percent discount is offered for two or more people from the same organization or if one person signs up for at least two programs.

Workshop focusing on Web building

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center will present a two-day, 14-hour workshop for business owners who want to design and develop their own Web sites.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 18, in Room 276 of the Aspen Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

CSI Webmaster Carlos Bittencourt will teach Macromedia Dreamweaver MX, which provides visual layout tools that allow rapid Web application development without having to know HTML coding.

Business planning course set

TWIN FALLS — A schedule of the NextLevel business planning course will begin in February at the College of Southern Idaho's Idaho Small Business Development Center.

The course is designed for business owners, managers and professionals who want to expand an existing business and/or develop the skills to grow. Topics covered include business planning, management and legal structure,

market analysis, record keeping, understanding cash flow, and the future growth of the business.

The fee is \$300 per person. Business corporations can register for \$50, plus \$80 for a second set of books.

Homebuyer workshop set for Mondays

TWIN FALLS — The next "Finally Home" homebuyer workshop will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 6 and 13, in Room 276 of the Taylor building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Speakers for this course include lender Lisa Williams of Clearwater Mortgage, home inspector Glenn Theberge of Eagle Eye Home Inspections, appraiser Shane Black from Mayer Appraisal and Home Inspection, closing agent Rebecca Ball of Twin Falls Title and Escrow, and Realtor Penny Johnson of Gateway Real Estate.

Those who complete the two-evening course may qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance, and other special lender programs.

The fee is \$10 per person, which includes the manual. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign up, contact Johnson at 732-6287 or pljohnson@csu.edu.

The long-running program is funded largely by state and federal grants and is aimed at helping home buyers who are looking at getting their first home. Sessions are held at various locations throughout the year.

Do-it-yourself tax programs taking hold

By Ellen Putman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Gears are in the days when tax time meant tiny-print tax forms spread out on the dining room table for days, followed by months of watching the mail for distinctively bland government refund check.

Thanks to home computers, tax preparation and electronic filing have never been easier. Refunds come quickly, and waiting for them can involve little more than occasionally checking the IRS Web site.

The Internal Revenue Service began a big push for electronic filing several years ago and has finally mustered a majority of taxpayers. In that direction, for 2005, the IRS says 68.5 million individual returns — more than half — were filed electronically, 11.3 percent more than in the previous year. Many were e-filed on extensions, but about 17 million came directly from home computers, up 17 percent over the prior year.

Judging by tax software sales, millions more Americans prepared their taxes on home computers or online but did not file electronically on extensions, or another. In any case, it's clear that computerized tax prepara-

tion has taken hold. "Doing taxes by hand manually is like churning your own butter," said Bill Miller, spokeswoman for Intuit, maker of TurboTax, a home-computer tax program.

Tax software is a hot market. Intuit says TurboTax accounted for more than \$570 million in the company's \$2 billion in revenues in its 2005 fiscal year and is driving the company's growth. Intuit's chief competitor, H&R Block's Tax Cut, doesn't release sales figures but says its business is also booming.

For users, such software often has maddening glitches and a cumbersome interview process. Both Tax Cut and TurboTax are now fairly robust platforms able to handle more complex tax situations like rental incomes, capital gains and small businesses.






"They get better every year," said Claude Renshaw, accounting professor at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. For users, such software often has maddening glitches and a cumbersome interview process. Both Tax Cut and TurboTax are now fairly robust platforms able to handle more complex tax situations like rental incomes, capital gains and small businesses.

"They're very user-friendly." They're also fairly inexpensive. Either program can be had for just over \$30 and \$40 — depending on whether features like state, business and estimated taxes are included — and less for a simple return or one-year online extensions.

"That compares with an average of about \$150 for a tax

Make it easy on yourself

Get a jump-start on filing taxes by following these five tips.

-  **Keep your W-2, 1099 forms and any other records you may need in one place. Make a copy for your files.**
-  **Figure out what forms you need. Give yourself time to fill them out and review your work.**
-  **Common errors found on tax forms are wrong numbers. Check Social Security numbers and your math more than once.**
-  **Filing electronically saves time and gets a faster refund. Direct deposit also helps speed the process.**
-  **Call, e-mail or go online with problems. IRS agents are there to help with questions you might have.**

SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service

TaxTime

Finding forms

Forms are available at post offices, libraries or online at: <http://www.irs.gov> then navigate to Forms and Publications

Forms can be mailed to you by calling: 1-800-829-3678

SOURCE: IRS

return prepared at one of H&R Block's 12,000 offices. Taxpayers with complex finances and tax planning needs typically pay more to use a personal tax preparer, no matter where they go.

Tax prep expenses, including books and software, are deductible for the year in which the purchases were made, so save those bills and product receipts.

As part of its push to e-filing, the IRS has a "Free File" program that allows taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of \$50,000 or less to prepare and e-file taxes for free through participating online preparers. To get the free service, taxpayers must access a vendor through the IRS Web site at <http://www.irs.gov>.

The IRS says e-filing speeds returns, reduces tax errors and saves the agency money. The agency approves the software used for tax prep and e-filing and says the process is secure and private. Federal rules pro-

hibit participating companies from using tax return data for unauthorized purposes.

But with the tax codes notoriously complex — and tweaked each year by Congress — could taxpayers miss out on tax savings by using home tax software, rather than a tax professional? Perhaps.

"If a person is not completely familiar with tax law, I recommend they talk to a professional," says Renshaw, drawing an analogy to specialized medical needs. "If you have a headache or a cold you can probably treat it yourself, but once you pass a certain point and treatment isn't working, you have to see a doctor."

Still, both Tax Cut and TurboTax update their software with any last-minute changes by Congress and the IRS. The programs themselves can be purchased online as a download or at a retail office supply store in a box with CD-ROM.

Their colorful graphics are easy on the eyes, and each product now offers an enhanced deduction feature that tells users how much to allow as the fair market value for non-cash charitable donations like clothing, toys, books and household items.

Both programs can import tax data from last year's return, certain accounting programs and some employers. They eliminate most math errors — the program does the computation — and check for other problems that can cause tax errors or flag a return for auditing. They also offer tax advice.

This year, consumers are less likely to see all those rebate forms tumble out of the soft-ware. The Tax Cut still offers an electronic filing rebate, but TurboTax has dropped rebates in favor of a "refund bonus" program. Customers who e-file can, for a one-time fee, use tax refund money to purchase gift cards from dozens of vendors, ranging from Blockbuster to JC Penney. The vendors add a bonus amount to the cards as incentives.

When returns are filed electronically, the IRS sends an e-mail within 48 hours confirming it has been accepted. If the taxpayer provided bank account and routing numbers, a refund is deposited directly in as few as 10 days, compared with the six to eight weeks it takes to get a refund check when paper tax forms are filed by mail.

Using the "Where's My Refund?" feature on the IRS Web site, taxpayers can track their returns and refunds every step of the way.

One feature that's not available this year is TeleFile, which allowed taxpayers to file over the telephone Form 1040EZ, extension Form 4868 and employer's quarterly federal tax return Form 941. Only 3.3 million filers used this feature last year, and the IRS decided that the costs of maintaining it and the growth of other electronic filing options made TeleFile an unnecessary expense.

Taxpayers can e-file forms 991 and 9868, and most 1040EZ filers can use Free File.

'Red flags' increase odds of audit

By Ellen Putman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Certain "red flags" on a tax return increase the odds of being audited: a six-figure income, highly deductible expenses, unusually high deductions or credits, interest or dividend income that doesn't jibe with IRS records.

If you're a high-profile celebrity, watch out — the IRS keeps tabs on them, too.

Last year, the Internal Revenue Service audited 1.2 million 2004 tax returns — up about 20 percent over the previous year. Overall odds of being audited are about 1 in 107 — 1 in 63 for those with incomes over \$100,000.

Typically, the first inkling taxpayers have that all is not well is a computer-generated IRS notice, which is considered a "correspondence" audit.

"No one wants to get that envelope with 'Internal Revenue Service' in the upper-hand corner," said Denise Spasato, spokeswoman for H&R Block, the tax-preparation company. "No good can come of that, usually."

Not all problems are serious, though. Tax returns with an incorrect Social Security number or no signature can easily be corrected. Resolving other problems may only require sending the IRS copies of records or correcting a math error.

More serious tax issues involve underreporting income and overstating deductions, exemptions and credits. A tax return with a large number of deductions may be flagged. "That shouldn't discourage taxpayers from claiming legitimate deductions and credits," Spasato said, but records

On the Net

IRS Tax Advocate Service: <http://www.irs.gov/advocate>, phone: 1-877-777-4778

should be kept backing up those claims.

The IRS has no single formula that determines which tax returns will be audited, but certain situations increase the odds.

Deducting home office expenses, which has become more restrictive in recent years, may generate a flag. That's because people can only claim the part of the home used exclusively and regularly for business, and other restrictions may apply. Trouble can also arise from the many 1099 forms people receive each January showing interest, dividend and other payments they received during the year. Though 1099s don't have to be attached to tax returns, the information on them has to be reported on Schedule K-1 forms, which may later check the taxpayer's return to make sure all income is reported.

The IRS also checks information reported on Schedule K-1 documents, which cover income, deductions and credits from partnerships, trusts and S-corporations. Celebrities have been known to attract the IRS' attention: Richard Hatch, who won \$1 million on the first season of "Survivor," was accused of failing to pay taxes on his winnings; former District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts stemming from failure to file tax returns in 2000.

Other high-profile figures who made headlines include singer Willie Nelson, baseball's Danny Starnberg, Hollywood madame Heidi Fleiss and hotel magnate Leona Helmsley — who, according to a witness in her 1989 tax fraud trial, once declared, "We don't pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes."

Even the rich and famous may quake at the prospect of being audited. "It's an IRS agent, and the prospect of that kind of audit seems to bring out the worst in some people."

Richard Davis, an accounting professor at Susquehanna University's Sigmund Weiss School of Business in Selinsgrove, Pa., said he saw some "very aggressive, very angry, very rude" taxpayers during his tenure in the IRS' chief counsel office, which handled taxpayers' audit appeals.

"They somehow get the idea the IRS is out to get them, or maybe they think if they're really aggressive, that will get a better result," Davis said. "They are so mistaken." Go in with a respectful attitude, he advises.

If you are contesting the IRS' findings, Davis said, taxpayers truly daunted by having to meet with an agent should hire a tax professional — an attorney or tax preparer — to go in their stead, Davis said.

And, he noted, it's always possible that the IRS is wrong. "A lot of people get the misimpression that IRS agents know all this stuff and they never make a mistake," Davis said. "That's not the case."

Taxpayers have the right to appeal IRS findings and, if the dispute can't be settled, to take their case to the Taxpayer Advocate Service, which is part of the IRS but operates independently and will help taxpayers resolve problems. The IRS can also work out payment plans for those who owe unpaid taxes, interest or penalties.

Congress set three years as the statute of limitations for audits, during which the IRS can go back and make additional tax assessments. But that time can be extended if the IRS suspects a serious underreporting of income.

There is no statute of limitations for failure to file a return or when tax fraud is suspected.

SURVIVOR



Richard Hatch, who won the television program 'Survivor,' departs federal court after the first day of jury deliberation in his tax fraud trial, in Providence, R.I., Tuesday. Hatch was convicted Wednesday of failing to pay taxes on the \$1 million he won on the hit CBS reality show, as well as on other income.

TV's first big reality star, Richard Hatch, guilty of failing to pay taxes

By David Bauder
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The jurors have spoken, and Richard Hatch was a loser this time.

Healthy television's first big star, the "naked guy" who won the first season of "Survivor," couldn't outwit the law. A jury in Providence, R.I., found Hatch guilty Wednesday of failing to pay taxes on the \$1 million he won on the CBS reality show, along with other income. He was immediately handcuffed and taken into custody.

The 44-year-old Hatch faces up to 13 years in prison and a \$600,000 fine. Sentencing was scheduled for April 28.

A year ago, Hatch had cut a deal with prosecutors to plead guilty and they would recommend less than the maximum 10-year sentence. But he changed his mind and decided to fight the charges, arguing that CBS had agreed to pay his taxes.

Hatch became an instant star in the summer of 2000 when "Survivor" was a TV sensation. Taken to pandering around a tropical island wearing no clothes, he came off as an unpleasant and manipulative character — but smart enough to outplay all of his fellow competitors.

When Brennan Swain won the first edition of CBS' "The Amazing Race," he said it was a bit strange to suddenly be

given a big check — in his case it was \$500,000 — with no taxes taken out of it.

"The first thing you think is 'how can I pay as little taxes as possible?'" Swain recalled. "But you still pay them."

He hired an accountant to help him sort out his sudden financial success, he said.

Perhaps Hatch thought the Internal Revenue Service wouldn't notice him; a foolish bet given that more than 50 million people watched him win the game.

"Maybe he wanted the publicity," Swain said, noting that many reality TV participants are desperate to keep the spotlight after it moves on to someone new. He doesn't know Hatch, but wondered whether the contestant thought beating the government would be an attention-getting device.

Last week, Hatch's lawyer Michael Minns suggested to reporters that Hatch had caught "hook" with "Survivor" contestants cheating and made a deal that

the show's producers would pay his taxes if he won. Hatch was never asked about the allegation when he testified, and CBS and "Survivor" executive producer Mark Burnett would not comment on it.

Earlier in the trial, Burnett had testified that the "Survivor" contract had stated that the winning contestant would have to pay taxes on his prize.

Hatch was also convicted of evading taxes on \$327,000 he earned as co-host of a Boston radio show and \$28,000 in rent on property he owned. He was acquitted of seven bank, mail and wire fraud charges.

Minns told jurors that Hatch, who lives in Newport, was a "world's worst bookkeeper" and said his client never meant to do anything wrong. He testified that the charges, prosecutors accused Hatch of using money donated to a charity he had planned for troubled youth for dry cleaning, home improvements and tips to a limousine driver.

Warner Bros. may drop Frey project

Los Angeles Times

Oprah Winfrey isn't the only one having second thoughts about author James Frey.

With Frey's Wednesday testimony to the talk show host that he fabricated details of his memoir "A Million Little Pieces," Warner Bros. is debating whether to move forward on the movie version.

"We're re-evaluating our position on what to do," Warner Bros. President Alan Horn said Friday. "We're watching Oprah and, like everybody else, we're aware of the change in authenticity of this piece." In 2003, Warner purchased the film rights.

Warner paid \$125,000 to option the book, an amount that rises to \$550,000 if the studio makes the movie, according to two people involved in the sale of the project. In addition, they said, Frey also received \$150,000 to write the screenplay.

The studio bought the project for two production companies it does' business with, one run by "E.R." producer John Wells and the other by Frey's former publisher, Brad Grey, Frey's then-manager and producing partner who has since moved on to run Paramount Pictures. That was before Winfrey launched Frey's book into the best-seller smatosphere last fall when she selected it for her popular book club. Then, on Jan. 8, The Smoking Gun Web site posted a lengthy expose showing numerous discrepancies between the author's real-life experiences and his accounts in the book. After a lengthy denfending Frey to the show host Larry King, Winfrey had a change of heart, aknowledging Frey on her show Thursday and telling him, "I feel duped." Frey stated in an interview that he exaggerated time spent in jail and lied about such accounts as having had a root canal without Novocain and about how his girlfriend died.

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MONEY

AARP program provides free tax prep for elderly

By Eileen Putman Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — As an accounting major, Diane Flook had studied income tax preparation, but the subject truly came alive when she took that knowledge into a citizen center and helped elderly people with their taxes.

Tax time

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Richard Davis, an accounting professor at Susquehanna University's Sigmond Weiss School of Business, has been coordinator of the Tax-Aide program in Sellersville, Pa., for several years. Every tax season, he and his students help 40 or so elderly taxpayers with their federal, state and local tax returns.

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IRS AMT Assistant: http://apps.irs.gov/opp/amt/

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The perils — watch out for tax scams

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Phishing, other scams, abound around tax time

By Eileen Putman Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Common sense says the IRS doesn't e-mail taxpayers offering tax refunds in exchange for confidential personal information. And yet, every year people are fooled by those and other bogus tax schemes.

You think the person at your door is an impostor, lock the door and call police. Then call the Treasury Inspector general's hot line at 1-800-255-9784.

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Alan Greenspan will step down as Federal Reserve chairman Tuesday.

Greenspan

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ism: "The Unknown Ideal" were authored by Greenspan, then the 41-year-old president of an economic consulting firm in New York City.

"The chronic deficit spending (is) the hallmark of the welfare state," Fed chairman wrote. "The welfare state is nothing more than a mechanism by which governments confiscate the wealth of the productive members of a society to support a wide variety of welfare schemes."

For Greenspan, the Nixon campaign offered a chance to influence the candidate's policies. Early on, though, Greenspan could be politically naive as he promoted the libertarian ideals: Nixon ignored his advice to end farm subsidies, for example. But he also scored some successes: Candidate Nixon called for the end of the military draft, as Anderson and Greenspan had recommended. By the summer of 1974, when the Watergate scandal was at full bloom, the president named Greenspan as the new chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. Greenspan accepted the nomination but had not been confirmed by the Senate when Nixon resigned in August. But President Ford quickly resubmitted the nomination, and Greenspan moved full time to Washington for three years.

From the start, Ford recalled, "Alan was at the forefront" of his administration's efforts to free the economy from government interference by deregulating the airline, trucking and railroad industries and dismantling wage and price controls imposed during the Nixon administration.

Ford said he valued Greenspan's technical expertise but also his "feeling for the country, a human being," which the former president credited to the economist's experience touring the country in his youth as a musician in a swing band.

"That background was invaluable in his judgment on the economy," Ford said. "It wasn't all just academic theory. He understood the practicality of the economy."

Greenspan could be politically tone-deaf on occasion when speaking to the public. At a conference in September 1974, the new CEA chairman was jeered when he said Wall Street brokers were being hurt the most by high inflation. In terms of the percentage of income eroded, he later apologized.

But his advice was well received by presidents and other policymakers because they valued his cool analysis, discretion and refusal to candy-coat bad news, said Justin Martin, the author of a Greenspan biography. "He has a gravitas about him ... that has made him a power very comfortable with him."

Greenspan served as an economic adviser to Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign. After his election, Reagan asked Greenspan to co-chair a commission to develop proposals for reducing Social Security. Greenspan's panel hammered out a bipartisan deal to raise payroll taxes and gradually lift the retirement age.

It was during the Nixon, Ford and Reagan years that Greenspan worked with the officials who later would elevate him to become Fed chairman in 1987, replacing Paul A. Volcker.

The Fed's main job is to keep inflation and unemployment low by adjusting interest rates — acting independently of the White House or Congress.

During the administration of President George H.W. Bush, from 1989 through 1992, Greenspan resisted White House pressure to keep interest rates lower than he thought necessary. Bush later blamed Greenspan for his electoral loss to Clinton in 1992.

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— Former President Ford, on Greenspan's ability to relate to average people

Greenspan had smoother relations with Bush's Democratic success. In early 1993, the Fed chairman lent critical support to Clinton's deficit-reduction plan — even though it included tax increases — describing it on Capitol Hill as "a very positive force for the American economy." The package passed with no Republican votes, but Greenspan's public backing helped win some dearly needed Democratic ones, recalled Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

As the economy boomed in the late 1990s, unemployment fell, stock prices soared and the federal budget deficits turned into surpluses.

"The Clinton administration had huge successes carrying out the economic policies essentially fathered by Alan Greenspan and (Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert E.) Rubin, and they see that as an enormous factor in their," Tolatyn said.

Greenspan then argued for several years that the White House and Congress should "let the surpluses run" to pay down the government's debt rather than cut taxes or raise spending.

So many Democrats were outraged in January 2001, when Greenspan urged Congress to cut taxes, lending a key political boost to President George W. Bush's tax cut proposal, Critics have charged that Greenspan had become too partisan for a Fed chief; others saw him simply reverting to his anti-government ideology.

But Greenspan believed the surpluses would continue and suggested that policymakers design "triggers" to scale back the tax cuts if deficits reemerged. Congress later passed a reduced form of Bush's tax cut without such provisions.

After the budget swung back into deficit in 2001 and more tax cuts followed, Greenspan repeatedly supported making the temporary tax cuts permanent — one of the Bush administration's top policy goals — while cutting spending.

Greenspan's influence on Capitol Hill has waned since 2001, as the political parties have grown bitterly divided over economic policy, leaving them less open to compromise. Lawmakers did not follow his advice last year to create Social Security private accounts, or to cut Social Security and Medicare commitments to future retirees — positions that Democrats adamantly oppose. Nor did they leave him and adopt stricter budget controls — which the White House and congressional Republicans reject.

But lawmakers of both parties continue to quote his ideas and arguments and seek his support for their positions. And he plans to offer his opinions after he leaves the Fed by giving speeches, writing a book and creating a new Washington-based consulting firm, Greenspan Associates, friends say.

And as Greenspan said in a speech earlier this year, "In the broad sweep of history, it is ideas that matter. Indeed the world is ruled by little else."

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• Option to use 2004 income to figure the 2005 earned income credit and refundable child tax credit for many hurricane victims, this will result in those credits being larger.

• Waiver of 10 percent penalty for early withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts and other qualified 401(k)s for people whose principal residence was in the disaster area.

Tax breaks for people who helped hurricane victims include:

- Increase in mileage deduction for vehicles used in volunteer work to help hurricane victims (29 cents a mile for vehicles used between Aug. 25-31, 34 cents a mile from Sept. 1-Dec. 31).
- Additional \$500 exemption (\$2,000 household maximum) for taxpayers who housed hurricane victims for 60 consecutive days.
- Increased deduction for

cash contributions to qualified charities — from 50 percent to 100 percent of adjusted gross income for donations made between Aug. 28 and Jan. 1. The money didn't have to be earmarked for hurricane aid.

Other changes for 2005 include new restrictions for charitable deductions of cars worth more than \$500, a deduction long abused. Many taxpayers claimed the fair market value of the car based on used-car value guides available at banks and car dealers, even if the car was a non-running junker worthy only of the scrap heap.

Now, taxpayers can't deduct more than the charity collected by selling the vehicle, except when the charity sold the car to a needy individual or family at a steeply discounted price. A written acknowledgment from the qualified charity must be attached to the donor's tax return and it must say how much the car sold for.

There's also a new uniform definition for "qualifying child," which is used for the dependency exemption, head of household filing status, earned income tax credit for low- and moderate-income working individuals and families, child tax credit, and credit for child and dependent care expenses.

This standardized definition was designed to reduce confusion that sometimes resulted in multiple taxpayers claiming credits and exemptions for the same child. The IRS has devised several "tests" that determine who gets to claim the child, based on the child's age, relationship to the taxpayer, length of time living with the taxpayer and amount of financial support the child provides. The tests vary with the tax benefit claimed.

Also for 2006, the IRS adjusted the standard mileage to reflect 2005's increases in the price of gasoline. For business

use of vehicles from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 2005, the standard mileage rate is 40.5 cents per mile, compared with 37.5 cents a mile in 2004. Beginning on Sept. 1, 2005, the rate rose to 48.5 cents.

Ceilings for tax-deferred contributions to traditional IRAs have risen from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for most savers and from \$3,500 to \$4,500 for those age 50 and older, within certain income restrictions. Ceilings on Roth IRA contributions — which are taxed, although later distributions from the Roth aren't — also increased.

At the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, taxpayers can get answers to many tax questions, download and print tax forms, track refunds and link lines for free electronic filing and hurricane-related tax assistance. The IRS tax information line is 1-800-829-1040 for individuals, 1-800-829-4383 for businesses, 1-866-562-5227 for hurricane victims.

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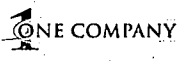


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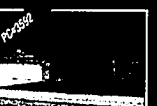
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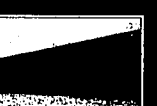
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page D-16.

JUMBLE

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Unscramble these six jumbles. One letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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TALLEB
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SWCM, 34, devout conservative, sincere, sensitive, empathetic, NS, N/D. Enjoys going to movies, candlelight dinners, indoor/outdoor activities. **☎882582 @ JosuaFantic**

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SM, 39, 5'7", 150lbs, black/brown, enjoys fishing, taking walks, dancing, etc. Looking for SF, 18-50, for a LTR, kids ok. **☎895547**

I'VE BEEN LOOKING
SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BBW that keeps herself up. **☎873680**

MAKE ME YOURS

SWM, 27, outdoorsy-type, likes dinners, movies. I just got back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SWF, 18-27, to have fun and live life to the fullest. **☎883943 @ afterthorok**

WORTH IT!
SWM, 26, 6'2", shaved head, red goatee, 225lbs, very athletic, enjoys metal and rock music, snowboarding. Looking for an outgoing girl who wants to have fun. **☎874113**

ROOM IN MY HEART
SWM, 38, 5'10", 250lbs, great SOH, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor sports, gardening. Seeking SF, race open, 30-45, slender to medium build, with similar interests for LTR. **☎892445**

LET'S HANG OUT
SHM, 18, People know me as a cool, I don't wear my waders all the time, only when I am out riding bulls or horses. **☎851825 @ Wondel @ 896879 @ cowboy8180**

SEEKS PRETTY GF
WM, 52, 6'1", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. **☎856685**

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
SM, 32, hard-working, active, enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking a similar child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. **☎8742631**

HANG OUT PARTNER WANTED!
SWM, 41, financially secure, loves to try new restaurants, weekend getaways, sporting events, very fun. **☎891008 @ funtime1111**

TIRED OF GAMES, ETC?
SWM, 39, very romantic, like to cuddle and give massages, not to cheat, or play games. I enjoy the outdoors, listening playing music, going out with friends. **☎864717 @ twinfallsman3301**

LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER
W, 6'2", 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet times at home and time with a significant other. **☎836262**

PRETTY ONE!
Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Seeking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. **☎843856**

NEW TO THE DATING SCENE
SWM, 35, very real person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, rock climbing, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and cherish. **☎897057 @ Justme102005**

WORTH A TRY
SHM, 28, father of 2, likes dancing, having fun, walks, family times. Seeking child-friendly lady who likes camping, nights out, good talks and fun. **☎843856**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, NS, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. **☎850480**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
WM, 45, black/pink, likes movies, theater, walks, bowling, dancing, most music and more. Would like to meet a WF, 45+, for possible relationship. **☎853030**

MAKE IT HAPPEN
SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, NS, seeks WF, 18-50, NS, just as a friend. **☎875892**

ARE YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH?
WF, 29, hardworking, looking for an honest, trustworthy woman, 20-35, who likes to go out and have a fun time. **☎860014**

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SEEKING COMPANION
SHM, 28, single father of two. Seeking single female 25-35, who is honest, honest, trustworthy to have fun. **☎865493**

ROMANTIC
SWM, 42, 5'8", enjoys fishing, cutting, gardening, long drives and more. Looking for someone for their friendship, maybe leading to something more. **☎862225 @ Apollon @ 743599**

LOOKING TOO
SWM, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding the way home, seeks SF, 35-55, to get to know each other. **☎875531 @ hotbak**

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SWM, 28, with various interests, ISO 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. **☎851341 @ Possible LTR. Apollon @ 743599**

COME JOIN ME!
SWM, 6, 175lbs, enjoys camping, bowling, dancing, movies. Seeking female for friendship, quality time and good conversation. **☎862223 @ 862223**

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
SM, 42, electrician, enjoys the outdoors, roping/riding, time with friends, quality times with a special lady. Will you be that lady? **☎870343**

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Dear Mr. Wolff:
I often miss a good three-no-trump contract because I am afraid to go there with only one stopper and relative shortness in an opponent's suit. Is there some rule to tell me when I should or shouldn't attempt it?

Too Timid, Casper, Wyo.

shape and 12-14 points after opening one heart and hearing a one-no-trump response. Flannery also lets you find a fit in spades more easily in competition. Although you will have to give up a natural weak two-diamond opening, it may be worthwhile to play Flannery — it is all a question of taste.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Holding ♠ K-10-3-2, ♥ 9-3-2, ♦ A-Q-10, ♣ K-7-4, would you open? The hand has good controls and decent intermediates, but it is very square, is it not?

Holding Back, Naples, Fla.

ANSWER: The two plus-factors you mention would tip me in favor of bidding, notwithstanding that I have to bid a three-card suit first, never my favorite ace, and I open without a care in the world.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Holding ♠ K-10-2, ♥ A-3-2, ♦ Q-10-9-7-2, ♣ A-4, should I make a two-diamond overcall over a one-spade opening bid? I realize that I have only five diamonds, but somehow this hand does not look right for a takeout double.

Unlearned Optimist, Midland, Mich.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I obviously need to learn more about bridge, because I didn't understand something in one of your recent columns. Why did a player with ♠ J-3, ♥ J-10, ♦ A-9-5-2, and ♣ A-K-Q-9-5 open one no-trump? I probably would have opened with one club and wouldn't have been able to go to game.

No Idea, Wiloughby, Ohio

ANSWER: A one-no-trump opening bid should show a balanced or semi-balanced hand with 15-17 points. So, is our example hand a balanced 15-17 or not? You could open one club, but would then have to rebid your clubs over a major-suit response, since rebidding one no-trump would show 12-14. Not absurd, but maybe the one-no-trump opening is simpler.

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ANSWER: Playing a forcing no-trump and not using Flannery, you can be stuck with a 4-5-2-2

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Why do so many people hate Flannery? I know you used to play it. Was that from choice or necessity?

Going Nowhere, Newport News, Va.

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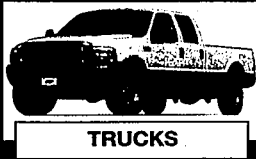
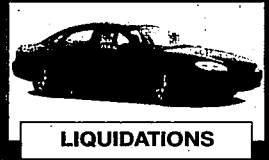
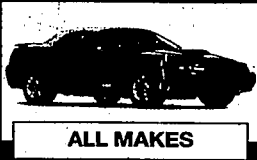
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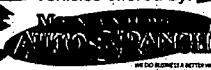
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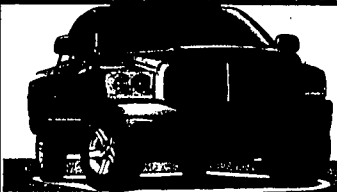
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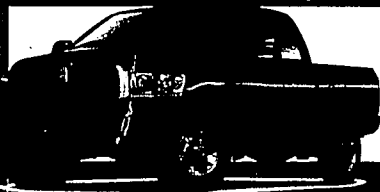
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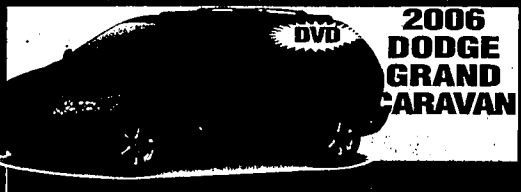
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SPECIAL EDITION

PET PRIMER



Derek Withers, 11, cradles his family's new pet, Lacey, while his 6-year-old sister, Kamil, looks on. The Witherses adopted Lacey from the Twin Falls Humane Society after a long search for the right dog.

Finding Fido may not be as easy as you thought

Three steps for first-time pet owners

1. Examine your lifestyle. What kind of life are you living? Busy? Relaxed? It's important to understand how your life will affect your pet's.

2. Know the breed. Although each individual animal will have unique characteristics, generally most animals of the same breed behave similarly. Find a breed that matches your lifestyle. To learn about specific dog breeds, check out the American Kennel Club's breed information Web site at www.akc.org/breeds or www.cfa.org/breeds.html.

3. Prepare financially. First-time pet owners should consider adoption fees and the costs of food, grooming, boarding and medical treatment before bringing home a pet. Many first-time owners fail to consider possible home costs, as well. Does your fence need to be patched so Spot doesn't get out?

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tina and Ronald Withers had made up their minds.

Their family wasn't a dog family. With six kids under 15 and a home daycare business, the Witherses had enough to worry about — soiled carpets and chewed furniture would have been too much.

Then something changed. A few of the kids began pleading for a pet. It sparked a family dilemma. Two of their children were terrified of dogs. Did they really want their kids growing up afraid of animals? And wouldn't a dog be a good way to teach responsibility to the children who wanted a pet?

"The Witherses began to reconsider. Maybe a handful of carpet stains would be worth it. Their firm no-pet policy was crumbling."

Like every first-time pet owner, the Witherses had decisions to make. They considered what species they wanted. Then what breed. They checked their budget. They patched holes in their backyard fence. They watched puppy-training videos. They talked to experts; they talked to friends. Even after all that, the Witherses weren't sure. Were they ready?

"I had a lot of questions," Tina said. "I didn't even know how to feed a dog."

The Witherses turned to the Twin Falls Humane Society — a shelter that prides itself in

5 things every first-time pet owner needs to know

1. **Never buy or adopt an animal on impulse.**
2. **Adult dogs, not puppies, usually make better pets for first-time owners.**
3. **Don't forget fish or birds.** Sometimes these low-maintenance pets are better to start with.
4. **An animal's true personality sometimes doesn't emerge until it's been in your home for six weeks.**
5. **Caring for a pet is always more expensive than you expect.**

matching the right person with the right pet. Debbie Blackwood, the shelter's director, said it is people's personalities — not pets — the society scrutinizes most before handing over the leash.

"If someone isn't living a lifestyle that's appropriate for a pet, it probably isn't going to work out," Fave, she said, are better adapters than people.

The shelter requires each adopter fill out a 14-question application before a pet leaves the facility. Questions include: "Where will the pet be kept during the day?" "Length of time during the day the pet will be left alone?" And, "What type of fence do you have?"

"We're asking these questions in order to match a person with the right pet," Blackwood said. For example, if an apartment dweller wants to adopt a Jack Russell terrier and is going to be gone most of the time, he might be looking at the wrong dog.

Looking for a pet?

Check the humane societies first. Their staffs are usually knowledgeable and willing to answer questions. A few of Magic Valley's animal shelters:

- Twin Falls: 736-2299
- Buhl: 543-4326
- Burley: 878-2258
- Filer: 326-3266
- Halley: 788-4351
- Jerome: 524-8436

Jack Russells require lots of attention and exercise. A cat may be better suited that person.

"Deal truthfully with the person you are," she said. "You have to think about the pet, not just yourself. Don't be selfish."

Once pet adopters evaluate their own lifestyles, they can begin their search for breeds that match. Zsigmond Szanto, a vet at Twin Falls Veterinary Clinic and Hospital, said anyone with library cards or Internet access can find everything they need to know about breed characteristics. But he and Blackwood warn not to get too caught up in breed hoopla. What matters most, to feed their pet, though it's the children who do most of the caretaking.

"Sure, it took a long time to find the right pet," Tina said. "But it was worth it."

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several animals, including a Lab they found in the paper. The Lab lasted one afternoon at the Withers home — it spent most of the day pummeling the children.

The Twin Falls Humane Society encourages adopters to play with a desired pet at the facility. It has a private room where potential pet owners can get to know an animal. And sometimes, as in the Witherses' case, it lets a pet go home with the adopter for an overnight trial.

Once the Witherses finished their family introspection, learned about breeds and found an animal at the shelter they thought was right, it was time for the trial period. They took home Lacey, a small Dachshund mix, for a long weekend. The kids loved her, and she loved the kids. Finally, after two months of searching, they'd found the right dog. Lacey was 2 years old, already house trained and good with children.

Three months later, the Witherses say they made the right decision. Their children are learning responsibility, as well as overcoming their dog anxiety. And, yes, Tina learned how to feed their pet, though it's the children who do most of the caretaking.

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Pet quiz

Are you ready for your first pet? Take this quiz to find out.

1. I'm most likely to obtain a pet that:
 - A: looks cute.
 - B: is likely to fit my lifestyle.
 - C: fits my budget.
2. True or false: All dogs of the same breed behave the same way.
 - A: True.
 - B: False.
3. If my pet gets sick, I will:
 - A: take it to the vet.
 - B: return it to where I got it.
 - C: turn it loose.
4. True or false: Puppies are always the best pets for first-time pet owners.
 - A: True.
 - B: False.
5. Before I adopt a pet, I'm most likely to:
 - A: research the animal's breed on the Web.
 - B: ask my friends what kind of animals they like.
 - C: spend some time with the animal before I take it home.
6. My first step after getting a pet should be:
 - A: giving it a name.
 - B: taking it to a vet.
 - C: taking it to a groomer.
7. Dogs need to be walked:
 - A: every day.
 - B: twice a week.
 - C: never — if I have a large yard.
8. True or false: Indoor cats don't need to be spayed or neutered.
 - A: True.
 - B: False.
9. Children:
 - A: need pets to grow up with.
 - B: giver for the family's pet.
 - C: are not compatible with pets.
10. Dogs should be educated about caring for a pet before one is brought home.
 - A: to share a relationship.
 - B: because you like animals.
 - C: to stop the kids from pestering me about it.

Key

How did you score? Add up the points for each answer you chose. Tally your score to see whether you're ready for your first pet.

1. A — 0; B — 2; C — 1
2. A — 2; B — 1; C — 0
3. A — 0; B — 2; C — 1
4. A — 1; B — 0; C — 2
5. A — 0; B — 2; C — 1
6. A — 2; B — 1; C — 0
7. A — 0; B — 2; C — 1
8. A — 0; B — 0; C — 0
9. A — 2; B — 1; C — 0
10. A — 2; B — 1; C — 0

If you scored: 16-20 Congratulations! You're ready for your first pet. 20-25 You need to do more research before you're ready for a pet. 26-30 You're not a pet person.

This quiz was compiled from information gathered during interviews with the Twin Falls Humane Society and Twin Falls veterinarian Zsigmond Szanto.

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Pet owner uses DNA to try to track down the killer of her precious cat.

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GPS helps owners track down AWOL pets.

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Every dog has its dance

Most dog owners are blissful if their pets learn to roll over, sit and refrain from biting the neighbor.

Who would have thought their Buster or Betsy would take up dancing?

But it's a growing trend in the canine culture. The idea, re-

ferred to as freestyle, developed in Canada in the 1980s and transplanted to the States in the '90s, the New York Times reports.

Dog dancing isn't sanctioned by the American Kennel Club. But next month, the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will include a canine freestyle demonstration, a sign

that even the stodgiest of dog institutions has granted a degree of acceptance.

And about 7,500 Americans, many of whom are middle-aged women, are taking dance classes with their dogs. They are seeking out experts and watching videos to master the twirls and spins with their pets. A few enter competitions.

The secret, of course, is to synchronize the music to the dog's gait. Handlers watch the animals walk and select the tunes. The dancers do not mind. The owners give the dogs cues and move around with them.

The dancing dog owners usually have lots of free time to devote to the training and, as the

Times notes, a hearty supply of kibbles. And they are probably having more fun than the dogs.

Advocates say dancing can be helpful to dogs who tend to misbehave and helps to develop a spiritual bond between the animal and owner. Perhaps the best news is that costumes are held to a minimum and, so far, tap is not offered.

FAMILY LIFE

PET PRIMER
Why cats groom

Have you ever noticed that your cat routinely primpms more than a teenager before a big moment? Why all the fuss about the fur?

Instinctively cats know that a healthy coat of fur helps keep them hot or cold depending on the season. Also, cats use their unique scent — or cat-cologne if you will — across their whole body, provides a first line of defense against external parasites and provides a social bonding opportunity for cats to groom each other. Adult cats spend up to 50 percent of their waking time in some form of grooming activity.

A cat's coat is also a health barometer. "Each of the hundreds of thousands of individual hairs are made of keratin (same thing claws are made of) and are 95 percent protein," says Amy D. Shojal, author of "Complete Kitten Care," and who says cats feel bad about not grooming. That's why one sign of feline malnutrition is dull, lifeless fur.

Most cats have four types of hair in their coats:

1. Down — short, fluffy, with great insulating properties
 2. Awn — mid-length hair
 3. Guard — longer, straight hairs
 4. Vibrissae — specialized hairs called whiskers (Most cats have 24 whiskers, divided into two on opposite sides of the face and arranged in four rows. They also have whiskers on their forelegs that help with pat-pat-patting objects.)
- Another Nature has equipped cats with a remarkable tongue that acts like a combination comb, brush and pet-hair pick-up. The raspy tongue, which is often described as feeling like a caterpillar walking across your finger with golf spikes on, removes dead hair (which later



THE BOND Marty Becker

comes out one end or the other as a hairball), removes dust or debris from the coat and provides the coat with loft.

For a cat, grooming comes as naturally as breathing. And most cats can groom themselves quite handily. However, older cats, overweight cats and extravagantly furred breeds like Persians need some human help.

A cat with arthritis won't be able to groom comfortably to groom itself effectively, and an overweight cat might not be able to reach all parts of its body. A cat that is ill might not feel like doing this "bustle to being a cat" behavior. Good grooming is so integral to being a cat, that if a cat stops grooming, this is a good reason to visit your veterinarian.

Cats are very ritualistic in their grooming behavior and can do it on autopilot. Kittens start from mom to groom them for the first couple weeks of life (she'll even lick around their anus to stimulate them to defecate) but by the third week, they start a grooming process shared over the centuries to a very predictable front-to-back pattern.

The end result: a beautiful coat that's ready for the human family members to caress. A cat that can soothe stresses, make you relax, or bring a smile to your face.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Mary Becker is a veterinary contributor to "Good Morning America."

'Canine cashmere'
It's more than just an afghan

By Linda Goldston
Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSÉ, Calif. — Michael Gardner has his heart set on a cashmere blanket — canine cashmere, that is. Beth Gulsitt already has a large afghan made from canine cashmere and cherishes the keepsake from her dog, Leo, a golden retriever mix who died in July.

After saving their dogs' fur for years during grooming, both Gardner, who lives in Los Gatos, Calif., and Gulsitt, of Palo Alto, Calif., found their way to VIP Fibers in Morgan Hill.

The 5-year-old company offers a distinctly different — spin on a niche market: For a fee, Victoria Pettigrew will spin the fur from your dog or cat into yarn that can be used to knit or crochet almost anything.

A scarf, a hat, "a pettable picture frame." Even a bikini that Pettigrew made for her Samoyed's fur for shock value.

"It's just to show that you can use pet yarn for anything you use commercial yarn for," said Pettigrew, who also is a woman company now includes a fiber manager and part-time "fiber printers."

And no, her Samoyed, Bon Bon, has not seen the white bikini made from her fur and Pettigrew hasn't worn it — yet.

But she is making a living spinning the fur and hair from pet dogs, cats, rabbits, goats, even a pet buffalo — into yarn. Costs range from \$6 to spin enough raw fiber — less than an ounce — to make a "pettable picture frame" to several hundred dollars for enough yarn to make a blanket.

About 60 percent of her customers hire VIP Fibers to make the keepsakes for them. The most popular requests are teddy bears and picture frames, but the newly added fur-socks are not as popular as promised to be hot items.

All of the items "are a remembrance, something they can hold or touch, whether the pet is alive or deceased," Pettigrew said. "We're very excited when the customer's pet is still with them because it makes it even more special when the pet passes on."

Not everyone buys into the idea. At dog and craft shows where Pettigrew has shown her work, some people have walked away with a blank look. But as she states on her Web site: "Why not?"

"That beautiful wool sweater you love so much started out on the back of a sheep, standing endless days out in a pasture, exposed to the elements and collecting vegetation, ticks, lice and the like," she says.

But the cashmere sweater that you saved up for actually came from the belly of a goat and your silk blouse? Well, I won't bother telling you which end of a worm it came from."

The quality of the pet yarn depends on the coarseness of the animal's fur — some dogs have silky hair, others coarse and thick — but regardless of how crappy the yarn turns out, we cry calls from people saying, "Oh my God, it's so beautiful. I can't believe you gave me my Fido back," Pettigrew said.

Pettigrew isn't the first to spin pet fur into yarn, but her extensive Web site — www.vipfibers.com — has attracted customers from around the country.

Gulsitt, for instance, saved her dog Leo's fur for years, knowing it could be spun into yarn, but she didn't know who to do it. She was still grieving over Leo's death when she came across Pettigrew's Web site.

Having an afghan made from her former pet's fur "is like a gift from Leo really," she said. "It's a way of remembering him. He was such a sweet, gentle dog and his fur was like cashmere."

"Real Estate Contract"
THE CONTRACT IS VITAL

by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/Max American Dream Realty

"A real estate sales contract lists all the details of the agreement between the buyer and seller of property. This agreement may be known as an offer to purchase, contract of purchase and sale, earnest money agreement or deposit receipt. Whatever it is called, it is the most important document in the

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.
Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken cordon bleu, fried potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, cheesecake
Tuesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, bread, blueberry cake
Wednesday: Hawaiian chicken, red potatoes, carrots and peas, fruit salad, muffin, pie
Thursday: Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, french bread, green salad, pineapple cake

Friday: Chicken chow mein, Chinese vegetables, Chinese salad, egg roll, fortune cookie, bowl of fruit
Activities:
Monday: Quilting
Monday Bridge
Exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Medicare D assistance
Commission of the Blind
Wednesday: Quilting
Elks Cards Club
For exercise class
Thursday: Medicare D assistance
Center pinocle
Friday: Blood pressure
Center bingo
Exercise
Quilting
Saturday: Pancake breakfast

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Menus:
Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: French dip sandwich, french fries, fruit, salad, dessert
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger
Monday: Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.
Menus:
Tuesday: Pizza burger, hash browns, three-bean salad, trail mix, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Goulash, sliced carrots, coleslaw salad, sliced bread, cookies
Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, string beans, tossed salad, hot roll, ice cream, cake
Activities:
Monday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Foot clinic, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Taxes, 8 to 11 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, \$3 per person or \$10 a family

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon.

Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menus:
Monday: Spaghetti, broccoli, fruit, cookies, garlic bread
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, country mix, vegetables, green salad, fruit, cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Turkey a la king over potatoes, corn, Jell-O with fruit, lemon bars
Thursday: Oven-baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, carrots, green salad, apple crisp
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, chocolate cream pie

Activities:
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Taxes by appointment only, 10 a.m. to noon
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Old Time Fiddlers, 12:30-3 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Menus:
Monday: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, pudding, cookie
Wednesday: Creamed turkey, potatoes, peas, salad, dessert
Friday: Ham, potatoes and gravy, Jell-O salad, vegetables, cookie
Activities:
Monday: AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken a la king, rice, salad, peaches, bread
Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup, salad, dessert, muffins
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, rice, broccoli, Mandarin oranges, pumpkin squares, breadsticks
Thursday: Pepper steak, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, Jell-O, berry shortcake, rolls
Friday: Leftovers
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Friday: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
June Koonce, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Spaghetti, french bread, green salad, cookie with fruit cocktail
Thursday: Carey lunch: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, carrot/raisin salad,

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menus:
Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot dinner rolls
Tuesday: Taco soup, deviled eggs, cornbread, banana cream pie
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot dinner rolls
Tuesday: Taco soup, deviled eggs, cornbread, banana cream pie
Activities:
Regular bingo is at 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Family night will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays, with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by bingo for prizes.
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

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Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

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Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
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Activities:
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Activities:
Regular bingo is at 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Family night will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays, with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by bingo for prizes.
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Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
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Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

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Menus:
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, vegetables, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Chili, cottage cheese, cornbread, vegetables, fruit, dessert
Friday: Taco salad, rice, beans, pineapple, cottage cheese, dessert
Activities:
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Art class, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.

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702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Blaine County Senior Center

Menus:
Monday: Pork chops, potato casserole, green beans, fruit, topping
Tuesday: Tacos, bean and rice, salad, cheesecake
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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A LESSON FROM KATRINA: PETS MATTER

By William Wan
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Jason Wesley has always considered herself a sensible woman, the kind who keeps flashlights and bottled water handy — just in case. But she never thought that instinct would one day lead her to the floor of a veterinarian's office, giving mouth-to-mouth to a fake dog.

That's where she ended up after Hurricane Katrina, enrolled in a pet first aid class. Thinking of her puppy at home, she put her mouth to the plastic snout and began to blow.

This is the emerging field of disaster planning for pets, filled with doomsday scenarios, four-legged victims and people who love them.

For years, despite an estimated 69 million U.S. households with a pet, animal advocates have been relegated to the fringes of emergency planning. After Katrina, however, and the sight of people in New Orleans refusing to evacuate and in some cases dying with their pets, emergency officials are starting to take animal rescue seriously.

By saving the pets, advocates said, owners can be saved as well.

On Capitol Hill, five representatives have proposed making pet disaster planning mandatory by tying it to federal funds. Meanwhile, many pet owners have begun to make plans.

"People are finally realizing that this is a serious issue," said Lynne Bettinger, a Red Cross-certified instructor in pet first aid.

The concept is as old as Noah's Ark, but modern pet disaster planning didn't truly begin, U.S. experts said, until after Hurricane Andrew in 1992. When Andrew tore through South Florida, it killed more than 100 animals in the Miami Metrozoo. Hundreds of others, including baboons, antelope and 500-pound Galapagos tortoises, wandered off through the rubble. Escaped horses drowned in canals.

"For the first time, people saw this happening on TV," said Oliver Davidson, senior disaster adviser for the Humane Society of the United States. "It was like the launching pad for awareness of the issue."

After Andrew, the federal government created Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams, to be deployed wherever animal-threatening disasters hit. The 1992 hurricane also prompted the Humane Society to establish a department devoted to disaster planning and rescue.

Davidson was one of the people the Humane Society



At a Gaithersburg, Md., veterinary clinic, Lynne Bettinger, a Red Cross-certified instructor in pet first aid, teaches a course that includes disaster planning for pets. This is an emerging field, especially after Hurricane Katrina.



Mike Brammer, of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, takes a doggie stranded by Hurricane Katrina to safety in New Orleans. After Katrina, and the sight of people refusing to evacuate and in some cases dying with their pets, emergency officials are starting to take animal rescue seriously.



A dog manikin, with a tube in its snout for CPR training, has its ear bandaged in a Red Cross course on pet first aid. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, in which victims died because they wouldn't leave behind their pets, more disaster plans are including provisions for animals.

recruited. For 20 years, he had coordinated U.S. assistance after foreign catastrophes. But after working 320 disasters, he left his federal post to address what he saw as a gaping hole in the field.

"When I first started this job, I would take my brochures and planning documents to all the emergency management meetings," Davidson said. Some attendees listened politely, a

few made jokes and most dismissed his work as trivial. "They would say, 'Well, we know it's a possible problem, but frankly, the threat is not that high.'"

Until Hurricane Katrina. Katrina killed more than 1,000 people in the Gulf region. It is unknown how many animals died, state and local officials said. Also unknown, they said, is the number of people who died because they

stayed with their pets.

"TV coverage showed residents who had stayed with their pets stranded on rooftops. Many said they stayed because shelters, including those operated by the Red Cross, didn't allow pets because of health and safety reasons. Federal and state rescuers, whose focus was on

saving humans, forced residents to leave behind their animals.

"But people refused to be rescued without their pets," said Terry Kaye, a veterinarian deployed to New Orleans by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). "It created a disaster within a disaster."

Animal groups from across the country will gather in Crystal City Va., near Washington, this spring for a national disaster planning summit. Many plan to lobby for a bill, proposed recently in the House, that would require state and local emergency agencies to establish pet policies to qualify for FEMA grants.

With all the sudden attention, such longtime disaster planners as Davidson say people are starting to treat animal advocates less as jokes and more like partners.

But in a field devoted to worst-case scenarios, a little pessimism — even now, as pet disaster planning reaches new heights — is inevitable. "We're trying very hard to push new, while people still remember," Davidson said. "But the thing about disasters is there's always another one around the corner, and then after a few years, the memory fades. It's human nature."

At Washington, D.C.-area pet cemetery, eternal restlessness

By Amit R. Paley
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The roster of the deceased at suburban Ross Bonheur Memorial Park reads like a who's who of Washington-area pets: Mary Ann, a beloved elephant from the Baltimore Zoo; Tiny B.B., a canine mascot for the Washington Bullets; Wiggles, a 29-year-old champion horse; and Corp. Rex Albin, a World War II combat dog who died during fighting at Guadalcanal. All are among the 22,000 animals buried there.

But what was once notable as the first in-nation pet cemetery — the first in the nation to allow people and their pets to be buried side by side — has devolved over the past decade into a dilapidated eyesore, plagued by allegations of theft and persistent speculation that the burial ground will soon be turned into a strip mall. The current owner won't comment on any plans.

Unkempt grass is knee-high. Rusty beer cans and a tire litter the grounds. A large oak, a large oak, a large oak tree fell onto the grave of a local police dog, but no one had moved it by the end of the week.

"This is an shambol from a Lord," said Joyce Williams, 65, who



Some 22,000 animals are buried at Ross Bonheur Memorial Park in Elktide, Md. Once a pioneering pet cemetery, it has devolved into a dilapidated eyesore, plagued by speculation that it will be turned into a strip mall.

cried as she walked between sunken graves filled with water and trash to reach the grave of Wee Lady Lexie, her Yorkshire terrier. "How can someone care more about dollar bills than respecting the dead?"

The park's decline highlights the precarious existence of pet cemeteries, which are unregulated in most states and their increasing transformation into easy targets for developers nationwide.

"The problem is that the property is worth just too darn much," said Robin Lauver, president of the National

Association of Pet Funeral Directors. "Now you have hundreds of these pet cemeteries that can be sold off as building lots. And there are no laws to stop it."

Named after a 19th-century animal painter, Ross Bonheur Memorial Park was founded in 1935 in Elktide, Md., as one of the world's first pet cemeteries. Its 1979 decision to allow owners to be buried next to their pets made national headlines.

At least 20 Homo sapiens are buried there, according to former manager Marilyn Phillips. One of those, U.S. Army Pfc.

Melvin Ward, jumped out of an airplane without a parachute because he was despondent over the death of his dog, Moo, she said. They are buried next to each other.

The cemetery fell into disrepair in the 1990s. Grieving pet owners complained that owner William Green would not deliver the funeral services for which they had paid hundreds of dollars.

Six days after Green gave a Baltimore couple the ashes of their dogs Tessa and Suzy, police discovered their unceremonial bodies in a cemetery shed, according to court documents.

In 1996, Howard County and 16 pet owners brought criminal and civil charges against Green, who was convicted of misdemeanor theft and ordered to pay tens of thousands of dollars in restitution. Green could not be reached for comment.

After Green declared personal bankruptcy, the cemetery was purchased by Gunter Tertel, a local businessman, and managed by Phillips, a cheerful animal lover.

But animal lovers didn't know Tertel apparently never intended to continue operating the cemetery. "He didn't want me to do any

burials there at all," said Phillips, 68. "He just wanted to make sure his sheet-metal company next door could use the back of the cemetery for access to the road."

Phillips, a family friend of Tertel's, said the cemetery currently lost money when she ran it. She said she worked there for free and maintained the grounds almost single-handedly. "I think it's basically been closed since I left in 2002," she said.

"It may turn into a strip mall very soon," she added. "When I worked there, the land was valued at \$2 million."

A woman who answered the door at the cemetery's former office said she had been hired to renovate the building for a new tenant, which she would not name, and said she knew nothing about a pet cemetery.

Gail Zandei, 58, fears the land will be developed and the animals' remains dumped in a communal grave. She is trying to organize a group of pet owners to buy the land and run the cemetery.

"It feels as if someone tried to dig up the human members of my family," said Zandei, whose three dogs, turtle and cat are buried at Bonheur. "This is my worst possible nightmare."

GPS aids owners of AWOL pets

By Kathleen Magan
The Hartford Courant

The temperature is minus five degrees. The time is past 8 p.m. A crisis: The dog is out. Again.

Bundled up in a billowy jacket, box of dog biscuits in hand, I trundle out the coat, up and down our street, calling out shaggy brown mutt, Fenway, and shaking the box of biscuits as loudly as possible. No Fenway.

I warm up the icy car, and start patrolling slowly, up and down the streets, hoping to catch a glimpse of wagging brown fur.

That was much the same experience Jennifer Durst had several years ago, except that she decided while hunting for her 140-pound German shepherd — that there must be a better way to handle escaping canines, and she did something about it.

Durst developed the first patented Global Positioning System for pets, called Global Pet Finder.

The 5-ounce device, which snaps onto a pet's collar, uses GPS technology to report the exact location of a pet — either by map or address — to an owner's cell phone, BlackBerry, computer or Personal Digital Assistant.

"If I had the unit that shivery night, it instead of being told me that Fenway was at a doggy-friend's house, happily sniffing around the backyard and even more happily ignoring my calls."

How does it work, exactly? You log onto the Globe Pet Finder Web site to create a virtual fence for your pet. When the pet leaves the set boundaries, the system alerts the owner that the pet has left and continues to send minute-to-minute updates to the wireless device of choice.

The size of the "fenced-in" area can be changed at any time, and the system can be set up so a second person also is alerted if the dog leaves the area.

If your dog is likely to splash through brooks or streams when it goes AWOL, Fenway is it's nice to know that the pet finder is water-resistant.

The Global Pet Finder also will alert you if your pet is too warm or too cold — a handy feature if you're likely to leave your dog in the car while you run in to shop for a moment and come back an hour or more. You set the parameters on what's too hot or too cold.

All of this convenience and peace of mind, however, comes with a fairly hefty price. It's \$349.99, plus a \$17.99 monthly subscription to the global positioning service and a one-time activation fee of \$34.99. The device can be purchased at globalpetfinder.com or through Neiman Marcus Direct www.neimanmarcus.com.

There are a few caveats. It's recommended for pets heavier than 30 pounds. (The company is developing a locator for smaller pets.) Also, it's designed for the sole purpose of tracking pets. (Although you might be tempted, the company doesn't intend it to be used to track kids or elderly relatives.)

Hermit crabs need love, too

Newsday

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FAMILY LIFE

At 'Pupperware' parties, pets haul in the goods

By Kristan A. Graham
Knight Ridder News Service

Nicole McBride sprayed a fine mist of Aromutt Therapy Spritzer on Charlie, a weimaraner-black Lab mix, then smoothed out her dog apron and smiled.

"I'm not the type of person that goes out and buys perfume for my dogs," she said. "Really."

Still, there McBride was, the canine equivalent of the Avon lady, demonstrating an array of high-end pet products to an enchanted audience of eight women and five dogs at a Pupperware party at the home of Karen Peron.

The newest twist in the \$35 billion-a-year pet industry, such parties bring to the comfort of your living room \$40 Thru Halps for Tiny Dogs, \$100 Dog-Treat Hated Beds with removable faux fleece, and \$165 Pet Strollers.

These in-home product pitches are the brainchild of Andrew Shure, who in 2003 founded Shure Pets, a Chicago-based direct-sales company that sells stuff for dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, birds and horses. Its consultants peddle the

goods through the Internet (www.shurepets.com) and via Shure Pets slick catalogs, though home Pupperware parties are the most popular sales venues.

The company expected more than \$1 million in revenues last year.

"When we started, I just saw a huge void out there," Shure said. "I'm very intrigued with how we interact with our pets, and I felt that selling products through a party plan would give like-minded people an opportunity to network together."

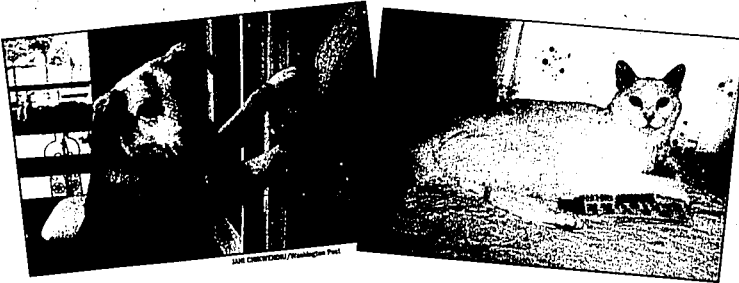
This year has been one of explosive growth for the company. There are nearly 900 consultants nationwide — the number has doubled since the spring, when McBride brought to Shure Pets grooming product for one of her five dogs at the Super Pet Expo in Edison, N.J., and signed up a host of new consultants.

And while Shure Pets offered just 27 items when the company began, it now sells more than 200.

For lots of reasons, people are spilling their pets," Shure said. "... We are finding that the people who get involved with us treat the pet as part of the family."

PET PRIMER

DID LUCKY KILL CODY?



Marilyn Christian's cat Cody, right, was found dead under a tree outside her Lovettsville, Va., home. Left, Lucky is a bouncy 4-year-old German shepherd mix owned by Sean and Janet Daryabeygi, also of Lovettsville. The Daryabeygis say Lucky would never harm a human, though they do not dispute that he could have killed a cat.

Cat owner turns to DNA in pet whodunit, but case isn't closed

By Karin Brüllard
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Marilyn Christian found Cody under the tree in front of her Loudoun County, Va., home, his white fur covered in saliva. She scooped up the lifeless cat whose friendship she had counted on for 13 years and sat under the tree, sobbing, for two hours.

The next day, Christian set out to discover what, or who, had killed Cody. — no matter what.

When a veterinarian said the culprit had to be a dog, she canvassed her rural Lovettsville neighborhood in search of a suspect. After she spotted a bouncy 4-year-old German shepherd mix named Lucky,

she asked authorities to declare him dangerous. And when Loudoun animal control officials dropped the case, she took a cue from television's legal dramas: She hired a California DNA laboratory to analyze evidence — dog saliva and fur — that ultimately linked Lucky to the incident.

Yet despite the strong forensic evidence — and a five-month saga that has tested the fragility of neighborly relations and pitted motherly instincts against carnivorous ones — Lucky remains free.

County officials say they need an eyewitness to make a case. All that seems to protect my family," Christian, 35, said as she sat in her family room with her infant son, Denison, and Yo Mama, one of her four remaining cats. "I'm trying to get my neighbor held responsible for a dangerous dog that they let roam in the neighborhood."

Christian said that since Cody was killed, she has repeatedly asked Lucky's owners, Sean and Janet Daryabeygi, to return the dog to the local animal shelter. She then went door-to-door. Eventually, she and her husband approached the Daryabeygis, who had recently moved in.

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Out came Lucky, whom Sean Daryabeygi chose because he grew up with German shepherds in his native Iran. Christian took one look at Lucky's bluish coat and saw a killer.

The sort of knew because of the fur," Christian said. She asked Peterson to compare the Michelin Man-looking rubber toes are unparalleled at keeping cats occupied ... and, by the way, what happens after the last lick?



After she found her beloved cat dead, Marilyn Christian of Lovettsville, Va., turned to DNA testing to determine who killed Cody. Evidence pointed to a neighbor's dog, but the case isn't over.

hours outside a day, and Christian said she kept a watchful eye on them. But Aug. 19, the Christians, hurrying for a dinner engagement, did not herd the cats inside before leaving.

When they got home, Eric Christian, 35, discovered Cody's body. The next morning, the Christians spied tan hair around the scene. Anguished and wanting to know the cause of death, they put Cody in a box and went to Blue Ridge Veterinary Associates in Purcellville for a necropsy.

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"A lot of time the local animal control or sheriff won't act unless they have something concrete to go on," she said. "We provide them with the material."

Comparing the DNA of the hair in Cody's mouth and claws with Lucky's DNA, the lab found that it was almost certainly a match. The odds against it? One in 67 million."

Christian submitted the evidence to animal control officials, who consulted county attorneys. Shortly after Christmas, Thomas Koenig, Loudoun's animal care and control director, told her the county would not attempt to declare Lucky dangerous, a legal term that requires the owner to, among other things, carry liability insurance of at least \$50,000 to keep the dog in a locked enclosure at home and muzzle it during walks.

In an interview, Koenig said he sympathized with Christian, but said the county must act with the law and practicality in mind. He said it is likely the Daryabeygis' home insurance would not be collected by officials.

"There's nothing we can prove," he said. He said animal control officers inspected the Daryabeygis' home and advised on dog care. About 10 days after Cody's death, Lucky was found running loose, and Sean Daryabeygi was fined \$116. Koenig said there have been no issues since.

For now, Christian is mulling the possibility of privately prosecuting the case. "And she is lamenting the loss of a sense of freedom in the countryside. Her four cats have not been outside since Cody's death, she said, and she does not think she will ever let her son outside alone as long as Lucky is around."

The Daryabeygis, for their part, said they are saddened that it has come to this. After Cody's death, they gave a typed condolence letter to the Christians. Christian wrote them a letter, too, recounting that Cody sometimes tried to brighten her mood by offering her a dead mouse. To the Daryabeygis, that anecdote simply reinforced their view of the natural world: Cats kill mice. Dogs kill cats.

Lucky, meanwhile, romps obliviously around the backyard, now a more secure space. "He's very happy here," Sean Daryabeygi said.

But about half of the lab's clients are distraught pet owners, many of whom want to know whether a carcass on the road is their missing dog — and some who want to implicate a neighbor's animal in misbehavior, said Bob Wiktum, the forensic lab's interim director.

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Birds want to rule the roost

By Denise Flaim
Newsday

I am the master of my perch; I am the captain of my flock.

Birds, it seems, like to be in control as much as the rest of us.

"Behavior is not this kind of fully ingrained thing that's only on Animal Planet," says Joseph Garner, an assistant professor of animal sciences at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

Animals are not these passive black boxes. They're active agents that interact with their environment to make it optimal.

Denying an animal some self-determination in its surroundings doesn't just make it cranky, Garner adds. It can be perceived as a threat to its survival and can be a source of enormous stress.

Research studies Garner has undertaken with a colony of orange-winged Amazon parrots bring this point home to roost.

The most recent study, published in January in Applied Animal Behavioural Science, looked at abnormal repetitive behaviors in the parrots, including feather-picking. It found that those whose cages were situated near doors and had a direct view of them were more likely to engage in this self-mutilating behavior.

"Our feeling was that they are surprised" by the human traffic, says Garner, likening it to someone living on a street that parallels a train track. Those who are farther down the block are still exposed to the choo-chooing but have the time and distance to acclimate themselves to its arrival, while those living near the tunnel where the trains barrel out are constantly on edge.

"Owners need to give birds a really long line of sight to doorways or the approach of people," Garner says. "Don't put them next to a window where people are going to suddenly walk by."

Similar to compulsive hair-picking in humans (which has a name — trichotillomania), feather-picking was more common in females and had a genetic component — that is, it runs in families. As a result, potential buyers might want to ask breeders about the history of feather-picking in their line

of birds. The researchers disproved the idea that feather-picking is "socially transmitted." Birds don't learn it by observation.

In that same study, Garner and his team looked at "stereotypes," which are repetitive, unvarying patterns of movement, similar to body-rocking in autism, which differ from compulsive behaviors like feather-picking in their robotic nature. Stereotypes — such as walking loops on cages, side or twirling pieces of food in fact — weren't affected by any factor other than the number of bird neighbors. The more of them, the fewer the frequency of stereotypes.

Despite the conventional wisdom that birds should be housed singly so they will interact better with humans, Garner's study revealed the opposite: Paired birds not only showed fewer behavioral issues, but were much less fearful and easier to handle.

Another big benefit to the birds was "physical enrichment," which brings us back to the control thing.

Essentially, a parrot is a monkey with wings," Garner says. As such, they love to climb — often precariously — and to pull objects away from food.

So when it comes to cage-side entertainment, bells and mirrors just don't cut it. In an earlier study, the birds were given objects they could manipulate: flexible perches that bounced, swayed and tilted them upside down, as well as miniature straw hats, sticks he says. The birds were filled with shredded paper and treats.

"Parrots are really, really smart and very social," Garner reminds, and they might very well try to extend their control over their environment to you.

"Animals often learn that certain behaviors will gain them attention," he says. The bird figures, "If I've been ignored for an hour-and-a-half while someone watches TV, getting yelled at is better than nothing at all."

Hard as it might be, owners shouldn't reinforce undesirable behaviors through attention. But they should mull them over. "If you're talking to animals communicate, Garner says, "and we're just trying to translate."

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Newsday

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Don't tolerate sibling's violence to toddler

Question: My 4-year-old is very aggressive toward his 9-month-old brother. I don't think he completely blames for their conflicts, but when he gets mad he sometimes lashes out with a punch or a kick. A therapist of mine told me that ignoring the conflict would, as he put it, "facilitate extinction." He also said that punishing my 4-year-old will only make matters worse. (By the way, we've never spanked our children and we don't allow them to watch television violence, so I don't know where this came from.)

Is there something I can do besides pretending this isn't happening?

A: As a graduate course in experimental psychology, I was given a rat I named "Mad Dog." The assignment was to run an experiment that would demonstrate a powerful behavioral principle, so I trained Mad Dog to turn around in circles to obtain a treat. Then, I used "spaced" and "leaved" behavior" by simply stopping the treats. In effect, I ignored him. Mad Dog ran in



PARENTING
John Rosemond

circles until he was exhausted. Then he started biting me whenever I picked him up, but the circling/ratting stopped.

That's a turn for you. Humans are not so simple. In the first place, ignoring human-on-human violence doesn't "facilitate extinction." It enables it. The fact that you don't "reward" your 4-year-old's attacks on his younger brother by paying attention to them is more than outweighed by the fact that his attacks pay off in other ways. He gets the toy his brother gets out of his way, he feels the addictive surge of dominance, etc.

You need to put a stop to this, and fast. Your younger child is able to hold his own with an older sibling, my usual recommendation is to let them work it

out. Even then, however, I'd recommend punishing both equally if one took violent action against the other. But you're not describing sibling conflict or rivalry; you're describing sibling abuse. Your brother needs your protection, and your 4-year-old needs to be stopped.

In my estimation, confirmed by lots of experience, the only way to stop him is to punish him. You might have been able to use non-punitive methods successfully when the aggression first started, but at this point, attempts to "counsel" the 4-year-old into handling his frustration in civilized fashion are going to fall flat. Not only is punishment the answer, but punishment in question has to constitute an offer the 4-year-old "can't refuse." In other words, the punishment has to be more powerful — a LOT more powerful — than the payoff he's experiencing when he hits.

I advocate a zero tolerance policy. When the 4-year-old aggresses toward his brother, don't threaten, remind or warn. Take

him immediately to his room, confine him there for the remainder of the day, and put him to bed right after supper. You should be firm, but not angry.

When he's stopped crying, go in to him and reassure him of your love, but be clear that you cannot tolerate him hitting his brother. The next day, first thing, he must apologize to his brother and give him a kiss. If he refuses, keep him in his room until he sees the wisdom of at least acting remorseful. Also, make sure you keep telling him that the way he can avoid going to his room is to come to you when his brother is upsetting him. Assure him of your help with whatever is making him mad.

This approach provides the younger child, who at this point is unable to defend himself, with adequate "violence insurance." For the time being, that needs to be your top priority.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions and includes his speaking schedule on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

ENGAGEMENTS

JONES-VAN HOFWEGEN

TWIN FALLS — Dena Marie Jones and Dustin James Van Hofwegen announce their engagement.

She is the daughter of Brian and Jackie Jones of Fargo, N.D. She is a graduate of Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D., and is employed by Contract Servicing in Boise.

Van Hofwegen is the son of Brad and Marion Van Hofwegen of Twin Falls.

He is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa and plans to attend Boise State University in the fall.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 18, at Capitol City, Christian Church in Boise.



Dustin Van Hofwegen and Dena Jones

WILSON-WALKER

TWIN FALLS — Dan and Kathy Wilson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica M. Wilson, to Jake L. Walker, son of Brent and Cindy Walker of Kimberly.

Wilson is a graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Kiddie Kandids in Twin Falls.

Walker is a graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy and attended Bob Jones University in South Carolina. He is employed at Window Welder in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 20, at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom in Filer. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.



Jake Walker and Jessica Wilson

An accurate clock — no batteries needed

In a sense, the opposite of a digital wristwatch is a sundial. While a digital watch's display is thoroughly abstracted from celestial motions, a sundial converts sky motion into the language of numbers. Unfortunately, many sundials have been relegated to pure decoration, often with no effort made to orient the dial to allow it to function.

Admittedly, most dials are incapable of displaying accurate time. Due to the Earth's varying axial speed and tilt, even a simple sundial may run fast or slow by over 16 minutes.

Thanks to the generosity of the Brizze family, the Herritt Center recently became the recipient of the most accurate sundial in Magic Valley, which should be installed on the museum's front lawn by the time



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Venus: ESE, very low; Jupiter: S, mid-high; Saturn: WNW, very low. One hour after sunset: Mars: S, very high; Saturn: WNW, very low.
- Moon: New moon 7:15 a.m. today.

you read this. You could set your digital watch by it, thanks to its clever design.

First, it was made for its location. Its dial — a tilted 43.5 degree cone from the vertical — lies parallel to the sun's diurnal (daily) apparent path. Move this dial north or south and it won't keep good time.

Second, the dial is neither too large nor too small. A small dial would lack the space for one-minute graduations. A larger dial would suffer from the fuzziness

of the sun's shadow. To see this, hold a broomstick vertically on a sunny day, and notice how the shadow that's cast farthest from the broomstick's top is fuzziest than the shadow cast closest to the broomstick (at the bottom).

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herritt Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Perform a secret act of kindness, Sagittarius

IF JAN. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Don't base your Achilles heel on the seven planets, but do everything possible to protect your vulnerabilities. With eccentric Uranus dancing in tandem to your sector of the chart, you may find that exciting new interests and people to expand your mind and free you from the ordinary routines. Something you have always wished for may become a reality. Tread carefully in March and June when others close may be disapproving of your choices. You may not be able to catch up with you. A great opportunity that appears then could have serious strings attached and the question of right and wrong may be hard pressed to solve. Next November through January your popularity will soar and romance is definitely a possibility.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't shoot the messenger. Friendships can grow a bit firmer under these celestial

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

conditions, but you might not hear what you want to hear. Focus this week is on setting reasonable goals.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The spotlight this week is on getting recognized for what you are worth. A new moon may mean you can reassess what you have done in the past that has prevented success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Germinate ideas. The hobbies and projects in by the rich may seem out of reach but they are nice to dream about. Lead celebrity columns, or frame a picture of that sports car you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The new moon might mark the commencement of a few weeks in which you can find unique

ways to economize. Examine bills that negatively impact your budget or obligations that leave a bad taste.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You get what you give. A new moon in your opposite sign throws the focus on relationships and getting along with others. If you are warm, tender, and kind others will respond.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There's a lot to be said for this celestial message during this new moon might be to go along with the crowd. Hang with the guys who don't get along with you. Sit in the desk near your boss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be imaginative this week. Those pins and needles you feel, or find, are there to help you put things together. Try your hand at crafts, or get out the games and bring people face to face.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Hide your unhappiness. Push star 67 to block the outgoing number if you feel an uncontrollable urge to speak your mind. Or better yet, hold down

the receiver button and speak to dead air.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Perform a secret act of kindness. Learn all you can about a fascinating subject and collect facts and figures. Dreams may escape unless you write them down on a sticky note.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share the wealth. The center of activity shifts to your finances under the rays of this new moon. The more you have the more you will be expected to give and share with others.

QUADRANT (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A new moon in your sign says, "Get over it!" Try to be that special someone's best friend this week — instead of letting tense situations snowball into a battle of wills.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take refuge in your dreams. Those castles in the air can be fortresses that protect you from harsh criticism this week. Because you are kind and sensitive, others will be a little more.

WEDDING

SEARS-KOYLE

GOODING — Bonnie Sears and Ranley Koyle were married Jan. 21 in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Margie Sears of Wendell. She is a 2004 graduate of Wendell High School and attends the Educators of Beauty in Twin Falls, where she will graduate in February. She plans to work in Mage Valley.

The groom is the son of Alan and Nadine Koyle of Gooding. He is a 2002 graduate of Gooding High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Jackson, Miss. He attends the



Bonnie and Ranley Koyle

ANNIVERSARIES

THE ALLREDS

TWIN FALLS — Ernest and Arlene Allred of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the LDS Church, 229 Park Ave., Twin Falls.

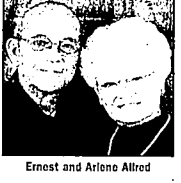
Ernest Allred and Arlene Hanley were married Feb. 7, 1956, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

Ernest and Arlene are farmed in Twin Falls their entire lives.

They are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have served in many capacities.

The event is hosted by their children, Shawna (Mark) Cutler of Twin Falls and Lisa (Doug) Niehoff of Boise.

The couple has 11 grandchildren.



Ernest and Arlene Allred

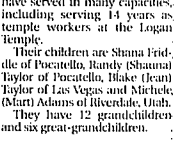
THE TAYLORS

FOCATELLO — Zen and Colleen Taylor of Focatelto and formerly of Almo celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 14.

They were married Jan. 14, 1946, in Burley and made their home in Almo. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple.

They have been active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have served in many capacities, including serving 14 years as temple workers at the Logan Temple.

Their children are Shama Fridle of Pocatello, Randy (Shawn) Taylor of Pocatello, Blake (Kean) Taylor of Las Vegas, and Michele (Mari) Adams of Liverdale, Utah. They have 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Davis and Karen Vansant

THE VANSANTS

HEYBURN — Davis and Karen Vansant of Heyburn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 25.

Davis Vansant and Karen Kelly were married Jan. 25, 1956, in Burley. They have lived in Minnicassia since their wedding.

They will be honored with a family celebration this summer. Friends and relatives are invited to send cards or notes to the couple at 1531 21st St., Heyburn, ID 83336.



Wife ponders leaving man who does nothing but take

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me if I'm being petty. We do pretty much whatever and go wherever my husband, "A," wants. When he lost his family members in two years, I was at his side night and day, being supportive in every way I could. We go only to sporting events, but I mention I'd like to go to a concert, a play or a movie. Al tells me to ask my sister or a girlfriend who he would take. When we arrived, so did several of his buddies. It "just so happened" a big game was going on in the same city and they had tickets — including one for Al. He canceled our dinner reservations and left with his friends. I spent our anniversary alone at the hotel.

Abby, I love my husband, but I no longer like him very much. He can't seem to understand that there is anything wrong. I matter very much. I try to ex-



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

plain it to him. I'm torn between keeping my mouth shut and staying or leaving. We're both in love with each other, but sadly, I don't think he'd miss me.

CRUSHED IN LEWISTON, WY: DEAR CRUSHED: You have my sympathy. That you were emotionally abandoned upon the death of a parent was terrible, and when your husband promised a big anniversary surprise, the cruel one he delivered was certainly not the kind of "surprise" anyone would normally expect.

However, perhaps you should examine your own role in creating this "monster" to whom you are now married. Was he this way during your courtship? If so, why did you marry him? If it happened only after the wedding, why did you tolerate it so passively that he never learned a happy marriage requires compromise?

Whether you decide to stay or go, it's time you got some assertiveness training, because if

you don't, this pattern will only repeat itself. Would he miss you if you left? Sometimes people don't realize they have a good thing going on. But more important, would you miss him? Ask yourself, "Am I better off with him or without him?" The solution to this problem lies in the answer to that question.

DEAR ABBY: My friend — I'll call you "Dina" — has a difficult time getting pregnant. All the tests she had done came back normal. They can't find any sperm in her cervix, but she can't conceive. Dina does not want to adopt. She loves kids, but she wants one of her own.

It is very difficult to tell her to "relax and take it easy." I tried telling her that, but she keeps getting frustrated all the time, and now it's affecting her sex life

and her marriage. Any ideas?

— **CAREFREE IN SEASIDE, CALIF**

DEAR CAREFREE: Your friend's problem is more than you may think. Telling her to "relax and take it easy" was the wrong thing to do, however well-meant. She is living through an every-month cycle that goes by a reminder. Much as you might like to, you can't make the situation "better."

My advice to you is to suggest that Dina and her husband talk with a fertility specialist, and perhaps a psychologist, to help her deal with her pain, frustration, disappointment and anger.

CONFIDENTIAL: TO MY ASIAN READERS: Happy Chinese New Year, as you welcome the Year of the Dog.

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e-mailed, the photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

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STORK REPORT

Magick Valley Regional Medical Center

Chloe Elyse Lara, daughter of Susana and Hector Lara of Rupert, was born Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005.

Jenyka Marie Ramirez-Rodriguez, daughter of Maria Idalia and Roberto D. Ramirez of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006.

Karter Scott Brown, son of Barbara Dee and Jeffrey Scott Brown of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006.

Ella Grace Cristobal, daughter of Heather DeLoach and John Raymond Cristobal of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006.

Ashton Deke Olmos, son of Doretha and Kent Olmos of Heyburn, was born Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006.

Jenna Baylee Stringer, daughter of John to Malinda Ann Fischer and Brandon Steven Stringer of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 20, 2006.

Kayli Madison Montgomery, daughter of Kaye Michelle and Chad Jason Montgomery of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 20, 2006.

Caleb Levi Somers, son of Arthur Jr. and David William Somers of Buhl, was born Friday, Jan. 20, 2006.

Dominic Andrew Woolstenhulme, son of Ricki Ann and Zachary Alan Woolstenhulme, was born Friday, Jan. 20, 2006.

Adisynn Jae Billard-Bencome, daughter of Nicole Marie Billard and Bulo Joe Bencome of Heyburn, was born Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006.

St. Benedicts

Family Medical Center

Jalena Marie Priscilla Emberton, daughter of Christina Emberton of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005.

Trentin Duane Seefeld, son of John and Melissa Seefeld of Jerome, was born Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005.

Dallon John Inouye, son of Matthew and Ramona Inouye of Gooding, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.

Wyken Lynn Peacock, son of Jody and Kimberly Peacock of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006.

Sivanna McKay Wilson, daughter of Michael and Kimberly Wilson of Kimberly, was born Monday, Jan. 2, 2006.

Vincent James Baker, son of Michael Baker and Rebecca Kerns of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006.

Jayden Robert Michael Blake, son of Kimberly Blake of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006.

Colton James Staley, son of Jerry and Becky Staley of Jerome, was born Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.

Benicia William Clark, son of Marilyn Titus and Christopher Clark of King Hill, was born Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006.

Ashton Andrew Annis, son of Kenneth and Heather Annis of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006.

Danielle Jack Owens, son of David and Melissa Owens of Jerome, was born Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006.

Kendra Mehki Harpel, daughter of Troy and Jennifer Harpel of Jerome, was born Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006.

Wiley Joseph Jackson, son of Joey and Rainey Jackson of Jerome, was born Friday, Jan. 20, 2006.

Kasmine Beth Eudave, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Eudave of Wendell, was born Monday, Jan. 23, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Ruby Rea Crist, daughter of Monica Christenson and Zachary Crist of Ketchum, was born Monday, Jan. 9, 2006.

Clara Essence Jones, daughter of Style Jones and Andrew Penza of Ketchum, was born Monday, Jan. 9, 2006.

Miguel Rangel, son of Carmen and Eduardo Rangel of Halley, was born Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.

To announce a birth
Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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George Carrico memorial donation helps hospital

The Times-News

GOODING — Gooding County Memorial Hospital has installed automatic door openers at the front entrance, thanks in part to a donation in the memory of George Carrico.

Carrico had been paraplegic since 1998 after a fall at his home. He became an advocate of public access for citizens in wheelchairs. He passed away in April 2003 from complications of his injuries. After his passing, the family received donations from friends and family in memory of Carrico. The family discussed where to donate the money to best fulfill Carrico's desire to increase wheelchair access. Hearing that Gooding County Memorial Hospital was taking in donations for adding automatic door openers, the family decided this was a perfect project to donate to.

"We are grateful for the generous donation by the Carrico family. This is a wonderful way to honor George's commitment to improving wheelchair access," said CEO Earl Fitzpatrick.



Right, hospital CEO Executive Officer Earl Fitzpatrick accepted a donation from Don and Verna Jan Carlson. The donation helped Gooding County Memorial Hospital install automatic door openers at the front entrance.

ALBION FOUR LEAF CLOVER CLUB Women's club meeting features music, drama and Christmas dinner

The Times-News

ALBION — The December meeting of the General Federation of Women's Club Albion Four Leaf Clover Club included the annual Christmas dinner and program for members and their guests.

A ham and chicken dinner was catered by the Wild Flour Cafe in the Albion Grange Hall.

During the meal, Robert Kinsel sang Christmas carols and songs accompanied with his guitar.

Following dinner, Matt Desind performed "Telephone Man" for which he earned first place in the serious solo category of state high school drama competition.

Yvonne Desind sang "Mary Did You Know" to taped accompaniment and then she and Kinsel directed a karaoke sing-along of Christmas music and country songs.

Lorna Caliente, club president, gave the welcome and Keith Amende gave the prayer before the meal, organized by the executive committee members. Caliente arranged for the program. The tables were decorated by Carol Amende. Four holiday ceramic dishes full of candy were given as door prizes.

SERVICE NEWS

Tank driver receives achievement award

MARINE CORPS Reserve Lance Cpl. Daniel R. McKeeth, whose wife, Maria, is the daughter of Diane McKeeth and Larry M. Velasquez of Gooding, was recently awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal while serving as a tank driver assigned to Company B, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force forward deployed to the war in Iraq.

When McKeeth's tank commander suffered a severe injury during combat operations, McKeeth immediately moved into the tank ganner's position and maintained armored fire protection until his tank commander was evacuated.

"His self-study of the ganner's position paid off when he was able to take over and he remained in the position during 15 additional combat operations."

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Matt Desind, a Burley High School drama student, presented his award winning play, "Telephone Man," during the program following the annual Albion Four Leaf Clover Club Christmas dinner this year.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local student will attend Presidential Classroom

Maria Onaindia, a Kimberly High School student, will attend the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program March 14 through 25 in Washington, D.C.

The program provides high

school juniors and seniors access to the leaders who shape America's public policy, organizers say.

During the program, students will interact with members of congress, presidential appointees, senior military officials, top business leaders and journalists. Stu-

dents will observe the U.S. Congress in action, visit with congressional offices and debate current issues with peers from the U.S. and abroad.

They will also visit the Smithsonian Museums, U.S. Department of State and Arlington National Cemetery.

Ducks Unlimited

holds annual banquet

TWIN FALLS — Ducks Unlimited Twin Falls Chapter will hold its 18th annual couples banquet Saturday at the Radio Room, 241 Main Ave. W. No-host cocktails will be at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The event will include auctions, art work, games, fireworks, raffles, hunting gear, prizes, a ladies table and a Green Wing table. There will also be a sponsor table with a one in eight chance of winning a firearm.

Early-bird packages include dinner for two, Ducks Unlimited membership, bonus amount of ticket sales and an entry in the "Early Bird Gun" drawing. Seating availability is limited.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Michael T. Lammers at 736-6220 or 280-2950 or Waylon Klundt at 734-5711.

Filer library adds many new books to shelves

FILER — The Filer City Library, 219 Main, has added new books to its shelves.

"The Devil's Footprint" by

Victor O'Reilly, "Portrait in Death" by J.D. Robb, "Wings of Fire" by Ede Brown, "Kills of Dreams" by Robert Jordan, "The Scorpion's Gate" by Richard A. Clarke, "Toxic Bachelors" by Danielle Steel, "A First Sight" by Nicholas Sparks, "Predator" by Patricia Cornwell, "Runaway" by Alice Munro, "The Gated Club" by David Baldacci, "Swing Fish From Drowning" by Amy Tan, "Light From Heaven" by Jan Karan, "Blow Out" by Catherine Coulter, "Cold Sassy Tree" by Olive Ann Burns, "Rattington" by Karen Kingsbury with Gory Smoley, "Remember" by Karen Kingsbury with Gory Smoley, "Return" by Karen Kingsbury with Gory Smoley, "Bubbles" by Karen Kingsbury with Gory Smoley, "The Second Summer of the Sisterhood" by Ann Brashers, "Home for the Holidays" by Debbie Macomber, "The McGregors: Serena-Caine" by Nora Roberts, "Vendetta" by Fern Michaels, "Red Lily Garden Trilogy Book 3" by Nora Roberts, "The Regime" by Tim Lalaye and Jerry B Jenkins, "Do You Promise Not to Tell? Do You Want to Know a Secret?" by Mary Jane Clark, "Something About Christmas"

by Debbie Macomber, "Consent to Kill" by Vince Flynn, "Forever Old" by Dean Koontz, "The Hot Kid" by Elmore Leonard, "Turning Angel" by Greg Iles, "Manhunt" by Janet Evanovich, "S is for Silence" by Sue Grafton, "Edge of Evil" by J.A. Jance, "A Fish Out of Water" by Helen Palmer, "Thunder Cave" by Roland Smith, "Strangers" by Kim McKeeth, "But Not the Hippopotamus" by Sandra Boynton, "Eagle Feather" by Sonia Gardner, "Trouble with Trolls" by Jan Aasen, "Ducks Want to Swim" by Olive Butkin, "Daddy the Cox" by Deane W. Keaster, "I.Q. Goes to the Library" by Mary Ann Fraser, "The Shell Elf" by Jackie Mills Hopkins, "ABC Letters" by Sharon Parker, "Tributes" by Robert W. Ney, "A History of the Twin Falls Canal Company 1905-2005" by J. Howard Moon and Russell M. Tremayne, "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" by

Page Tailbot (Editor), "Essays and Prophets" by Harold Bloom and "Question and Answer Encyclopedia: The U.S.A." by Parragon Publishing, Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Creatures" by John M. Hamm and Steve Parker.

For more information, call the library at 326-4143.

CSI offers variety of classes this spring

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., is offering several classes this spring.

"Beginning Irish Dance" will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1 through March 15 in Gym Room 236. Students will learn the proper technique and fundamental dance steps through four basic soft shoe dances. Bare feet or ballet slippers are both suitable for this class. The cost is \$120.

"Beginning Irish Dance for Youth" will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1 through May 10 in Gym Room 236. Students going into kindergarten through sixth grade will learn four basic soft shoe dances. The cost is \$120.

"Microsoft Excel — A One-Day Workshop" will be held

Woman shares link to North Side News

By Elaine Locallado
North Side News writer

JEROME — Nila G. Hopping was a daughter to the news and arts. Born in Jerome on Dec. 12, 1922, her parents were Harry Gillette and Hilda Pauline Nims. Hopping often told stories of assisting her father, Harry Nims, whose family was the original owners and editors of Jerome's first newspaper.

The first issue of the North Side News was distributed on Nov. 13, 1908.

The Nims family recalled the challenges of starting a paper in those days. When the equipment was first installed, it was too heavy to turn the presses. The pioneer paper may have been stilled even longer if not for the work of a local fireman blacksmith and woodworker contracted by Nims to solve the problem.

The men manufactured an outfit of large, homemade handgrips that promoted the leverage necessary to turn the heavy press. Editor Nims said the initial run was the only time the paper was late in the 28 years his family ran the operation.

Hopping moved away from Idaho in 1944 and settled in California. She graduated from the College of Arts and Crafts in Berkeley.

Through mutual friends she met and married John "Bill" Hopping on June 6, 1948. She met him through her contact secretary for the CEO of the Crown Zellerbach Company in San Francisco who she retired.

Throughout her life, Hopping was an accomplished artist and teacher of the arts. She was the president of the Alameda Art Association twice, vice president three times and served on the board of director for over 10 years.

After retirement, Hopping and her husband traveled the world, bringing back gifts for their family from places like Fiji, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China, Hawaii, Mexico and Spain.

She produced all paintings of ocean landscapes and artistic renditions of the places she had traveled.

Hopping's art was proudly displayed and she sold many of her paintings. Her family still has a collection of her pieces. She even created some paintings of her birth place in Idaho. The family is especially proud of a painted portrait of her three granddaughters.

Hopping lived in Alameda, Calif., for 57 years. She passed away on Feb. 10, 2005.

As a young girl, she was a part of the history of the North Side News as she helped lay out the pages for printing. Her colorful life will be remembered forever archived in her publishing roots and through her art.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in the Aspen Building, Room 144. The cost is \$50. Students will learn the basics of Microsoft Excel, how to simplify business and household tasks. Topics covered will include word, tables, spreadsheets, creation, basic formatting commands, shortcuts, uses of the merge option for bulk mailings, budget creation, formulas, absolute cell references, macros, charts, graphs and more.

Follow-up one-day workshops will include Microsoft Excel 2 on Feb. 17, Microsoft Word 2 on March 3, Microsoft Access on April 14 and Microsoft PowerPoint on April 28.

"One Stroke Decorative Painting" will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2 and 9, in Art Building, Room 112. The cost is \$45. Students will learn and the unique One Stroke technique - a method to blend, shade, and highlight all in one stroke. Topics covered will include combinator strokes, tips, tricks and more. This class is suitable for beginner or skilled artists.

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