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Texas town embraces power plant — will Idaho?



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Until recently, Sempra Generation owned and operated this 305-megawatt coal-fired power plant near Bremond, Texas. It was built in 1991. The company now plans to build a 600-megawatt coal-fired plant near Jerome.

Small town of Bremond stands in the shadows of Sempra's coal-fired Twin Oaks Power plant

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BREMOND, Texas — On a Wednesday morning in mid-November, talk at the newly opened Cabin restaurant centers around one thing: high school football.

At 51 beer night in the Dry Bean saloon the evening before, it was more of the same.

On the Web

To see a slideshow and audio presentation from Bremond, Texas, visit <http://www.magivalley.com>

slightly smaller than Hansen, Bremond boasts a population of 876.

But the similarities between this small Texas town and Magic Valley towns end with their shared hometown pride, agricultural base and genuinely friendly people. Just outside of Bremond sits the Twin Oaks Power plant — a 305-megawatt coal-fired facili-

ty that, until recently, was owned and operated by Sempra Generation. The same company plans to build a 600-megawatt coal-fired plant near Jerome.

Bremond Mayor Nancy Heaton says most people in the town embrace the coal-fired plant and finding anyone to say otherwise is difficult.

In Jerome County, neighboring Twin Falls and Lincoln counties, opposition groups to Sempra's Idaho Valley Energy plant have sprung up at every turn citing environmental and social concerns.

Today, the residents of Jerome County and Idahoans in general face a historic decision to permit Idaho's first coal-fired power plant.

Power in Texas

Texas produces and uses more electricity than any other state, according to a study by the Texas Center for Policy Studies. The state has very few power lines linking it with other states, limiting its ability to either import or export electricity. Natural gas



provides the largest amount of electricity for the state, with coal following close behind.

While Idaho also gets much of its electricity from coal-fired sources, the state imports that power from places like Wyoming, Oregon and Nevada. Hydro power also provides a large percentage of Idaho's electricity, and interest and support for wind power in the state is growing.

Built in 1991 by Texas New Mexico Power, or TNP, the Twin Oaks Power coal-fired plant has been in operation nearly 15

years. Sempra bought the Twin Oaks plant in 2002. In January Sempra Generation, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, sold Twin Oaks to PSN Resources for \$480 million in cash.

Robertson County

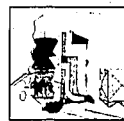
"Bremond is Bremond," says Gerald Yezak, Robertson County sheriff.

Yezak has lived in Bremond and worked in Robertson County his whole life. He has raised his family in Bremond and has no intention of leaving this town. And, over the years, Yezak says, Bremond remains the same.

Bremond got its start in the late 1860s after the Civil War, when a railroad was built through Robertson County to link Houston and Texarkana. Founded originally as a cotton town, Bremond found itself in need of manual labor when the slaves were freed. Polish immigrants filled the void, making it one of the largest Polish communities in Texas at the late 1800s. Today, only one cotton gin still

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 40s. Tonight: Light to partly cloudy skies. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Increasing sunshine. Highs in the upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

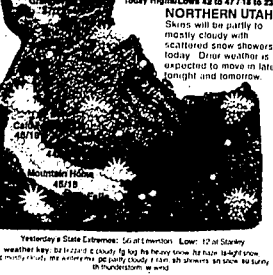
Today: Partly cloudy skies. Winds diminishing in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s. Tonight: Light to partly cloudy with light winds. Lows in the lower 20s. Tomorrow: A little cooler with mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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Today Highs: 22 to 31. Tonight's Lows: -4 to 9. BOISE: It will be mostly sunny and not as windy today. An area of high pressure will move over the area...

Today Highs: Lows 43 to 47 to 48 in the Northern Utah. Skies will be partly to mostly cloudy with scattered dry weather...



Yesterday's State Estimates: 56 at Ardenwood, 100 at Stanley. Weather key: 22 to 31 partly cloudy, 13 to 16 heavy snow, 17 to 24 heavy snow, 25 to 31 heavy snow, 32 to 39 heavy snow, 40 to 47 heavy snow, 48 to 55 heavy snow.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Table with 2 columns: City and HI Lo Precip. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, and Twin Falls with their respective weather conditions.

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Table with columns for Temperature (Today's High/Low, Record Low), Precipitation (Moisture, Normal Month, Record High), Humidity (Today's Maximum, Normal, Record High), Barometric Pressure (Today, Yesterday), and Sunrise and Sunset times.

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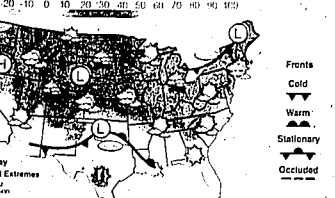
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"Bremond is Bremond." -Gerald Yezak, Robertson County sheriff



The city of Bremond remembers its Polish heritage by including the shield of Poland on the street signs. Polish immigrants came to the town in the late 1860s. Heaton took the job. She wants to improve the community — partly by providing more opportunities for young people.

Advertisement for 'Lottery Information' with phone number 735-3350.

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Thousand mourn 'first lady' of the civil rights movement

ATLANTA (AP) — Thousands of mourners poured into the Georgia Capitol Rotunda on Saturday to pay tribute to Coretta Scott King, the first woman and the first black person to lie in honor in what once was once a seat of segregation.

The bronze casket carrying the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was carried through the streets of Atlanta on a horse-drawn carriage before being ushered into the Capitol by the honor guard of the Georgia State Patrol.

The crowd outside cheered and threw roses as the casket went by.

A lone bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" as Gov. Sonny Perdue and his wife Mary escorted the casket into the statehouse, a sharp contrast to the official snub afforded Martin Luther King Jr. nearly four decades ago by segregationist Gov. Lester Maddox.

"Coretta Scott King was a gracious and courageous woman, an inspiration to millions and one of the most influential civil rights leaders of our time," Perdue said at a brief ceremony. "She was also my anchor and support for her husband's Kings' four children — Yolande, Dexter, Martin Luther King III and Bernice — spent a few minutes at the open casket before the doors were thrown open to the public. Yolande King stroked her mother's face, and she and her sister Bernice wiped away tears.

"While we claim her, she was their momma," Perdue said of the King children. "It's hard to give up your momma."



George Okero takes a photo as a carriage carrying Coretta Scott King makes its way to the Capitol to lie in honor in the Rotunda in Atlanta on Saturday.

King, the "first lady of the civil rights movement," died Monday at the age of 78.

A soloist sang the hymn "Blessed Assurance" which echoed in the cavernous marble hall.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, the first black woman to lead the city, said she owed her career to King. "I would not be here without her," Franklin said.

Outside, thousands of mourners, some pushing strollers and others leaning on walkers, waited hours in windy, chilly weather to pay their respects.

"She's worth it," Atlanta resident Janann Ransom said. "She stood in line for me, her and her husband, when I couldn't stand in line."

Raymond Durielle, of Duluth, Ga., came with his wife, Nena, and 2-year-old son, "to experience part of history."

State Rep. Randal Mangham

“Martin is here today with her. She finished the work that he began.”

— State Rep. Randal Mangham

said it was high time a King was able to lie in honor under the Georgia state dome.

"Martin is here today with her," Mangham said. "She finished the work that he began."

In 1968, then-Gov. Maddox ignored Martin Luther King Jr.'s death and refused to authorize a public tribute. He was outraged at the idea of state flags, then dominated by the Confed-

erate Cross, flying at half-staff in tribute to a black man.

But immediately after Coretta Scott King died, the state flag she helped to change — no longer bearing the Confederate battle emblem — was ordered lowered by Perdue.

Coretta Scott King died in Mexico at an alternative medicine clinic, where doctors said she was battling advanced ovarian cancer. She also had been recovering from a serious stroke and heart attack. In January, she made her first public appearance in a year on the eve of her late husband's birthday.

For most of Monday, King's casket will lie in Ebenezer Baptist Church, where her husband preached in the years before his death. Her funeral will be held at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, where the Kings' youngest child, Bernice, is a minister.

Few details have been released about the funeral, including who will deliver the eulogy.



A young man, center, walls for his missing father, presumed dead, outside the port in Safage in Egypt Saturday. A fire broke out Friday on an aging ferry before it sank in the Red Sea with more than 2,400 people on board. Most were feared lost but at least 324 made it to safety.

Series of tragic errors doomed Egyptian ferry

More than 1,000 people feared dead

SAFAGE, Egypt (AP) — The series of tragic errors that apparently claimed more than 1,000 lives on an Egyptian ferry escalated when the crew decided to push across the Red Sea despite the fire burning in the aging vessel's parking bay, survivors said Saturday.

The Al-Salaam Boccaccio 98 had sailed only about 20 miles from the Saudi shore, but its crew instead tried to reach Egypt's shores 110 miles away. Only 376 survivors had been rescued by late Saturday.

"We told the crew, 'Let's turn back, let's call for help,' but they refused and said everything was under control," said passenger Ahmed Abdel Wahab, 30, an Egyptian who works in Saudi Arabia.

Passengers began panicking, and crew members locked up some women in their cabins. "Wahab" and another survivor said, though many others being treated in Safage hospitals Saturday said that was not true.

As the blaze grew out of control, passengers not locked in their rooms moved to one side of the 35-year-old vessel. An explosion was heard, and high winds helped push the unbalanced ship over. The ship quickly sank with more than 1,400 passengers and crew and 220 cars aboard.

Despite the fire, the ship had managed to get within about 55 miles of the Egyptian

port of Hurghada, according to official accounts.

At the port of Safage — the ship's original destination — relatives and friends of passengers begged authorities for information. When there was none, some banged on the front gates trying to storm the docks.

Riot police with truncheons pushed the frantic crowd away from the port compound.

Angry relatives threw stones, and some police could be seen hurling them back.

Shaaban el-Qout, 55, from Qena, Egypt, was looking for his cousin. He had been visiting at the port since Friday morning and spent the night on the street.

"No one is telling us anything. All we want to know if he's dead or alive. We rely on God. May God destroy Hosni Mubarak," el-Qout shouted to a reporter Saturday, referring to the Egyptian president. "This government was supposed to throw this ship away and get a new one."

The rescue effort got off to a slow start. Initial offers of help were rejected, and two days after the ship set sail from Dubai, Saudi Arabia, just 376 survivors had been found. The ship's captain was reported missing.

Egyptian officials initially rejected a British offer to divert a warship to the scene and a U.S. offer to send a P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft.

Egypt reversed itself, but in the end only the Orion — which can search underwater from the air — was sent.

So, where is Giuliani?

Amid talk of a presidential bid, he's flying under media radar

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's celebrity senator, Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton, generates near-constant buzz about a possible 2008 presidential bid. The outgoing governor, Republican George Pataki, has been making campaign reconnaissance trips to Iowa, site of the first-in-the-nation presidential caucuses.

But for former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the road to a possible presidential campaign is very different.

"The man dubbed 'America's Mayor' for his take-charge performance after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks has been flying under the media radar, building his businesses and enjoying a prosperous private life while assessing his chances in a crowded GOP primary field.

"Whatever he's going to do, he isn't going to tell us anytime soon," said Steven Cohen, vice dean of the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and a longtime Giuliani watcher. "He's a very astute politician, and I'm sure he's aware of the problems he has to win the Republican nomination. It's in his interest to keep his options open."

Analysts agree that Giuliani's long record of support for gay rights, gun control and legal abortion could disqualify him as a candidate among the conservatives who dominate GOP presidential primaries. Yet with the memory of his post-Sept. 11 leadership still fresh for many voters, Giuliani has been at or

near the top of virtually every national poll of likely GOP presidential contenders, along with his good friend, Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

But unlike McCain and many other potential contenders, Giuliani has largely avoided the national spotlight and the political hotspots of Iowa and New Hampshire. His spokeswoman, Sunny Mindel, said Giuliani spends his days promoting his consulting practice and developing his law practice. Last year, he became a named partner in a large Houston-based law firm, now called Bracewell & Giuliani, and opened his New York office.

Still, he has been in nearly constant motion, blending business trips, motivational speeches and the occasional political appearance into a potent mix of national connections — all of which could get into a campaign effort if he chose to run.

"It's no great secret that Rudy has been traversing the country from one end to the other, and he fits in his stops where he can meet movers and shakers in the political scene," said former Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari, a longtime Giuliani friend. "He's a coveted speaker and there are a lot of people out there who've gotten to know him over the years. He can turn all of that to his political benefit."

Consider Giuliani's recent trip to Florida, where he addressed some 10,000 people at a "Get Motivated!" business seminar,



Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani addresses attendees of the Billion Soul Pastors Conference in Orlando, Fla., on Jan. 25.

one of many he's headlined since last year. He paired that event with a speech before the Billion Soul Pastors Conference, a large convention of evangelical leaders in Orlando.

Giuliani, a Roman Catholic, told the pastors about his one-time call to the priesthood, according to James Davis, president of the Global Pastors Network, which sponsored the conference.

"He said he had a great appre-

ciation for God's word, God in general, and Christians in particular," Davis said. "The mayor was warmly received and I thought he did an extraordinary job."

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Facing life's toughest miles together Nursing homes putting home back in equation

Mom, daughter show the power of holding on despite the odds

By Stephen Clark
Los Angeles Times



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Cancer survivor Iris Ruiz, left, and daughter Daniella in Long Beach, Calif. The two have gotten through several marathons together. Daniella does the running. Her mother meets her in the final mile. It's a chance to show the power of holding on despite the odds.

So if it's by the grace of God I can do it, I will," she said.

Family members often run or walk races in honor of their loved ones, but "it's very uncommon for the patient to be able to participate in such a wonderful way," said Liz Olsen, national spokeswoman for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the beneficiary of the national team Daniella runs on.

"The patient is often at home, unable to participate in the last mile." There are more than 30 types of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer that attacks the lymphatic system, which is part of the immune system. Each year, more than 64,000 Americans are diagnosed with the disease and 20,000 people die of it, according to the National Cancer Institute. Although no cure has been found, it is possible for patients to live with the disease for 20 years or more. The survival rate of patients after five years is 50 percent to 60 percent.

When Iris was diagnosed with the disease Sept. 3, 2002, a day after Daniella's 33rd birthday, Daniella wasn't thinking about how long her mother could live; she was thinking about how soon her mother could die. "In my mind, my mom was never going to dance at my wedding, hold her first

grandchild — all the milestones I wanted her to be at," Daniella said. "I was just devastated." Daniella took time off from her job as a district sales manager to tend to her mother as she went through chemotherapy, seeing "all the things you shouldn't watch your mother go through," she said, choking back tears. And even though she's not an athlete and barely exercised at all during those four months, when she learned her mother was in remission she decided to start running marathons.

"She's gone the distance with the disease, and I wanted to give her something to show her how proud I was," she said. "It was also something for myself. I did nothing but sit ... depressed" during the four months of her mother's chemotherapy. "Iris was surprised to hear about Daniella's new mission. 'I said to myself, 'You're going to endure all this training?'' I said, 'I love it, it's a marathon.' I would look at the word in newspapers and books and the word itself was ... She sighed. 'I said I need to be there for her. She was there for me.'"

Mariella joined Team in Training, an endurance sport program that prepares marathon runners and helps raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Daniella runs a mix of full and half-marathons with her local team in Long Beach, and with the support of her parents, brother and boyfriend. She has raised \$15,000 over the last two years and wants to raise \$10,000 over the next year. Daniella said she plans to keep running marathons as long as she can or until a cure is found. Her next race will be a half-marathon in Phoenix on Jan. 15.

Patrick Delaney, one of the coaches of the Long Beach team, praised Daniella for her dedication and Iris, who is an honorary team member this season, for her support. "They're part of the reason why I want to keep coaching," he said. "Iris is no stranger to cancer. She volunteered for 20 years as a chaplain in the cancer ward at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. She performed missionary work in India in the 1980s, which included helping Mother Teresa."

Iris said her background helped her avoid self-pity when she was diagnosed, but she was still "thrown off balance," if somebody would ask me if I was being prepared for what was taking place — no one is prepared," she said.

By Don Babwin
Associated Press writer

OAK BROOK, Ill. — Residents of Oak Brook Healthcare Center are walking and wheeling toward the smells of turkey and Salisbury steak waiting from the dining room, but Doris Keogh isn't budging. She'll eat when she's hungry, thank you, and not before. "I was two years old when I started making decisions of my own, and that's the truth," said Keogh, who's 80.

That Keogh is not following the crowd — and that nobody here is telling her to — is but one small illustration of what health care advocates say is a revolution in the care of people who can no longer care for themselves.

Across the nation, a growing number of nursing homes have abandoned the traditional way of caring for the elderly. They've turned their facilities into places that look and feel more like homes and retirement centers and less like hospitals. And they're encouraging residents to make choices on their own, instead of leaving the decisions to nurses and administrators.

"Our job as much as possible is to let them be in control, but there are many decisions as possible," said Chadler Boyd, administrator at Providence Mount St. Vincent in Seattle, one of the first nursing homes to institute a so-called culture change. "At nursing homes from Seattle to New York, residents get out of bed when they please and when an aide wants them to. They can go to sleep right after dinner or watch an old movie late in the night. They shower when they want and if they want a bubble bath — and a pedicure — they can have one. They order from menus, and sometimes eat from china and crystal. Nobody's forced to wear a bib."

"If they say they really want a hamburger from McDonald's, we've done that," said Kevin Spang, administrator at Knox County Nursing Home in western Illinois. "Some homes are dividing their facilities into 'neighborhoods' where residents cook, eat, do laundry and watch television in their own 'households.' Walls in what were long, narrow hallways have been knocked down and nursing stations removed, replaced by everything from game rooms to cocktail lounges. At Oak Brook, what was once a hallway lined with closed doors is now an airy walkway flanked by a library, gift shop and the Town Square, a gathering spot where residents can watch big screen television, read, visit and do their laundry. Visitors welcome the changes. "I didn't care and I didn't see people look unkempt, starting into nothingness. They were pleasant," said Pam McCoy, whose mother lives at Dutton Healthcare and Rehab Center, one of Oak Brook's six sister facilities owned by Lancaster

Health Group. Nurses and other staff members have been retained to help put residents in charge. Cheryl Morris, vice president of operations for Lancaster, said staffers no longer wake up residents in the middle of the night to give them their medicine as they did in years past.

And at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community in Kansas, a closed door means staff members must knock before entering, said CEO Steve Shields, who credits culture change for reinvigorating some residents.

"The people that were slumped over, I thought it was (because of) age and disease. But, in fact, it was a complete loss of self."

Residents seem to appreciate their freedom. "I'm very independent (and) I wondered how it would work out for me," said Beatrice Kostelny, an 83-year-old resident of Oak Brook. "I'm happy here. So far, though, only a fraction of the nation's 17,000 nursing homes have made 'substantive' culture changes, said Steve Shields, CEO of Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community in Kansas. A nonprofit group that promotes innovative programs in nursing homes, Jagan had no hard numbers on those that have made the switch.

Part of the reason some hesitate, she and others say, is the nursing home industry is so highly regulated. When homes make even small changes they risk being cited by state and federal agencies. In Florida, for example, a nursing home was hit with citations from the state when, in an effort to give residents "more space" in their rooms for a recliner or other furniture, it moved beds against a wall. Gov. Jeb Bush eventually signed a bill to let the beds be moved.

Money is also a factor. "When you are only getting \$100 a day for a public aid resident — that has to pay for everything — you can only do a little bit here and there," said Kim Kalk, the administrator of Canterbury Care Center in Aurora, which switched from tray service to buffet-style dining last year. In Oak Brook, for example, Morris said the renovation program from a traditional nursing home, completed in 2004 cost about \$400,000, and it costs an additional \$15 a day to care for each resident. Whatever the cost, though, administrators and government officials say nursing homes won't survive if they don't follow the lead of those that have made major changes.

Garth Brokaw, the CEO of the parent corporation of Fairport Baptist Homes in Fairport, N.Y., says baby boomers won't stand for subpar living spaces for their parents — or later for themselves.

Children's average IQ scores are on the rise

Experts are still debating what's behind the surge

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — If judged solely by their IQ scores, today's kids are smarter than any generation since testing began — so smart that many of their great-grandparents would have found mentally deficient by today's standards.

The IQ scores average about 3 points per decade. And the increases are beyond debate. Wherever IQ test trends have been studied — in the United States and 23 other industrialized countries, plus Kenya — average scores rise over time.

Experts in intelligence measurement are still debating why this is happening, and among the explanations they offer are: • A richer intellectual environment. In 1985, 5 percent of Americans graduated from high school, noted psychologist Douglas Detemmer, the editor of the scholarly journal Intelligence. A century later, 5 percent of Americans earned advanced degrees. Better educated parents, he says, are passing on more intelligence these days can be magnified, experts think, by doing parents, demanding preschools and other boosters of a child's environment.

James Flynn, a New Zealand researcher who discovered the global upward creep in IQ scores, thinks that

all those factors help to explain the rise. But he doubts that the average American kid today is a near genius compared with the World War I recruits who took the first U.S. IQ tests and earned scores averaging 28 points lower.

Flynn thinks that Americans in the World War I era were "less literate and numerate" than Americans today and less apt to abstract thinkers. But it wasn't that they were dumber, Flynn said in an interview. Rather, it was that their intellects developed only to the degree that the tests demanded.

John Laurence Miller, a psychology professor at New York University who specializes in learning and intelligence, agreed. "Kids are better at the things that matter today," he said. Their scores are up because their skills are closer to the skills that IQ tests measure. Flynn, a U.S.-trained political scientist who teaches at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, discovered the so-called "Flynn effect" in 1984 when he reported that almost everyone who took them both

had done better on the 1949 version of the Wechsler IQ test than the 1974 version. This tendency proved true for every IQ test, including nonverbal ones.

Publishers of the principal U.S. IQ tests, the Wechsler series and the Stanford-Binet, know that as time passes, test-takers get a few more questions right and the average score inches up. So every decade or two they revise some questions to make the tests harder and test the new version on thousands of kids, typically aged 10 or so. The purpose is to craft tests on which the median score is back down to 100. That's an average IQ by definition.

Even with their upward creep, IQ scores remain what they've always been: reasonably accurate instruments for predicting success in school, college and work for most people.

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U.S. won't name punishment for Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rebuke of Tehran, President Bush said Saturday's long-sought vote to send Iran to nuclear case before the U.N. Security Council sends a clear message that the world will not permit the Iranian regime to gain nuclear weapons.

"The path chosen by Iran's new leaders — threats, concealment, and breaking international agreements and IAEA seals — will not succeed and will not be tolerated by the international community," Bush said in a statement at the White House issued Saturday at the president's ranch in Crawford, Texas, where he is spending the weekend.

"The regime's continued defiance only further isolates Iran from the rest of the world and from the Iranian people's aspirations for a better life."

The administration said the action gives Tehran one month to comply with the world's demands, but U.S. diplomats would not specify the penalties they hope might be imposed.

"I think we'll hold our fire," Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns told reporters. "The U.S. nuclear watchdog

said in a resolution that Iran's nuclear program may not be "exclusively for peaceful purposes." Iran promptly said it would resume uranium enrichment at its main plant instead of in Russia.

"The United States is convinced that Iran is concealing its ambitions to build a bomb and has favored sending the matter to the Security Council option for almost three years."



Bush

Washington cut diplomatic ties with Iran after militant students stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979 and took Americans hostage. The Bush administration stood on the sidelines during intensive diplomatic efforts by European powers, Russia and others to avert what many nations saw as a showdown between old adversaries.

Continued provocation from Iran turned world opinion against it, U.S. officials said Saturday.

"The strong majority in favor of the resolution, representing all regions of the world, underscores the concern of the entire international community about Iran's nuclear program," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a statement.

"We hope the Iranian regime will heed this clear message," Rice said. "The world will not stand by if Iran continues on the path to a nuclear weapons capability."

The decision by the International Atomic Energy Agency's 35-nation board sets the stage for future action by the council, which has the authority to impose economic and political penalties.

Any such moves are weeks, if not months away. Two permanent council members, Russia and China, agreed to refer only on condition the council take no action before March.

The delay gives time for Iran's allies or others to try to intercede. U.S. officials said they will not stand in the way of new diplomacy.

The challenge will be for Iran to choose diplomacy over isolation, Burns said. "It's got 30 days to do it."

The United States, which holds the rotating presidency of the Security Council this month, will circulate a report on Iran but not call for any discussion or other action until after a March 6 meeting of the IAEA, Burns said.

"At that point, if Iran has not complied with the agency's demands, the U.S. or others would begin what Burns predicted would be a vigorous debate in the council. Although tough penalties are one option, the United States has said it is not seeking them right away."

"We're going to ratchet up the pressure step by step," Burns said.

"The council could issue a nonbinding statement, set up its own list of conditions for Iran to meet, impose some punishment right away or do nothing."

There is a strong distaste among some members of the council for broad and punitive penalties similar to those that contributed to a humanitarian crisis in Iraq when Saddam Hussein was president. China's U.N. ambassador said Friday that his nation is opposed to U.N. penalties as a matter of principle.

Gonzales plays familiar role as Bush's defender

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales heads to Capitol Hill on Monday to defend the Bush administration's warrantless eavesdropping program to skeptical lawmakers from both parties. It's a job for which the low-key, presidential confidant has shown himself well-suited.

Affable and measured in his public remarks, Gonzales is strikingly different from his predecessor at the Justice Department, John Ashcroft, who was more confrontational.

Behind the scenes, Gonzales has played important roles in some of the White House's most contentious decisions. Examples include authorizing aggressive interrogation methods that critics say are akin to torture and tapping conversations of people within the United States without a warrant.

ed briefings that the administration has provided to a handful of lawmakers.

Some Democrats chide Gonzales for what they say is his unwillingness to challenge the president on the eavesdropping program and other matters that, in their opinion, have compromised civil liberties.

"The issue is whether this Justice Department, more than any other, is an arm of the president, sort of like the president's law firm," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who voted against Gonzales' confirmation as attorney general a year ago. "Nothing has dispelled those doubts."

Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the Judiciary Committee's top Democrat, said of Gonzales, "Regrettably in my view, he has continued to act like the president's in-house counsel."

Scorning at such complaints is a Republican on the committee, Texas Sen. John Cornyn.



Gonzales

Gonzales acknowledges disagreement in the administration about the National Security Agency's domestic surveillance program. "As with all difficult issues, there has been a robust discussion and analysis with respect to this program," he said in an interview with The Associated Press last week.

In one instance, Gonzales, while White House counsel, reportedly tried to persuade Ashcroft to override objections to the surveillance that arose within the department in 2004 and led to the program's temporary suspension. The effort, which occurred while Ashcroft was hospitalized, failed, Gonzales would not confirm the account.

The NSA's monitoring is the subject of a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Monday. Democrats and Republicans on the committee are unhappy with the legal justifications they have seen so far for the program; the White House's refusal to release other documents; and their exclusion from the limit-

ed by the president. His job is to enforce the law, and I do believe that he has both the integrity and the professional ability to do whatever investigation needs to be done," Cornyn said.

Despite the criticism, the 50-year-old Gonzales is not likely to yield ground in the nationally televised hearing.

"This program was not analyzed, reviewed and approved solely by me," Gonzales said in the AF interview. The attorney general was seated at a conference table in a room adjacent to his office that was adorned with pictures of several presidential predecessors, including Robert Kennedy.

"There are a number of people within the administration who may not have the same kind of relationship I have with the president who certainly agree with me that the president does have the legal authority to authorize this electronic surveillance of the enemy in a time of war," Gonzales said.

Senators have had the chance before to question Gonzales' expansive view on the exercise of presidential power.

New faces in the halls of power

But no major policy changes are expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington has gotten a makeover — of sorts.

From the marble Supreme Court steps and halls of Congress to the interest-rate setting Federal Reserve, new faces have replaced well-known ones that had become institutions in a town full of them.

Yet there is a sameness to the changes in two of the three branches of government.

With one exception, white men have replaced white men in positions that affect people's daily lives, from passing laws to setting policies that affect the cost of borrowing money.

Economic policies are expected to continue largely unchanged as the economy's new bustle follows in the footsteps of the person who preceded him.

In the House, one Republican leader forced out over his ties to lobbyist was replaced by a colleague with a similar past.

Sameness is the order of the day at the White House and across the Bush administration, too, with no major policy changes expected.

"None of those people who have made that policy are moving off the scene," said Ron Walters, who teaches political science at the University of Maryland.

Still, nowhere are the potential ramifications of the comings and goings more deep than the halls of Congress — than at the Supreme Court.

Two justices, including the first woman, are out, succeeded by a pair of Ivy League-educated baby boomers who are expected to help take the high court down a more conservative path.

Pandra Day O'Connor's retirement after almost 25 years leaves the institution without a key moderate and swing vote on such contentious issues as abortion rights, affirmative action and the death penalty. It also leaves it with just one female justice among the nine — Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

William H. Rehnquist, a conservative who served the court for 33 years — including the last 19 as chief justice — died in office at age 80.

Bush nominated federal judge Samuel Alito to replace Roberts, 51, became chief justice in October. Alito, 55, was sworn in last week.

There have been some signs of the new justices' rightward leanings.

In the first major ruling of the Roberts court, the chief justice joined its most conservative members — Anton Scalia and Clarence Thomas — in dissenting from the majority's decision to block the administration's challenge to Oregon doctors' assisted suicide law. Roberts did



Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, talks with reporters Thursday after being selected to replace Rep. Tom DeLay as House majority leader on Capitol Hill in Washington.

not write a separate opinion to explain his reasoning.

At his Senate confirmation hearing, Alito refused to say whether he thought the court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision establishing the constitutional right to abortion was "settled law."

But in handling his first case on his first full day as a justice, Alito split from the court's conservative wing and sided with five other colleagues in refusing to allow a Missouri execution to proceed.

Across town at the Federal Reserve, the stewardship of the U.S. economy is in new hands. Ben Bernanke, 52, a Harvard-educated economist and former White House economic adviser, is the new Fed chairman, replacing Alan Greenspan, who held the post for more than 18 of his 79 years. His was the second-longest tenure as Fed chairman in history.

But the changing of the economic guard will not necessarily mean an overhaul for Fed interest-rate policies, which influence all types of consumer borrowing. Greenspan's management has been so lauded that Bernanke has made it clear he intends to follow his predecessor's well-worn script.

One explanation for all the coming and going: People get old.

"We are having generational change on the court and will continue to have it over the next five to 10 years," said Paul Light, a New York University political science professor, referring to the two oldest remaining justices, John Paul Stevens, who is 85, and Ginsburg, 72.

New leadership is in place in the House, too.

House Republicans, reeling from a congressional influence-peddling investigation as lawmakers look ahead to November's midterm elections, have chosen Ohio Rep. John Boehner to replace Rep. Tom DeLay as majority leader, the No. 2 position.

DeLay, R-Texas, is facing campaign finance charges back home and heat from colleagues in Washington over his ties to lobbyist Jack Abramoff, the subject of the federal corruption investigation. After stepping aside temporarily, DeLay later decided against seeking a return to leadership.

But Boehner, 56, a self-styled reform candidate brings his own lobbying baggage to the post, in which he'll decide what

gets voted on in the House.

He has refused to return some \$30,000 in donations from American Indian tribes represented by Abramoff. He also was the subject of recent scrutiny for accepting donations, parties and trips from Sallie Krawcheck, the nation's largest provider of student loans, as he lobbied the House Education and the Workforce Committee that Boehner led.

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Retired Marine: Vets earned live bugle at the end

By P.J. Huffstutter
Los Angeles Times

ELWOOD, Ill. — Retired Marine Cpl. Ed Crobie trudges through the snowdrifts with his bugle, anxious to start his day and reach the funeral site at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

A nearby weather gauge reads 12 degrees. The ground is covered with a thick blanket of snow, deep enough in spots to reach the tops of the musician's knees. Shivering, he slips small hand-warmers into his gloves and tucks his bugle into his overcoat to keep it from freezing on this recent Monday morning.

Over the last three years, Crobie has spent several days a week volunteering at the cemetery, sounding taps at military funerals. Without him, a recording of the dike played on a CD player or a mechanical bugle would have honored the dead.

For Crobie, a Vietnam War veteran, that is simply unacceptable.

"It's so cold, so mechanical," says Crobie, 53, a retired utility company technician.

He relies primarily for his time and has averaged 75 funerals a month. So far, he's paid homage to more than 2,800 veterans, ranging from fallen warriors who served in World War I to today's young soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It doesn't matter when you serve, veterans deserve the respect of a proper funeral," Crobie says.

Nearly 1,500 veterans died each day in 2005, according to the National Cemetery Association. About 600,000 veterans are expected to die this year.

Buglers also are needed at the gravesites of the service members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A 2000 Defense Department directive urges veterans to have an honor guard at their funerals. The guard is a minimum of two military members, one of whom must be from the branch of the armed forces in which the veteran served — escorts the coffin to the gravesite and folds the ceremonial flag.

Although buglers are part of American military tradition dating back to the Civil War, having no play taps at a funeral isn't included in the directive.

"There are about 640 buglers on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserves, but many of them have been dispatched to the Middle East, according to military officials. The push to recruit or train buglers has been overwhelmed by the need to fill the ranks.

"Even if all the musicians in the military were here, we still wouldn't have enough people to cover every funeral," said Steve Muro, director of operations for the National Cemetery Administration. "We need the volunteers now, more than ever."

Crobie's day begins at 5:30 a.m. at his home in Ellettsville, about 10 miles north of the funeral site. Moving in the dark, trying not to wake his wife, he dresses for his self-imposed duty.

His funeral black uniform is clean, pressed and ready to go. He nestles the bugle into its navy-blue cloth case, slides it under his arm and walks out the door.

"It's not that it's been a calling for him," says his wife, Gail, 56, a part-time pediatric nurse. "It's been a perfect way for him to reach out and make sure these families feel their loved ones are being honored and appreciated for what they've done, in a way he never felt when he came home from Vietnam."



Retired Marine Cpl. Ed Crobie, at an Elwood, Ill. cemetery, sounds taps at military funerals. Recordings are unacceptable, he says.

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Crobie was assigned to a Marine drum and bugle corps in Vietnam. He didn't know about electronic send-offs until friends recruited stories of seeing compact disc players at military funerals. He began reading about the lack of buglers in local newspapers and on the Internet.

While researching the issue in 2002, Crobie discovered Bugles Across America. The organization, which helps connect military families with musicians willing to help, has recruited more than 5,000 volunteer horn players across the country.

"The symbolism of having a live-bugler helps provide the family closure," said Tom Day, founder of the group. "For the musicians like Ed, they join a community of their peers, and find a sense of purpose and duty."

Crobie eagerly signed up with the nonprofit group and began practicing bugle calls. Then Crobie decided to find the families himself.

In February 2002, Crobie drove to Abraham Lincoln cemetery, the nation's second-largest national cemetery, about an hour southwest of downtown Chicago.

Wandering across the rolling hills, crowded with graves of oak and elm trees striped by the winter wind, he stumbled across a volunteer honor guard and offered to play.

The honor guard put away the CD and invited Crobie to join them.

"Just kept coming back, until everyone here began to expect seeing me," Crobie said. "I feel like, by doing this, I'm serving my country still."

It's 9 a.m. by the time Crobie arrives at the cemetery. Before heading out to the graveyard, he stops by the administration building to pick up his schedule for the day.

Each day is different. Mondays tend to be busier — "We've had 15 funerals in a day," Crobie says — because the services often back up over the weekend. But this particular Monday is a slow one: "There's only six to do today."

One veteran served in World War II. Another was in Vietnam. Three served in the Korean War. Their average age is 72.

The final funeral of the day is

buried the way he lived — the traditional military way," says Deborah Street, 68, of Chicago. Off to the side, Crobie stands at attention. His wind-chapped face is stoic and his brown eyes focus on the honor guard as he waits for his cue.

The honor guard raises seven rifles and fires three times. Before the smell of gunpowder fades, Crobie lifts his bugle, takes a deep breath and begins to play.

Twenty-four notes ring out, a simple, sadly elegant melody that lasts 55 seconds. At the end, Crobie lowers his bugle and salutes the casket.

A minute passes. No one speaks. The only sound is the whistle of the wind.

"Even now, my heart will pound before I start. After, I thank God for helping me get through it, that I didn't make a mistake or a slip," Crobie says. "It's hard to do it, but I could do 50 a day if I had to, because they deserve it."

For the next five hours, as Crobie repeats his performance, he tries to ignore the cold cramping his fingers. He pulls a thick scarf over his mouth when his lips grow numb. His shoulders ache so badly from hunching, he gasps each time he lifts the bugle.

It could leave. People would understand. But he doesn't. The last funeral for Kaiser, the young Marine from Homestead.

"It's just so sad," Crobie says. "It's always hardest with the young ones, because they've left so many people behind. I can make it through one more."

Crobie takes his position, just a few yards from where Kaiser's friend's placed an M-16, combat boots, a helmet, his dog tags. Hundreds of people cram into the shelter, standing shoulder to shoulder around the casket. Wade and Christine Kaiser, the Marine's parents, sit on black metal folding chairs in the front. Their faces are pale; their eyes glazed.

As Crobie sounds the first note, Wade Kaiser turns to the music. The grieving father stares at the bugle. He never blinks. As the last note echoes across the grounds, mingling with the muffled sound of sobbing, Kaiser nods at Crobie.

Crobie stands at attention. Only the trees, slowly running down each cheek, show his emotion.

"They're coming!" Crobie shouts. "Time to move!"

Thirteen paces of feet crunch through the snow, lining up, as the hearse comes to a stop. The Street family stands at attention, gaze upon the American flag covering the casket.

"My husband was very clear. When he died, he wanted to be



An Iraqi detainee sits with his head covered by a bag while an American soldier covers another detainee's eyes with tape Saturday during a raid in Ramadi.

More Sunni victims found; politicians warn of civil war

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Sunni politicians warned of civil war Saturday after the bullet-riddled bodies of 14 Sunni Arab men were found in Baghdad — apparently the latest victims of sectarian death squads.

One person was killed and 12 injured when a mortar shell exploded near a Shiite mosque north of the capital. Sunni leaders claimed the 14 men were seized last week by Shiite-led security forces. There was no confirmation from the Shiite-led Interior Ministry that government troops were responsible.

A top ministry official, Maj. Gen. Hussain Ali Kamal, said the bodies were shot multiple times and dumped in the back of a truck in northern Baghdad late Friday. He denounced the killings as a "criminal act" and said "We have nothing so far" to indicate government forces were to blame.

Leaders of several major Sunni Arab political organizations insisted the Interior Ministry was responsible for the killings.

Khaled al-Liyan, head of the National Dialogue Council, said the men were arrested by Interior Ministry troops at a Sunni mosque in Baghdad and killed elsewhere.

"The government is pushing hard toward a civil war," al-Liyan told reporters.

Dr. Salman al-Jumali, a senior member of the Iraqi Islamic Party, part of the largest Sunni bloc in the new parliament, threatened to carry through with a threat by his party's leader Wednesday to launch a "civil disobedience" campaign if attacks against Sunnis do not stop.

"There is an escalation in organized assassinations by parties belonging to government security forces," al-Jumali said. "There is an organized and well-trained force at the Interior Ministry conducting this sectarian cleansing against us."

The 14 bodies were taken to a morgue to be collected by

their families, the Association of Muslim Scholars, a Sunni clerical group, said in a statement. The bodies of a father and son were taken to the headquarters of the National Dialogue Council, another Sunni political group, and displayed to reporters.

Shiites, an estimated 60 percent of Iraq's 27 million people, also have been the victims of sectarian killings and often have been targeted in suicide bombings.

Long oppressed under Saddam Hussein, Shiites insist they must maintain control of the security forces to defend themselves and to prevent the return of Saddam-style dictatorship.

Late Saturday, a mortar shell exploded a few yards from a Shiite shrine in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad. One person was killed and 12 injured, including three children, police Capt. Layth Mohammed said.

Top Sunni political leaders have demanded that Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, a member of the biggest Shiite party, be dismissed and that the post in the new government go to someone without close ties to Shiite religious parties.

U.S. and United Nations diplomats also have called for control of the key security ministries to taken out of the hands of sectarian groups. The issue is expected to hinder quick agreement on a new government when talks among Iraq's parties begin to earnest this month.

Voters chose a new parliament in elections Dec. 15 but no government has been formed because major parties have been awaiting final certification of results, expected in the coming week.

Shiite religious parties, who dominate the outgoing government, won the biggest number of seats — 128 out of 275 — in the new parliament. That's not enough to govern without partners, and U.S. officials have been pressing hard for a major role for Sunni Arabs as well as Kurds.

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Hospital studies used artificial joints

Patients are glad to help the surgeons who restored their ability to walk

CHICAGO (AP) — It may seem impolite, but doctors at one Chicago hospital routinely ask patients with artificial knees and hips if they wouldn't mind returning their joints when they're done with them.

Post-mortem studies can tell researchers a lot about how prosthetic joints wear down or stay strong over time, said Dr. Joshua Jacobs of Rush University Medical Center. Jacobs and his colleagues hope their work can help build longer-lasting joints for the more than 400,000 Americans who have joints replaced each year.

So far, the orthopedic implant retrieval laboratory at Rush has retrieved 193 joints from 115 patients after death. Another 740 patients have signed up.

"It's amazing how many people are willing to be a part of this," Jacobs said. "They think of it in a positive way, how this research can be used to help mankind."

The unusual brand of volunteerism often stems from gratitude, Jacobs said. Patients want to help the orthopedic surgeons who restored their ability to walk without pain.

Harriet Daniels of Naperville is one of the volunteers. Discomfort from osteoarthritis drove her to have four joint replacement surgeries, one each decade starting with her left hip in 1978. She had her right hip done in 1985, her left knee in 1993 and her right shoulder in 2002.

When the Rush hospital staff told her about the post-mortem retrieval study, she agreed to take part. Studying her joints could be a short course in the modern history of joint replacement.

"It's a mighty easy way to help science," said the 85-year-old Daniels.

Since the program began in 1990, it has retrieved 112 hips, 69 knees and eight other devices, such as shoulders. The



Dr. Joshua Jacobs holds artificial hip joints that were removed from a patient who received new implants, recently at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Jacobs and his colleagues have published several academic papers about what they've learned that can help the more than 400,000 Americans who have joints replaced each year.

research is part of a broader study on joint replacement funded by the National Institutes of Health as well as private philanthropic sources, said Laura Quigley, a registered nurse who participates in the program.

A retrieval team is always on call and ready to act quickly so the procedure doesn't delay funeral plans. The team brings its own surgical instruments, collection containers and protective gear. There is no cost to the family.

When Mayer Stern died April 2, 2005, at age 85 in Miami, his widow, Gloria Stern, knew he had wanted to participate in the program.

"I found knowing his wishes, and having it taken care of, very comforting," she said. "It sort of looked forward to the idea he could do something after his death."

Falling artificial joints that must be replaced during a patient's lifetime also are retrieved and studied. But post-mortem retrieval is the only way to study joints that worked well enough to outlast

the patient, Jacobs said.

"In addition, the studies done post-mortem allow us to retrieve not only the implant but also the surrounding tissues," Jacobs said. "That gives us much more insight into how the surrounding tissues have been affected."

For example, researchers found that screw holes and uncoated surfaces are especially vulnerable to the migration of debris generated by wear and tear of the joint surfaces. This debris can activate the local immune response and cause bone loss and loosening of the implant. On the plus side, they've learned that human bone continues to grow into porous-coated surfaces, strengthening the joint, for years after surgery.

And the search is on for new wear-resistant materials that shed less debris that can migrate to a patient's lymph nodes, liver or spleen, Jacobs said. Researchers don't think migrated debris from artificial joints causes serious health problems, but they would like to reduce it.

Katrina-ravaged states prepare for elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Louisiana officials are preparing to send out nearly 1 million mailers as part of a campaign to tell voters who fled the wrath of Hurricane Katrina how to cast ballots from afar: a problem not as widespread in other Gulf Coast states.

"It's unfair to think that displaced people would be election experts," Louisiana Secretary of State Al Ater said Saturday during a conference of secretaries of state.

Ater said he wants every voter driven out of Louisiana to have "the opportunity to participate, if they want, and that the bar is no higher for them to participate than it is if somebody's home didn't get destroyed."

In contrast, Mississippi faces

fewer challenges because many of those who were displaced along the coast moved inland but are still in the state, its secretary of state, Eric Clark, told the conference.

Mississippi is considering consolidating voting areas to create "mega-precincts" where population density is lower, and it will also try to identify people who could cast absentee ballots, Clark said.

Nancy Worley, Alabama's top election official, said her state is more prepared for disasters because it was hit by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

"As a result of that experience, we had learned a great deal about preparation," Worley said.

Still, Worley added, her office is only now getting reports

from some of the polling places damaged by Katrina.

Louisiana officials estimated that 400,000 registered voters were displaced by the storm that ravaged the coast last summer. Displaced voters have relocated to every state except Alaska, Ater said.

No estimates of displaced voters were immediately available for Mississippi and Alabama.

Before Katrina intervened, voters in New Orleans had been scheduled to pick a mayor and other city officials on Saturday. Elections are now planned for April 22, with a runoff, if necessary, on May 20. Ater said he hopes that November elections in the state will go ahead without major problems.

FBI: Two abducted children found after six years

LILLINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Two girls abducted more than six years ago were reunited with their father this week after they were found during a traffic stop, the FBI said Friday.

Authorities have said the girls, ages 6 and 8 at the time of the abduction, were picked up by their mother, Joyce Linda Murray Steyne, and her brother, Stephen Kirk Murray, on Dec.

17, 1999, from their father's home.

Despite a court order, the girls were not returned, authorities said.

A 16-year-old son also taken from the home was later found abandoned at a hotel in Roanoke Rapids.

The girls, whom the FBI did not identify by name, were found in a car during a traffic

stop Thursday in Lillington when a law enforcement officer became suspicious and identified Steyne.

The FBI said Steyne, 45, is charged with removal of minor children in North Carolina in violation of a custody order and an unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Authorities were still searching for Murray, the FBI said.

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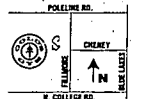
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Police officer, woman die in capture of suspect

CASSVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A teenager suspected of a hatchet-and-gun attack on a Massachusetts gay bar shot and killed a small-town police officer and the teen's female passenger before he was critically wounded in a gun battle with police Saturday, authorities said.

Officer D. Robida, 33, was shot twice in the head and "it doesn't look good right now," said Massachusetts prosecutor Paul Walsh Jr.

Walsh said the teen shot Officer Jim

Sell, 56, twice during a traffic stop in this northern Arkansas town.

About 25 miles away, Robida sped over spike strips set out by state troopers, but continued to drive with two punctured tires into downtown Norfolk. Robida's car then careened into several parked vehicles to avoid a police barricade.

"When he wrecked he started firing at our officer and a state police officer and the officers returned fire," said Baxter County Sheriff John

Montgomery.

Walsh said the teen shot his unidentified female passenger before he was wounded in the shootout with police.

Robida was taken to a Springfield, Mo., hospital, according to state police spokesman Bill Sadler.

Investigators had searched for Robida since Thursday's attack at a bar in New Bedford, Mass., that left three men wounded, one critically.

The hatchet used in the attack was

found outside the bar, but deterives believed Robida still had the gun.

Robida was a high school dropout who friends say glorified Nazis but never expressed any specific prejudice against gays.

"This is insane," said Heather Vellon, 22, of Fall River, Mass., who had known Robida for more than a year. "That kid never so much as raised his voice at me... This is all pretty much a shock to me, like everyone else."

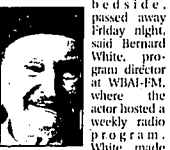


Robida

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Al Lewis of 'Munsters' fame dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Lewis, the cigar-chomping patriarch of "The Munsters" whose work as a basketball scout, restaurateur and political candidate never eclipsed his role as Grandpa from the television sitcom, died after years of failing health. He was 95.



Lewis

Lewis, with his wife at his bedside, passed away Friday night, said Bernard White, program director at WBAL-FM, where the actor hosted a weekly radio program.

White made the announcement on the air during the Saturday slot where Lewis usually appeared.

"To say that we will miss his generous, cantankerous, engaging spirit is a profound understatement," White said.

Lewis, sporting a somewhat cheesy Dracula outfit, became a pop culture icon playing the irascible father-in-law to Fred Gwynne's ever-bumbling Herman Munster on the 1964-66 television show. He was also one of the stars of another classic TV comedy, playing Officer Leo Schmauser on "Car 54, Where Are You?"

But Lewis' life off the small screen ranged far beyond his acting antics. A former hall player at Thomas Jefferson High School, he achieved notoriety as a basketball talent scout familiar to coaching greats like Jerry Tarkanian and Red Auerbach.

He operated a successful Greenwich Village restaurant, Grandpa's, where he was a regular presence — chatting with customers, posing for pictures, signing autographs.

Just two years short of his 90th birthday, a ponytailed, Lewis ran as the Green Party candidate against incumbent Gov. George Pataki. Lewis campaigned against draconian drug laws and the death penalty, while going to court in a losing battle to have his name appear on the ballot as "Grandpa Al Lewis."

He didn't defeat Pataki, but managed to collect more 52,000 votes.

Lewis was born Alexander Meister in upstate New York before his family moved to Brooklyn, where the 6-foot-1 teen began a lifelong love affair with basketball. He later became a vaudeville and circus performer, but his career didn't take off until television did the same.

Lewis, as Officer Schmauser, played opposite Gwynne's Officer Francis Muldoon in "Car 54, Where Are You?" — a comedy about a Bronx police precinct that aired from 1961-63. One year later, the duo appeared together in "The Munsters," taking up residence at the fictional 1313 Mockingbird Lane.

The series, about a family of clueless creatures plunked down in middle America, was a success and ran through 1966. It forever linked Lewis in as the memorably twisted character, decades later, strangers would greet him on the street with shouts of "Grandpa!"

Unlike some television stars, Lewis never complained about getting typecast and made appearances in character for decades.

"Why would I mind?" he asked in a 1997 interview. "It pays my mortgage."

Lewis rarely slowed down, opening his restaurant and hosting his WBAL radio program, at the same time. But in 2003, he was a frequent guest on the Howard Stern radio show, once sending the shock jock diving for the decay button by leading an undeniably obscene chant against the Federal Communications Commission.

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From COAL to KILOWATT

Here is a step-by-step look at what happens in the process of turning fossil fuel into consumable electricity.

After being filtered, the flue exhaust exits through the smoke stack. But, there are still some contaminants contained in the exhaust that are of possible concern:

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The mercury-coal connection

Coal-burning power plants are the largest human-caused source of mercury emissions to the air in the United States, accounting for over 40 percent of all domestic human-caused mercury emissions.

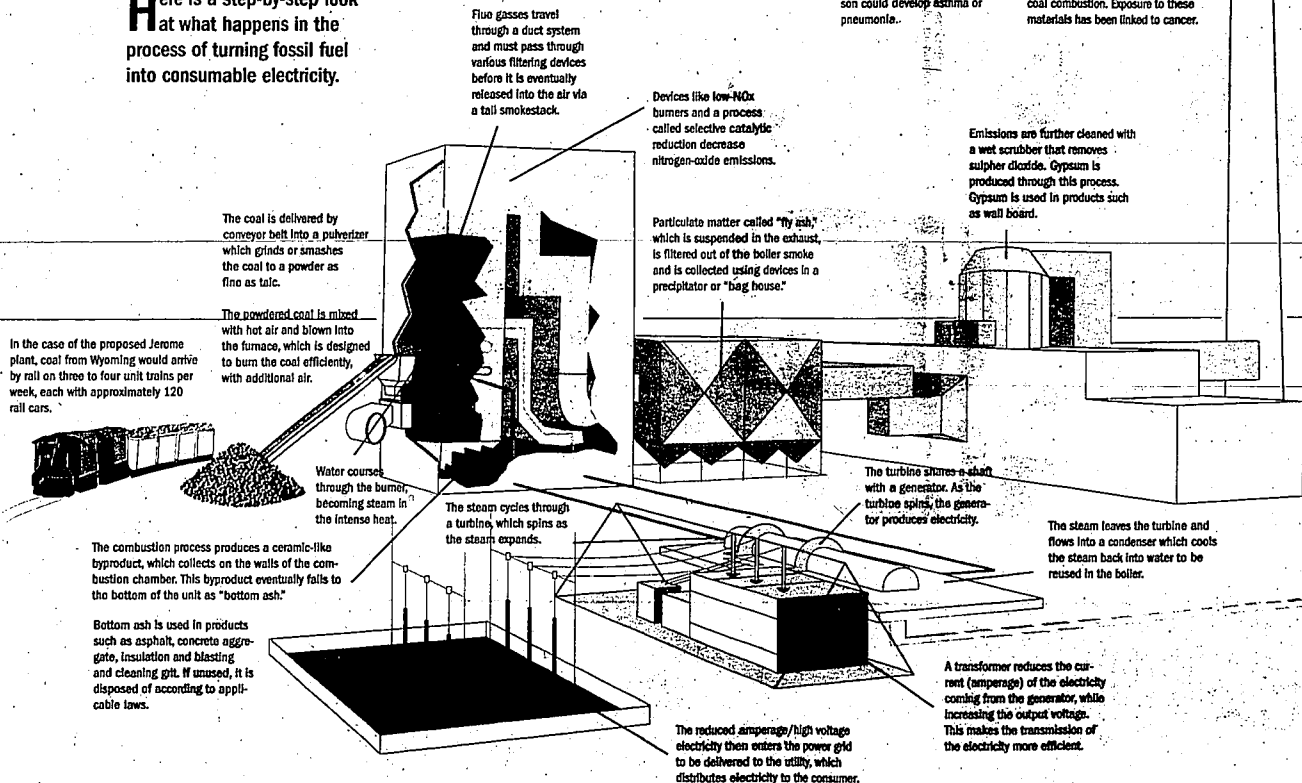
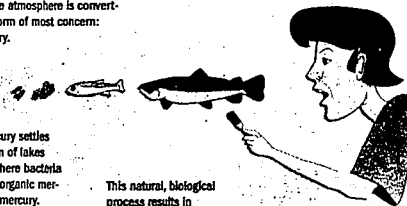
EPA has estimated that about one quarter of U.S. emissions from coal-burning power plants are deposited within the contiguous U.S. and the remainder enters the global cycle.

Only a small component of the mercury released by power plants and present in the atmosphere is converted into the form of most concern: Methylmercury.

Inorganic mercury settles into the bottom of lakes and streams where bacteria convert it into organic mercury, or Methylmercury.

This natural, biological process results in Methylmercury compounds that build up in living tissue and increase in concentration up the food chain.

As larger fish eat smaller fish, more mercury accumulates. The larger the fish in mercury-heavy waters, the more likely it will contain a greater amount of Methylmercury.



A cooling system recycles the water from the condenser, cooling the water warmed in the heat-transfer process and returning it to the condenser.

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(This graphic is not to scale and doesn't represent the specific appearance or operation of the proposed Semptra plant. It is meant to illustrate the general process by which a coal-fired powerplant does its job.)

THE SEMPRA ISSUE IN DEPTH: PART 1



Employee 'Buddy' Coomer walks through the Twin Oaks Power plant near Bremond, Texas. Coomer has been employed at the plant since it opened in 1991.

Converting coal to kilowatts

Texas plant operates differently than one planned in Idaho

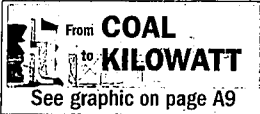
By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News Writer

BREMONT, Texas — Plumes of steam rise slowly from ventilators in front of the main building at the Twin Oaks Power plant. Occasionally, the steam gathers so thickly that it blocks the plant's smokestacks.

As fresh air from the power plant's premises, two things are readily noticeable: large piles of coal and massive transmission lines. The energy inside coal arrives at Twin Oaks in one form and leaves in another. For 15 years, the Walnut Creek Mining Company has provided Twin Oaks with the lignite coal to run the plant, said Dave Kowalski, mine manager. He estimates that the mine could provide Semptra's 305-megawatt coal-fired plant with enough lignite to keep it in business for 30 years.

Trucks transport the coal from Walnut Creek and leave it in large piles under a long, metal storage cover behind the power plant. A mechanized belt pulls the coal onto an elevator.

From there, said George Faulkner, plant man-



ager, the lignite is routed to one of four silos. The lignite goes into the boiler at 3/8-inch size, he said. From the operating room, crews control the coal-to-limestone ratio going into the boiler. Limestone, Faulkner said, helps keep the plant's sulfur dioxide emissions under control. As the coal heats, it powers the plant's turbines, generating electricity. The remainder of the coal is ash, which goes through several steps, including being filtered through a series of bag filters known as the bag house, before leaving the building. Twin Oaks already has willing buyers for the byproducts of coal — its energy and its ash.

Pollution — a relative term?

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BREMONT, Texas — When it was built in 1991, the Twin Oaks Power plant was dubbed the cleanest coal-fired power plant in the nation. Today, it's still the cleanest plant in Texas, says an air quality specialist who works for the state. In a part of the country where coal-fired power plants dot the landscape like sugar beet processors in southern Idaho, it's not easy to get a handle on what's clean and what's dirty. Pollution depends a lot on one's perspective.

For instance, in 2001, the Twin Oaks Power plant produced roughly 2,406 tons of nitrogen oxide, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In that same year, all of the power plants in Idaho generated 344,833 tons of nitrogen oxide while all of the power plants in the combined produced 331,255.28 tons. But Texas also has three times the land mass. Yet, in the 15 years since Twin Oaks became operational, improved technology has made it possible to reduce emissions from coal-fired power plants. The Idaho Valley Energy plant that Semptra proposes to build in Jerome will be at 600 megawatts, nearly twice the size of Twin Oaks. Semptra officials estimate, however, that the facility will emit about 1,500 tons of nitrogen oxide annually.

"Twin Oaks has to meet state and federal emission standards," said Betty Young, who oversees environmental matters at the facility. The plant can only emit 0.6 pounds of nitrogen oxide per million BTUs, she said. Twin Oaks already beats the requirements, emitting only 0.16 pounds per million BTUs. Only rarely has the facility emitted more than its allowed nitrogen oxide limit and received a notice that it violated either state or federal regulations, Young said. Steve Hagle, with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, agreed.

"The Twin Oaks plant hasn't racked up many violations from us," Hagle said. If the power plant emits pollutants at levels above standards, plant officials should report the incident vol-

A list of contaminants of possible concern from coal-fired power plants:

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untarily, Hagle said. While air quality in the Robertson County area is good, Hagle said, the EPA considers both nearby Dallas and Houston "air maintenance" areas for air quality. Air pollution in these regions exceeds federal guidelines, and Austin is quickly becoming an area of concern, he said. But, Hagle said, the blame for the region's air quality problems cannot be laid solely on coal-fired power plants — other industries as well as automobiles also are to blame.

Ever since Semptra announced its intention to locate a coal-fired power plant in Idaho, residents have worried about mercury emissions — a pollutant that did not figure many in Robertson County. "I don't know that we're doing any ambient monitoring for mercury," Hagle said. In the Robertson County area, Lake Limestone sits north-east of Bremont — in the direction that the wind blows. Another power plant uses the water from the reservoir for operations. TCEQ's testing of sediment in Lake Limestone revealed mercury levels at 1.06 milligrams per kilogram.

While a spokesman for TCEQ maintains the level is not high, a specialist at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality disputes it. "The national average is 0.07 milligrams per kilogram," said Don Essig with IDEQ. But, he said, perhaps the average in Texas is higher than the national. At half the size of Semptra's Idaho plant, the Twin Oaks Power plant emitted 294 pounds of mercury into the air in 2003, according to the EPA. The Idaho Valley Energy plant will emit between 100 and 160 pounds of mercury each year — with less than half of that amount projected to stay in Magic Valley. Besides advances in technol-

NATION

Bush's 2007 budget favors defense

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to propose a \$2.7 trillion budget Monday that would shrink most parts of the government unrelated to the nation's security while slowing spending on Medicare by \$36 billion during the next five years, according to White House documents. The pending plan Bush is to recommend to Congress will call for the elimination or reduction of 441 programs — for a savings of \$14.5 billion — across a broad swath of federal agencies, according to administration and congressional officials who have had access to budget documents in advance. Wide-ranging as they are, those cuts pale in comparison with the White House's attempt to carve money from Medicare — the first major assault from a presidential candidate made in his State of the Union address last week to constrain the massive entitlement programs for the elderly and the poor.

Overall, the budget for the 2007 fiscal year would further reshuffle the government in the way the administration has been striving to during the past half-decade: building up military capacity and defense agencies against foreign threats on U.S. soil, while restraining expenditures on many domestic areas, from education programs to train service.

For the second consecutive year, the White House will ask for an outright reduction in the "discretionary" part of the budget — the portion that is determined year to year — apart from the Pentagon and homeland security. According to one congressional source, White House officials plan to emphasize their frugality in discretionary spending, as they propose to cut it more deeply than Congress just did in the budget for the current year that was approved last week.

Bush fore-shadowed his intentions in the State of the Union speech, saying, "Every year of my presidency, we've reduced the growth of nonsecurity discretionary spending. ... This year, my budget will cut it again."

Spending for the departments of Commerce, Education, Energy and Interior, in particular, will be flat or decreased. In contrast, the president plans to recommend for the Department of Homeland Security an increase of at least 5 percent from this year's funding of \$30.8 billion, not counting emergency spending to recover from last year's hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region, congressional aides said. The White House also has decided to try again to increase passengers' security fees for air travel from \$2.50 per flight for nonstop

travelers to \$5 — a proposal that Congress swiftly rejected last year. Similarly, the budget will contain a hike of nearly 5 percent in the Pentagon's funding for next year, defense officials said. The \$139.3 billion includes \$84.2 billion for weapons systems, an 8 percent increase in weapons spending. The military budget reflects a subtle shift in Pentagon spending priorities from existing weapons towards research and development.

In addition, the White House is continuing a pattern of leaving — substantial — military expenditures out of the budget last week, the Pentagon announced. It intends to ask Congress for an additional \$120 billion — not contained in the new spending plan — to help pay for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq this year and next.

In another area of emphasis, Bush will include \$5.9 billion in the budget for what he is calling an "American Competitiveness Initiative," invested in the State of the money, \$1.6 billion, would be used to resurrect a research and development tax credit for industry that expired last year. The rest would go for such initiatives as increasing research in physical sciences, training more teachers in math and science.

Betty Friedan, philosopher of feminism, dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betty Friedan, whose manifesto "The Feminine Mystique" became a best seller in the 1960s and laid the groundwork for the modern feminist movement, died Saturday. She was 85.

Friedan died at her home of congestive heart failure, according to her cousin, Emily Bazelon. Friedan's assertion in her 1963 best seller that having a husband and babies was not everything and that women should aspire to separate identities as individuals, was highly unusual. If not revolutionary, just after the baby and suburban booms of the Eisenhower era, she said, a plucky lot of good society sold to women that left them unfulfilled, suffering from "the problem that has no name" and seeking a solution in tran-

quilizers and psychoanalysis. "A woman has got to be able to say, and not feel guilty, 'Who am I, and what do I want out of life?'" She must "not self-hatred and neurotic if she wants goals of her own, outside of husband and children," Friedan said. Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, publisher of Ms. magazine and a former president of the National Organization for Women, praised Friedan's legacy. "She was a pioneer for women's rights and a leading activist of the 20th century whose work led to profound changes in improving the status of women and women's lives" worldwide. "The Feminine Mystique" helped to "defy the lesser status of women," she said. "That book changed women's lives," said Kim Gandy, current president of NOW, which Friedan co-founded. "It opened women's minds to the world that we actually might be something more. And for the women who secretly harbored such unpopular thoughts, it told them that there were other women out there like them who thought there might be something more to life."

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I.N. nuclear watchdog agency refers Iran to Security Council

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The International Atomic Energy Agency reported Iran to the U.N. Security Council on Saturday over fears it wants to produce nuclear arms, raising the stakes in the diplomatic confrontation and prompting Tehran to threaten immediate retaliation.

Of the board's 35 member nations, 27 voted for referral, reflecting more than two years of intense lobbying by the United States and its allies — and growing concerns about Iran's true nuclear aims.

Washington criticizes Cuba, Venezuela and Syria voted against referral, and the other five nations abstained.

Still, the near consensus came as a price for Washington. Long an advocate of Iran Security Council action against Iran, including possible political and economic sanctions, the Americans had to settle for what is essentially symbolic referral, now.

After years of opposition, Russia and China backed the referral last week, bringing support from other nations including India — that has been waiting for their lead. But in return, Moscow and Beijing demanded that the Americans — and France and Britain — stop leading the Security Council members — agree to let the Iran issue rest until at least March.

That is when the IAEA board meets again to review the agency's investigation of Iran's nuclear program and its compliance with board demands that it

Iranian president orders nuclear work to resume

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president on Saturday ordered the resumption of uranium enrichment and an end to scrap inspections of its facilities after the U.N. nuclear watchdog voted to report Tehran to the Security Council.

Iran had warned that it would resume enrichment if the International Atomic Energy Agency board voted to refer it to the Security Council, which it did on Saturday. Tehran also said a proposal by Moscow to enrich uranium in Russia was dead.

"As of Sunday, the voluntary implementation of the additional protocol and other cooperation beyond the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty has to be suspended under the law," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in a letter



addressed to Vice President Gholamreza Aghazadeh, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran. Javad Vaeidi, deputy head of the powerful National Security Council, said there was no adequate reason to pursue the Russian plan.

"Commercial scale uranium enrichment will be resumed in Natanz in accordance with the law passed by the parliament," Vaeidi told state television in a telephone interview from Vienna, Austria. Natanz is Iran's main enrichment plant.

resumption uranium enrichment. That process can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or the material needed to build a warhead.

Iran remained defiant, threatening to do precisely what referral was meant to prevent.

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"As of Sunday, the voluntary implementation of the additional protocol and other cooperation beyond the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty has to be suspended under the law," Ahmadinejad said in a letter to Vice President Gholamreza Aghazadeh, who also is the head of the nation's nuclear agency.



Najjar was responding to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who at a high-level security conference in Munich, Germany, repeated Washington's view of Iran as the "world's leading state sponsor of terrorism."

European leaders expressed support for the referral, through a resolution drafted by France, Britain and Germany on behalf of the European Union.

From dengue to diarrhea, foreign travel poses risk

Study provides picture of most common diseases

The Associated Press

Traveling to Africa or South-east Asia? Malaria and dengue fever are the big worries. In the Caribbean and South America, it's infections from worms and other parasites. In south-central Asia, respiratory illness.

Visitors to exotic locales have long been warned not to drink the water. But tourists also face plenty of other health dangers — including food, mosquitoes and bugs on the ground — and much of the travel advice is based on data from the 1980s or small, one-country studies.

Now, the records of ill travelers treated at a network of 30 travel-medicine clinics on six continents, called GeoSentinel, have yielded the most comprehensive picture yet of the illnesses most likely to strike visitors to particular regions of the World.

"This is a real blueprint" for doctors, said Dr. David Freedman, lead researcher of a study reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. "Where the traveler has returned from really determines what diagnoses you should worry about and what you should test for."

Each year, about 8 percent of the more than 50 million travelers to developing countries become sick enough to seek health care during their trip or when they return home. Depending on the destination, up to two-thirds become sick, most with short-lived diarrhea, skin problems and respiratory infections.

And foreign travel, including business trips and immigrants' visits back home, is on the rise, with more than 760 million people crossing borders in 2004.

GeoSentinel's records on 17,353 ill tourists treated from 1996 through 2004, after their return home from 230 developing nations, show many illnesses were not apparent for a while. More than one-third of the patients became sick over a month after they got back, and one in 10 fell ill more than six months later.

The records showed many had lingering diarrhea from infections by parasites, now more common than bacterial diarrhea; dengue fever has become more prevalent than malaria in most regions; and infections from tick bites are now a big problem in sub-Saharan Africa. GeoSentinel shares its findings with health agencies so that their own updated travel recommendations.

American doctors rarely see and often fail to recognize some of these exotic diseases, or diagnoses from their own travel recommendations.

Freedman, director of the Traveler's Health Clinic at University of Alabama at Birmingham, said doctors treating a patient with puzzling symptoms should consider foreign travel, and patients should volunteer the information.

Dr. Rajendra Kapila, an infectious disease specialist at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, said the database provides good clues for doctors to follow. But he said doctors still need to know exactly what patients did in a foreign country: Did they stay in a city penthouse, mingle with the locals in villages, lie on grass where ticks might lurk, or take a tick-infested river or lake?

Outside poor countries, travelers also face health hazards. Hotels in warm Mediterranean countries are linked to legionnaires' disease and cruise ships to outbreaks of viruses that cause diarrhea and vomiting. Dr.-David R. Hill, director of Britain's National Travel Health Network and Center, wrote in an editorial.

Prosecution finding little to link Saddam to bloody '82 crackdown

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — After four months and 26 witness testimonies, prosecutors in the Saddam Hussein trial have offered little credible testimony directly linking the former leader to the killings and torture for which he's charged.

But legal experts familiar with the case say the best may be yet to come — documents allegedly tying Saddam to the crackdown that followed an assassination attempt against him 23 years ago in Dujail, a mainly Shiite town north of Baghdad.

Without compelling evidence, a guilty verdict against Saddam may not provide closure for victims of Saddam's atrocities. But the experts caution that the documents — which include handwritten notes, interrogation orders and death sentences handed down by the Revolutionary Court — may not alone be enough to win a conviction.

What is needed, they said, is to establish a clear chain of command that would show Saddam would have known what happened to the more than 140 Shiites killed and others tortured after the 1982 attempt on the former ruler's life in Dujail, north of Baghdad.

The evidence to date — mostly testimony from people who were arrested and allegedly tortured — has pointed to a brutal crackdown — but has not shown that Saddam played a direct role. Saddam and the seven co-defendants charged in the Dujail killings, could face death by hanging if convicted.

"The testimonies we have heard so far are moving but they are not enough and that's causing

ing us concern," said Nehal Bhuta, a Human Rights Watch lawyer following the Saddam trial.

"What is needed is evidence linking each of the eight defendants to what happened or evidence that Saddam could not have not known," he said by telephone from New York.

But the chief prosecutor maintains that he has the evidence to win a conviction that will be accepted not only by those Iraqis who are eager to see Saddam hang but also international legal institutions that have been skeptical of an Iraqi trial from the start.

Prosecutor Jaafar al-Mousawi told The Associated Press that the case's 800-page dossier includes documents showing Saddam ordered interrogations, executions and in some cases execution.

"We have many such documents that we plan to present later in the trial," he said.

However, defense lawyers, as well as some foreign legal organizations monitoring the trial, say about a third of the documents are illegible after so many years. Trial testimony so far has linked Saddam's half brother and co-defendant, Barzan Ibrahim, to the torture of dual residents in the Baghdad headquarters of Mukhabarat, or intelligence agency, that he led at the time. Some witnesses testified that Ibrahim had personally tortured them.

Barzan is practically the top defendant in this case, said al-Mousawi.

Saddam's former deputy, Taha Yassin Ramadan, also has been



Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein gestures during his trial recently in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. The troubled Saddam Hussein trial resumed January 29 with a new judge after a dispute on the court was patched over.

implicated by witnesses in the reprisal destruction of Dujail fruit orchards shortly after the attempt on Saddam's life.

Maricka Widerra, a legal expert with the New York-based International Center for Transitional Justice, said Saddam's defense could argue that his security forces were not acting on his orders when they detained and tortured hundreds.

"But the prosecution could counter that by showing that torture was a widespread practice at the time and Saddam could not have possibly not known about it," Widerra said.

Both she and Bhuta from Human Rights Watch believe the best case scenario for the prosecution would be to produce a senior member of Saddam's regime to testify against his former ruler and others in exchange for immunity.

Two days of fighting across Afghanistan, Pakistan kill 41

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Militants attacked government offices and a police compound Saturday, continuing a series of assaults that have left at least 41 people dead in the region over two days, government officials said.

About 250 Afghan forces fought more than 200 rebels in the area's fiercest fighting in months. At least 19 people were killed on in Afghanistan and Pakistan Saturday.

Afghan officials said U.S. forces joined the battle Friday and Saturday but a U.S. military spokesman said he could only confirm involvement in the first day of fighting.

The violence spread across the border as a roadside bomb exploded by an army vehicle Saturday in a northwestern tribal region near Afghanistan, killing three security personnel, an official said.

Nobody immediately claimed responsibility but security officials have blamed al-Qaida-linked Islamic militants for previous attacks in the area, where Pakistan has sent thousands of troops to flush out insurgents.

The bloodshed Saturday underscored the challenge facing thousands of British and Canadian troops in coming months as they gradually relieve American forces in southern Afghanistan, a hotbed of insurgency and the drug trade.

Fighting began Friday with a mountain ambush of a police

convoy that left 16 militants and six police dead and scores wounded, said Amir Mohammed Akhund, the province's deputy governor.

American and British war planes bombed suspected Taliban militants fleeing the fighting around midnight Friday, killing eight of them, said Amir Mohammed, police chief in Helmand province.

Mexico plans bond sale to small U.S. investors

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Mexico this month will become the first foreign nation to sell such high-denomination government bonds in the United States aimed at mom-and-pop investors, the Mexican Finance Ministry said Friday.

Starting Feb. 15, investors in the United States will be able to purchase the Mexican bonds, each priced at \$1,000, from a network of brokerage firms such as Chase-Schwab, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley. The investment-quality government bonds will be available with various maturities, ranging from approximately three years to 10 years.

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EDITORIAL

Development could add to canyon rim's attractions

Peeking a parachute and leaping from the Perrine Bridge gives an increasing number of visitors a view of the Snake River Canyon, most Magic Valley residents will never see.

For the rest of us who want to enjoy the canyon in Twin Falls, there is the exploding city trail along the rim, golf courses at the bottom and the nearby chamber of commerce visitor center. The only problem is that not everyone plays golf, it seems to us, for we people use the trails.

Federation Pointe LLC, a group of Magic Valley investors, would like to give their community a new way to use and enjoy the canyon. They have asked the city to amend its zoning ordinance and allow for buildings taller than 35 feet along the canyon rim between Rock Creek Canyon and Blue Lakes Boulevard North. The change, if approved by the City Council, would allow Federation Pointe to develop a 12,000-square-foot plaza and two 75-foot-tall buildings.

The buildings would house offices and high-end condominiums, a fine-arts theater, retail shops, restaurant and a lobby built around the historic Perrine stagecoach. The plaza — which would be privately owned and maintained, but open to the public throughout the week — would be used for things such as farmers' markets, craft fairs and art festivals, according to the investors.

The proposal has much to like while urging city leaders to make thoughtful and deliberate decisions about

development on the canyon rim. One only has to look no farther than Boise and its 25-mile river-front greenbelt to see a city that has developed wonderful natural resource while maintaining the area's natural beauty. We think the development proposed by Federation Pointe LLC can achieve the same results for Twin Falls.

Our view: Careful development of Federation Pointe appears to be a solid addition to Twin Falls attractions. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Their complex would give residents and visitors new places to work, live, dine, stroll and enhance their appreciation of the canyon without destroying the canyon.

What no one wants — including, we think, the Federation Pointe investors — is for the canyon rim to be overdeveloped. We can't help but think of the River Walk in San Antonio as an example of what we wouldn't want to happen on our canyon rim.

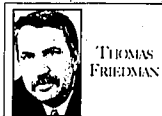
Perhaps the area from Rock Creek Canyon to Blue Lakes Boulevard North is too big, and city zoning could be amended for a smaller area.

We can't help but share some of the concern voiced by Planning and Zoning Commissioner Dusty Toney. "It's not your project I'm worried about. It's the next one," he told Federation Pointe investor Francis Fierman at a planning meeting this past week.

If this instance, however, we think Federation Pointe has potential to be a sound project at the right time, in the right place. Twin Falls may have much to gain from Federation Pointe's notably new and improved way to use and enjoy the canyon rim.

Osama's kingdom has crumbled

Reading about the latest plays by Osama bin Laden and his sidekick Ayman al-Zawahiri, my gut reaction is that they sound like a couple of burned-out rock stars who keep recycling their greatest hits in hopes of catching on one last time. The loudest one in some Las Vegas hotel, "Now Appearing at Caesar's Palace," is "The Monkeys And at the Al-Madina, Amman and Osama!"



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

I will confess, though, that the fact that bin Laden could recommend a book in his latest video and the fact that he took a break into the top 10 on Amazon.com within just a few days suggests that while he may not have much of a future as a terrorist, he would do a book club gig. When I checked Amazon, two of the top 10 books were recommended by Oprah, and one was recommended by Oprah. Next to the book I started to imagine bin Laden sitting in his cave in Pakistan and suddenly receiving all these books from publishers and agents. It seems to be asking all this a tad lightly if we know an certain that bin Laden is hurting right now. What made bin Laden such a unique threat were three things: the fact that he had taken over a whole country, Afghanistan, where he could freely recruit and train forces and move around money; the fact that he controlled a political movement, the Taliban; and, most important, the fact that many Arabs and Muslims looked up to him and al-Qaida as forces who were standing up to America. But today bin Laden does not have the Taliban, and while he still has some following, I don't think so many Arabs and Muslims are naming their sons "Osama" anymore. "Because anyone who has



paid attention to recent events in Iraq, Indonesia, Sharm el-Sheikh, Afghanistan and Jordan knows that al-Qaida has killed many more innocent Muslims than innocent Americans — and not just Shiite Muslims. And it has killed them at marketplaces, mosques, weddings and funerals. Qaida murders have also exacted a huge toll on tourists in places like Egypt and Indonesia, killing jobs as well.

The best indications of how much this has hurt bin Laden in the Arab-Muslim world are the recent attacks on al-Qaida by important Islamist voices, including some leaders of the powerful Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. On Jan. 7, after al-Zawahiri lambasted Muslim Brothers as U.S. stooges for taking part in Egypt's parliamentary elections, AFP reported the following from Cairo: "Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood responded Saturday to al-Qaida's accusations of complicity with Washington by declaring that the Islamist group they rely on for the money advocated by Osama bin Laden's network was counterproductive." A Brotherhood

spokesman, Isam al-Aryan, asked, "What results have his efforts to violence yielded?"

Such open criticism coming from the Muslim Brotherhood, which has a significant presence in Egypt and beyond, is quite telling," said Ibrahim Karawan, director of the Middle East Center at the University of Utah. "It shows that al-Qaida's actions have cost them. They have created enemies in the West and in the Arab world." Indeed, Iraq, Saudi nationalists in Kuwait recently declared war on al-Qaida militants after bin Laden forced 800 people in Istanbul in an attack on police recruits on Jan. 5.

But while I am certain bin Laden is losing, I still don't feel that we are "winning," that we are really making progress in democratizing public life in the Arab-Muslim world. States and politics there are still dominated by military and intelligence services.

There is still no viable, free space for a vibrant civil society to emerge. Few independent political papers, newspapers or nongovernmental organizations

have sprouted. Look at Egypt: President Hosni Mubarak holds elections with a record number of seats, and the most liberal politician who dared to run against Mubarak gets thrown in jail. It's hard to call that progress.

The other reason it is hard to feel that we are winning is that America, and particularly President Bush, are still radioactive — in other words, widely disliked. Therefore, there are not a lot of Arab progressives who want to be seen publicly embracing Americans or their agenda.

Iraq and Afghanistan, I still hope, may turn out to be exceptions, but even if they are, it is hard to believe their example will spread at a time when oil is \$67 a barrel. The military-intelligence systems that dominate public life in the Arab East are only growing richer, bigger and stronger — thanks to petrodollars.

No, not much grows in a garden watered by oil.

Thomas Friedman is co-author of *The World Is Flat* and *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*.

Tax initiative protects support in classrooms

As co-president of Ickel School Parent Teacher Association, I'm actively involved in my children's school. I encourage parent involvement. I see firsthand how our schools need more funding to support our children and provide the best education possible.

It concerns me that Idaho lags behind other states in education. We rank 45th in level in the amount of money we spend to educate each child. We have the eighth most underfunded schools and rank 30th in terms of what we pay our teachers. I believe that educating our children and providing them with enough teachers and up-to-date learning materials should be our highest priority.

Our students only get one year of school. Each year, the Legislature fails to sufficiently fund our schools — and our children lose out. At Ickel Elementary, we used to be the underdog teacher with full classes. Now we have only one teacher and overcrowded classes. How can we expect this one teacher to teach, and the children in the

READER COMMENT
Karen Buxton

class to learn, in this cramped environment? Our children lose out because they don't get the one-on-one attention they need.

Other Twin Falls schools eliminated tuition, orchestra and cut the gifted and talented programs. They rely on the PTA to pay for crossing guards to keep children safe.

Teachers report that Ickel High School cut drama class and couldn't replace certain textbooks. The elementary and middle schools couldn't adopt new science materials this year. Every child in Idaho deserves a quality education. The Idaho Local Public School Investment Act will provide adequate and stable funding to our local public schools by adding back a penny to the sales tax. Idaho children deserve the option to take college prep, vocational or technical training courses. The penny for our local schools

would support this essential program for our kids' future. Reinstating the sales tax will ensure we can attract and retain quality teachers. Students deserve the best teachers possible, yet today's competitive environment makes it hard to keep the best and brightest due to inadequate school funding.

Reinstating the sales tax will provide up-to-date supplies. In some Idaho schools, history and science books are 20 to 30 years old, so limited in number that our children cannot take them home at night to do their homework. It's just common sense that our children have the supplies they need to succeed today.

For these reasons, reinstating the sales tax provides a good return on our investment. The initiative requires that 100 percent of the money be spent to support children in the classrooms and improve local schools. To do this, the initiative proposes nine areas where the money must be spent — to ensure that the money is spent most efficiently with the most benefit. Because local districts know best what our children

need, they will decide how best to support our children in the classroom. Then, to provide accountability to the public, they must issue annual reports explaining how the additional funding is spent.

The state Legislature has had years to correct the problem of inadequate funding for our schools. It is in part, I am sure, we wait for it to make our children's education a priority? My children are in school now and deserve well-funded schools.

The Idaho Local Schools Investment Act is an opportunity to let the voters decide if adequate funding for K-12 public schools is important. Join me in supporting this effort. Sign the petition to put the initiative on the ballot. I'm ready to send the message to the Legislature that our children in our well-funded schools, now and in the future, parents and teachers across the state would agree:

Karen Buxton is co-president of Ickel School PTA and the mother of children in third and first grades and pre-kindergarten.

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LETTER

Idaho needs some time to debate energy needs

In my four years on the state Legislature and 10 years as the planning and zoning administrator for the city of Buhl, I have never witnessed a first round of public opinion as that generated by the proposed coal-fired plant (Semptra) in Jerome County. Before I get into this issue, I have to make the observation that from a statewide perspective, this issue is not a big dip on the radar scope of legislators or citizens outside Magic Valley. This is not to say that the siting of large-scale energy facilities is not a state issue. We are at a juncture in Idaho where we need to make some hard decisions and develop a state plan for energy.

Last summer, I was a member of the joint Energy, Environment and Technology Committee. During our hearings, we considered proposed legislation that would control the siting of coal-fired plants. I opposed this proposal because it added to the local planning and zoning process. Basically, the committee wanted to support the existing permitting process and local control over zoning issues. My bottom line: I do not believe we are in a position to make any decisions on large scale energy facilities. Before

we make these decisions we need to update the state energy plan which was last updated in the early '80s. At that time, Idaho was not experiencing significant growth and our energy demands were being met for the most part by hydro power.

Idaho is now a far different state. We have a number of proposed bills that peek at the Semptra siting. We have opponents and supporters of Semptra vying for our support. If this were a family dispute, we would call a time-out and hold a family meeting. I believe we need to apply the same principle to this issue and call a time-out and task the joint committee to develop a state energy plan addressing our new options for energy: coal-fired plants, wind power, low-head hydro plants, ethanol, anaerobic digesters, etc.).

We have good people with good minds that we can bring to bear on this issue. We should not rush to judgment and pass piecemeal legislation that we may regret in the future.

TOM GANNON
Buhl
Editor's note: Rep. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, represents District 23. Gannon and Twin Falls counties act as co-chairs of the Education Committee and as vice chairmen of the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

Be satisfied with library services we have

I would like to express my opinion on a subject that I think is of public interest. As we vote Jan. 7 for the library remodel, remember the new school and school upgrades to existing schools that are crumbling and the upgrades to the county fair buildings. Voting yes on these issues will raise the property taxes to the point that homeowners will not be able to afford to pay their property taxes. Items will not have to pay, of course, but the homeowners may have to sell their property. We do not need upgrades to the library. Our library is fine the way it is. We should be happy for what we have instead of wanting things that the budget does not allow. Other falls do not charge any

fee to enter the fair, why not consider taking the entrance fee money and remodel one fair building a year?

How can the Legislature pass a budget for \$34 million to upgrade state parks and build new log cabins while our schools are crumbling? Maybe the people of Idaho should have more of a say where the money is being budgeted and to what programs the money should be allotted? I think the government priorities should be set straight by the people. Maintaining schools should come as a top priority before adding to our parks. Do county homeowners know they will be paying for the upcoming criminal trial in Twin Falls County? The attorney fees to represent the defendant for allegedly taking innocent lives will cost \$400,000. The trial for the criminal will cost around \$1

million. The homeowners' property taxes will be greatly increased in order to pay for the criminal's attorney's fees and for the accused suspect's trial. Who do you think is going to pay to put the suspect in jail? You, the taxpayer — that's who.

The homeowners in Twin Falls County do not need higher taxes when prices for gas, heating bills, groceries, have already drastically risen. Everything has gone up except for the wages. When times are tight, it's time to come up with a way to have. The price of lumber to build right now is outrageously high. I think it is time for the people of Twin Falls to say no to higher taxes. Vote "no" to raise property taxes. We the people, for the people. We do have a say. VIRGINIA PRATT
FILER

LETTERS

Library has the room to handle more traffic

In past years, our family utilized public libraries quite often. Now we notice we seldom need to go to and this is mainly due to the computer age. We are able to do most research and access most news articles on the Internet. Some of us even obtain books to read via the Internet. We have a beautiful, well-run library which I hope will continue as is. When I last visited it about three weeks ago, I had a moderate number of users and appeared to have room to handle many more. With the above observations, plus the fact that we are retired and now beginning to worry about being taxed out of our home, I oppose the proposed expansion at this time. LINDA PITTMAN
Twin Falls

LETTERS

City leaders should consider impact of bonds

Excess taxation concerns: Taxpayers keep hearing that all the upcoming bond issues are an investment in the future. When taxpayers make any kind of investments, we expect positive returns. Instead, we see higher property taxes and less spendable income. Another concern for taxpayers is that when the high school is completed, is there going to be another hit on taxpayers for additional teachers and maintenance people's wages and benefits packages? It's fine for city leaders to propose all these bond issues, which have a direct impact on their financially because their cost of living adjustments and benefits packages are picked up by us, the taxpayers. Where does it end? **DON CALIERNO**
Twin Falls

Chemicals may have drastic impact on children

The Pollution Learning Connection Dr. Irwin from Jerome stated in a Jan. 23 letter, that up to more than 600,000 children are born each year with chlord blood mercury level as great enough to result in diminished IQs. I don't think I'm alone. Probably because I was extremely traumatized in many different ways, I have always been obsessively curious about health and social problems. Having lived in a private care area, which had only nonchlorinated wells and cesspools during six years of my childhood, and having traveled around "developed" and "underdeveloped" countries, polluted and unpolluted environments, have given me additional insights into people's health. Obvious attitudes, etc. Obvious symptoms of deterioration are pervading much of our society. Therefore, one must conclude that our pervasive spiritual and physical self-polluting are great contributing causes of our declining quality of life. Up into the '60s, there was almost no public discussion about how to educate children. Everyone was generally healthier, because of a cleaner environment, meat/dairy/food, etc. Children were able to still concentrate on their tasks and learn more easily. Since then, we have tried ever more revolving programs to raise our declining educational results, but with little success at best. My long-time research indicates that this is partly because the electro-chemistry of our bodies is changing in response to our changing chemical intake. These chemicals come mostly in the air we breathe, water we drink, and the ever-greater amounts of "junk food" we gulp. That's why I have the honor of receiving the Duvina Awards for people taking the most unbelievable stupid actions, which nearly, or do, kill them. And informed people are fleeing to areas of lesser pollution and try to eat more nutritious, "organic," foods, if they can afford to do so. But besides mercury, there are literally thousands of man-made chemicals around the earth. A few schools in districts that realized this and have had the courage to take a step in the right direction to eliminate addictive "junk foods" from school lunches and vending machines, even though they will "lose money" doing so. If we really want to help our children, then the first and best actions we can take, is to strive to get everyone into the best health by purifying our bodies and our environment. If we don't, no amount of money spent on "education" will yield better results because our bodies and brains cannot function properly. **ARMIN SUTTERLIN**
Hagerman

Coal-fired emissions change way of life

To whom the decision rests: This state has a reputation of clean air, clean water and a great way of life. All of these things will change forever if a things will change forever if a couple of people allow a coal-fired power plant to operate here! I personally will sell my dream home and move out of state if it is approved! I could never allow the greed to determine my children's future or health! Call me crazy, but I have rel-

atives that live near coal plants in the east and I have visited there. I have seen the dangerous fog, the gray wasteland environment, I have nine family members that have one thing in common - breathing problems from chronic bronchitis to emphysema. And what about Idaho's way of life? The fish hatcheries will have mercury tainted trout and what about the cattle and alfalfa? Didn't the state claim it wanted the movie industry to make movies here? What movies will be made here after Sempra?

And Sun Valley? Well, it won't be the next Aspen" after Sempra. Except for a few jobs, what will be the benefits to Idaho and her residents? What will our children have to look forward to? I'm no tree huggin' environmentalist, but I'm smart enough to know the difference between right and wrong, and this power plant is wrong no matter who gets the electricity? If you are reading this, then you need to call, write or e-mail your representatives in Idaho and let them know how you feel now before it's too late. Log on to healthyidaho.org and get all the e-mail addresses you need to make your feelings known.

We cannot afford to sit there and think common sense will reign in this decision! Be someone that is counted before it's too late!
DEENA LYON
Buhl

Governor ignores real needs in energy ad plan

I've received a response from the governor regarding my opinions about alternate ways to assist Idahoans with the increasing costs of energy. Kemphorne states he wants to help "every resident in the state of Idaho." His mindset must be that families who are building 6,000 square foot homes and bringing home six-figure incomes need their \$50 as much as those who live in 50-plus year old homes and don't even have health insurance. He's also stated he has established a "clear path" to set aside monies for the future (whose future? children? education? seniors? Idahoans in poverty? Who?) and invest in infrastructure. I admit to my mental limitations, because the only thing clear to me is if the oceans get warmer and fuzzy with \$50 refunds, then maybe we won't notice where the rest of the surplus monies go. Am I the only one who isn't "clear" on his "path"? Am I the only one who struggles with faith in our government's decisions on how they spend our money? He also stated that by putting this money back in our hands, we can "control its destiny," what control do we have if we pay it right back to Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas, and put it in our fuel tanks? That doesn't help us for very long at all. It only helps the chief executive officers of these corporations. The families who

suffer most will continue to suffer after their \$50 per person has been spent.

He states people can get assistance for rising energy costs by going to Community Action. Does he not realize that Community Action Agency has such limited funds that they are not able to help all of the families who are considered low-income? Families who are eligible to have Weatherization Assistance are on waiting lists for years because of the lack of funding. Ten percent of Idaho citizens live in poverty - but Kemphorne wants the remaining 90 percent benefit from his plan. Who needs help most? (He must realize low-income residents aren't as likely to vote as the rest of the Idahoans.)

Kemphorne closes by telling me that if I "believe that the money is better spent in another area," I can donate it to whatever cause or charity I choose. Well, Mr. Kemphorne, I "choose" to have my government and take care of our neediest residents to help them meet their energy costs.
DIANA ROWE PAULS
Gooding

Alternative energy needs more development

Being a recent former resident of Southern California and putting up with the Gray Davis brown outs, I've been keeping up with the California power situation. Southern California Edison is currently working with a company to create a 500-megawatt sterling engine solar field. See for yourself at http://psm.com/2005/08/11/9600147_Edison_Stirling_Largest_Solar/.

So when I moved to Jerome, Idaho, and found out that Sempra wants to build a coal power plant so it can provide power to California, I hit the roof! Because of the strains on the aquifer, I can only water one acre of my land. Now Sempra wants 8,000 acre-feet of our aquifer annually just the pollution risks.

This dog just doesn't hunt. There is no logic that can be used to allow this type of facility into Idaho. Not even to appease a past commissioner or a tax-starved county. California regulations will not allow coal-burning power plants for good reasons. This is called a "hint." Let California problems stay there and not in our backyard.

Let's do the right thing. Regardless of Sempra's opinion, alternative energy is the future. Go with it.
DUANE TOLMAN
Jerome

Candidate wants another shot at council

This is my letter of intent for the open city council seat. My name is Kenneth D. Stevens. I own Magic Valley Polycoating at 1103 Kimberly Road. Please let me know who I am and why I want this job. You and the other candidates know

that I'm an honest, hard-working man who has experienced poor treatment from the staff at City Hall. What I want to do is make sure that what happened to myself doesn't happen to others in the future.

The city and the citizens of Twin Falls need someone like myself that will look at the issues with an open mind and will vote on these issues to the benefit of the citizens and taxpayers.

At the last elections, I received 434 votes. I put zero money into my campaign. If you do the math, I get more votes than money could buy. You and the other council members should take note of this.

The people of Twin Falls are ready for a change in our local government. The old ways need to change. There are more and more people moving here every day, and their votes are going to help this community to get the service that every citizen needs from their local government and the employees of this city.
KENNETH D. STEVENS
Twin Falls

Drug-free scholarships fit today's needs

A recent letter questioned the thought behind the drug-free scholarship bill being introduced by State Rep. Sharon Block. Here are a few insights. Block is chairman of the State Health and Welfare Committee that has to deal with our social programs and problems. Binge drinking and drug abuse is on the rise among young people. More than one-third of the Health and Welfare employees work on substance abuse cases. More than three-fourths of the children in foster care are teens because of their parents' drug or alcohol problems. A high percentage of our criminal and prison problems stem from drug use.

The money for the scholarships would not qualify for buildings or wages as some suggested. Guidelines limit how the "obacco money" can be used, and the scholarship fund would qualify as a prevention program. Drug screening is already in use and would be incorporated - cutting down on extra expenses.

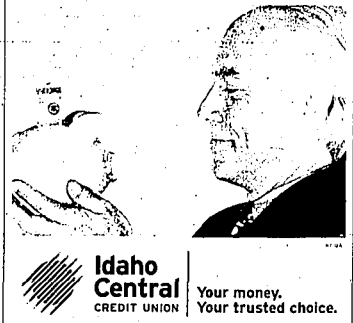
Strong motivation is needed to help youngsters "stay strong" against drugs and alcohol. Support the bill to help our young people and their families and communities.
EILEEN BANHOLZER
Filer

Know more about the dangers of chemtrails

In response to Bruce Barton's letter on Jan. 27, I have a few additions. For references go to Web browser ask.com or Google then type in "chemtrails." Our rainwater has tested positive for aluminum, along with barium, another moisture absorbing agent. Powdered aluminum is a dehydrator "key ingredient in

deodorant," and when it is sprayed over our atmosphere and over oceans, it would not only slow down evaporation, it would also heat up the ocean because of the sun's rays hitting the ocean surface where the powdered aluminum has settled, resulting in more powerful hurricanes. Military aircraft have been spraying our atmosphere sys-

'tenuated since before 1999 with weather modification chemicals. When you see long white lines all across the sky that lasts a long time and eventually spread out into a haze, you are looking at chemtrails. For more information, check out this Web site: Chemtrails911.com.
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NO PLACE TO PLAY

Deaths of students jogging on highway raises questions in China

By Ching-Ching Ni
Los Angeles Times

GUOJIAO, China — Deng Yating lived because she was one of the tallest students in her class. . . . On that cold November morning, the 16-year-old was at the back of the pack of about 800 students jogging in the darkness on a narrow two-lane road. . . . Nearby, teacher Jiang Hua carried only a feeble flashlight to protect his students against the traffic that roared up behind them. The driver of the oversized truck never saw it. . . . Among the first ones hit was Jiang, as he waved to head off the fast-approaching calamity he saw over his shoulder. The next to die were the tall children, who had been lined up by height at the tail end of the class. . . . As the truck crashed to a stop, knocking down a row of trees, it had killed 21 people, including Yating.



Deng Nianzhu and An Xiaohong look at photos of their daughter Deng Yating, 16, who was at the back of the pack of about 800 students who were jogging in the dark when a truck plowed into them.

Xiaozheng, a sociologist at People's University in Beijing. "The problem is an overemphasis on competitive sports. The country is willing to spend billions to chase gold medals and host the Olympics. But it has devoted too little resources to basic physical education for the masses."

Last month, the central government issued a ban on elementary and middle-school children jogging on public roads. But critics say the order is merely cosmetic and doesn't address the fundamental issue of why the students run on roads in the first place.

After market-style changes began to alter China two decades ago, the central government gave most of the responsibility for funding public education to local jurisdictions. But impoverished areas have

trouble providing such basics as teacher salaries, heat for classrooms, even books and desks. Playground space does not rank as a high priority.

Out of desperation, and sometimes when not so necessary, some schools rent out precious real estate, turning playgrounds into parking lots, factories or practice courses for driving schools. When teachers need housing, schools that can't afford to obtain land elsewhere typically put the squeeze on school playgrounds. As a result, many schools are left with shrinking campuses. Students are forced to take turns for recess. Others simply stay indoors.

It's a matter of priorities, observers say. Only 2 percent of China's gross domestic product is devoted to education, according to a recent report by the

United Nations Development Program. The recommended international standard is 6 percent.

Even if more money was allotted to education, it wouldn't mean that more would go to sports. "They might use the money to buy computers instead," Zhou said. "The national mind-set needs to change. We need to care more about ordinary students' health."

The recent economic boom has transformed China from a place of bicycles into a car- and truck-infested nation with some of the most deadly roads on Earth. More than 88,000 people were killed in traffic accidents in the first 11 months of 2005, according to official figures.

The throw two-lane highway in front of the middle school is a major thoroughfare for giant color trucks and a hot spot for accidents. In September, a bus struck and killed a teacher near the front of the campus. A student at a nearby school was hit by a motorcycle recently while jogging in the morning. Many observers go unreported, parents say. But the November crash was too big to ignore.

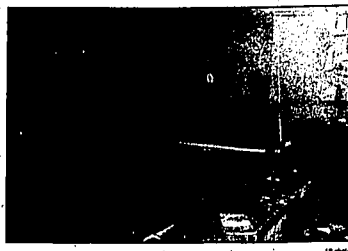
Facing scrutiny and bad publicity, school and local officials offered to compensate the victims' families about \$25,000 each. To get the money, they had to sign waivers promising not to press the issue further.

But parents say they can't stop the questions that race through their brains. "Accidents happen all the time on that road — why were they making the kids run when it was still dark out?" said Liu Jinxun, whose only son, Yao Xin, 16, was killed.

That makes it a double tragedy in his family. Yao Xin was a cousin of Deng Yating. Their mothers are sisters.

"The day before she died, Deng Yating cleaned the house and washed everyone's clothes by hand. I her parents, who work 15 hours a day making tofu to sell at the street market, were still asleep when their daughter left for school. The next time they saw her, she was lying in a coffin."

"These kids never should have lived," said Yao Jinxun, the grieving father. "The school built the new playground to show they are doing something about the problem. But it's too late. If only one people paid for that playground with their lives. Nothing will ever bring them back."



A Syrian firefighter struggles to extinguish a blaze inside the Danish Embassy in Damascus after thousands of outraged Syrian demonstrators stormed the embassy and set fire to the building in protest against caricatures of Islam's prophet.

Syrians torch Danish, Norwegian embassies in rage over cartoons

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Thousands of Syrians enraged by caricatures of Islam's revered prophet, torched the Danish and Norwegian embassies in Damascus on Saturday — the most violent in days of furious protests by Muslims in Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

In Gaza, Palestinians marched through the streets, storming European buildings and burning German and Danish flags. Protesters smashed the windows of the German cultural center and threw stones at the European Commission building, police said.

Iraqis rallying by the hundreds demanded an apology from the European Union, and the leader of the Palestinian group Hamas called the cartoons "an unforgivable insult" that merited punishment by death.

Pakistan summoned the envoys of nine Western European countries in protest, and even Europeans took to the streets in Denmark and Britain to voice their anger.

At the heart of the protest: 12 caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad first published in Denmark's Jyllands-Posten in September and reprinted in European media in the past week. One depicted the prophet wearing a turban shaped as a bomb with a burning fuse. The paper said it had asked cartoonists to draw the pictures because the media was practicing self-censorship when it came to Muslim issues.

The drawings have touched a raw nerve in part because Islamic law is interpreted to forbid any depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.

Aggravating the affront, Denmark's Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen has said repeatedly he cannot apologize for his country's free press. But other European leaders tried Saturday to calm the storm. Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel said she understood Muslims were hurt — though that did not justify violence.

"Freedom of the press is one of the great assets as a component of democracy, but we also have the value and asset of freedom of religion," Merkel told an international security conference in Munich, Germany.

The Vatican deplored the violence but said certain provocative forms of criticism were unacceptable.

"The right to freedom of thought and expression... can-

not entail the right to offend the religious sentiment of believers," the Vatican said in its first statement on the controversy.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who has criticized European media for reprinting the caricatures, said there was no justification for the violence in Damascus.

"We stand in solidarity with the Danish government in its call for calm and its demand that all its diplomats and diplomatic premises are properly protected. It's incumbent on the Syrian authorities to act in this regard."

But Denmark and Norway did not wait for more violence.

With their Damascus embassies up in flames, the foreign ministries advised their citizens to leave Syria without delay. "It's horrible and totally unacceptable," Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Møller said on Danish public television Saturday.

No diplomats were injured in the Syrian violence, officials said. But Swedish Foreign Minister Laila Freivalds — whose country, along with Chile, has an embassy in the same building — said she would lodge a formal protest over the lack of security.

In Santiago, the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the Chilean Embassy in Damascus was also torched but nobody was injured.

"The demonstrations in Damascus began peacefully with protesters gathering outside the building housing the Danish Embassy. But they began throwing stones and eventually broke through police barricades. Some scrambled up concrete barriers, protecting the embassy, climbed into the building and set a fire."

"With our blood and souls we defend you, O Prophet of God!" the demonstrators chanted. Some removed the Danish flag and replaced it with a green flag printed with the words: "There is no god but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God."

Demonstrators moved onto the Norwegian Embassy about 4 miles away, also setting fire to it before being dispersed by police using tear gas and water cannons. Hundreds of police and troops barricaded the road leading to the French Embassy, but protesters were able to break through briefly before fleeing from the force of water cannons.

Law and order demolition drive clashes with modernization effort in New Delhi

City cracks down on some 18,000 illegal buildings

NEW DELHI (AP) — The mall, with its spiral, air-conditioned interior filled with fashion boutiques, was a gleaming example of the new India — an emerging economic powerhouse in tune with global culture. . . . Now it lies in ruins — a heap of twisted metal, smashed stones and shattered mirrors. Police and bulldozers advanced on the mall Friday, removing tearful fashion designers protesting outside.

This symbol of India's progress fell victim to another: a city government, with a strong push from the courts, trying to rein in the rule of law and clamp down on illegal construction rampant across the city.

A combination of 14 million inhabitants, endemic corruption and lax law enforcement has led to construction chaos in New Delhi. Thousands of buildings have sprung up across the city, often built with little regard for safety, aesthetics or zoning laws.

Following a public petition last year, the courts ordered the New Delhi municipality to begin de-

molishing some 18,000 buildings erected without permits or that violated zoning laws. Since December, the city has razed more than 400 illegal homes, shops and businesses, mostly in New Delhi's impoverished neighborhoods.

The demolitions quickly drew protests, with demonstrators accusing city officials of only targeting the poor. The court again stepped in, giving the city a deadline to go after wealthy outliers by the end of January.

That's when the city bulldozers turned their attention to two malls, known as MG1 and MG2, sittingside-by-side on the southeast outskirts of the city.

The malls, each housing some 60 designer boutiques, had become New Delhi's fashion hub. However, they were illegally built on land zoned for the use of village on the outskirts of the city. The municipality said, and they had to go.

The resident-fashion designers accused city officials of hitting the country's nouveau-riche to win the support of the masses and placate the courts — and avoid conflict with the truly powerful names on the illegal construction list, including New Delhi's chief minister and four ministers in the state government, who have added on extensively to their homes without proper permits. "They are talking us because

we are soft targets who are in the limelight," said designer Mandira Wark, 30, who had boutiques in each of the doomed malls.

"There are dozens of buildings in this area. Why are they only targeting us?" said R.S. Iyengar, the manager of MG1, which was destroyed Wednesday.

"In the road leading up to the malls, hastily made sale signs fluttered limply in the breeze, a harbinger of the impending fashion disaster."

On Friday morning, the MG2 shop owners gathered in front of the building, waiting for word from the Supreme Court when a last-minute petition to stay the demolition was being heard.

Some sat in the lobby praying, chanting and waiting for divine intervention, with Hindu icons set up amid burning incense and offerings of flowers. Others sat on the steps.

But the court ordered the demolition to go ahead. Their destruction was inevitable, the court said, because the rule of

law had to prevail in the capital "to make it a beautiful place to live."

"We cannot allow mafia and muscle-power to rule the city," the court said.

By Friday afternoon, police removed the protesting designers, many of them in tears, and the orange city bulldozers started tearing apart the chrome and glass MG2 mall.

At MG1, salvage workers pulled chunks of marble, light fixtures and glass doors out of the wreckage as store owners tried to minimize their losses.

"This is a black day for India's fashion industry," said Wark, clutching a crumpled copy of her legal correspondence with the city.

Not only the counters were affected, The malls provided work for some 2,000 people, said Ravi Yadav, 40, a driver for a boutique. "This was my bread and butter. What will I do now?" he said, gazing forlornly at the city shell.

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U.S. Army to close last MASH unit

Army hospital was made famous by TV show

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — The U.S. military is shutting down its last MASH, the mobile hospital made famous by the long-running TV show about martini-sipping, wisecracking Army doctors.

This month, the Army will donate the last Mobile Army Surgical Hospital to Pakistan where it has been caring for survivors of last year's massive earthquake. Rear Admiral Michael Lefever said Saturday at an air base outside the capital Islamabad.

"This is the last MASH unit in the United States Army," said Lefever. "We are excited that this MASH will live on in Pakistan."

The 84-bed, \$4.5-million MASH unit includes a surgical suite with two operating tables, two intensive care units, a pharmacy, laboratory, radiology units and a power generation system, the military said.

The Army is replacing MASH units with smaller casualty surgical hospitals that sit closer to battlegrounds and the wounded, said Lefever, who is commanding the U.S. military's Disaster Assistance Center in Pakistan. Doctors in the new smaller units make quick decisions in the field and stabilize patients before flying them to bigger hospitals, he added.

"The MASH is a large facility and it's usually set up in the rear," he said. "We're finding that in order to save lives, we have to be close to the front lines."

The TV version of "MASH" aired from 1972-83 and starred Alan Alda as Korean War Dr. Hawkeye Pierce, who frequently criticized the conflict.

After the last MASH goes to Pakistan on Feb. 16, its personnel will return to Germany for training before they are sent to Afghanistan.

Top U.S. general says forces ready to repel N. Korea

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea (AP) — The top U.S. general said Friday that allied troops could turn back any North Korean attack but acknowledged that deterring Pyongyang's actions was not easy.

Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the military needed to be prepared to dissuade the communist nation from using or proliferating atomic weapons, including "letting the weapons themselves or

the components of those weapons."

Pace, speaking during a visit to Seoul, declined to give specifics when asked about the North's nuclear capability. North Korea claimed a year ago to have nuclear weapons, but has not performed any known tests to prove its arsenal.

"We are fully capable today of defeating any North Korean aggression and we will maintain that capacity," he said. "Under-



Pace

Seoul to appoint U.S. Army Gen.

standing the intent of the North Korean regime is very difficult," he added. "So not knowing what their intent is, you need to prepare to counter if their intent is ill."

Pace was in Seoul to appoint U.S. Army Gen.

B.H. Bell as commander of U.S. forces in South Korea. He replaced Gen. Leon J. LaBorte, the longest serving American commander here who assumed his duties in May 2002.

"Despite the progress of inter-Korean exchanges and cooperation, North Korea's military threat and nuclear issue remain the biggest security threat to us," South Korean Defense Minister Yoon Kwang-ung said at the change-of-command

ceremony. "We should have a strong combined defense posture to counter any threat."

About 28,500 U.S. troops are now based in the South, but their numbers are set to decline to 25,000 by 2008 as part of the Pentagon's worldwide realignment of its forces. The Americans are also set to move their headquarters from Yongson Garrison in central Seoul to Camp Humphreys in Pyongtaek, about 50 miles south of Seoul.

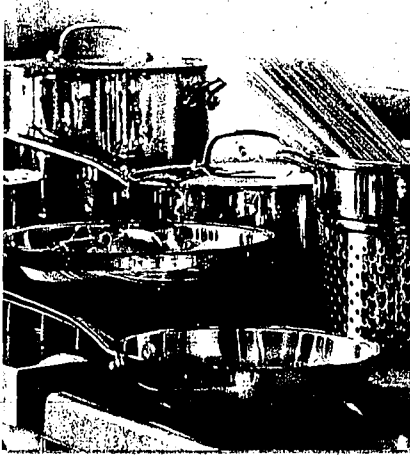
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Tasmanian devils rapidly being killed off by disease

Los Angeles Times

They are never considered cute or cuddly, but Tasmanian devils are a cultural icon of Australia, right behind koalas and kangaroos.

Over the past decade, devils have been dying off in massive numbers, felled by oral and facial tumors that prevent their eating, causing them to starve to death. In some areas, virtually all of the animals have died from the mysterious disease.

A study by researchers at Tasmania's Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment now offers clues about how the disease is transmitted.

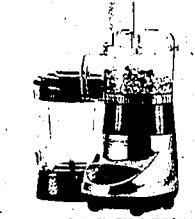
The study, published Thursday in the journal *Nature*, concludes that the animals are increasingly transmitting tumor cells among themselves when they bite during fights and mating rituals.

The key came from an analysis of chromosomes in tumor cells, according to biologist Anne-Marie Pearce and colleagues. She found that chromosome patterns in tumor cells from the devils are identical to each other and grossly different from the devils' healthy chromosomes.

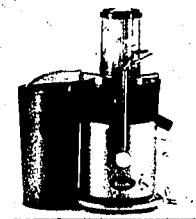
The devils normally have six pairs of chromosomes plus an apparently extra chromosome, for a total of 14. In the tumor cells, both sex chromosomes were missing, as were both members of chromosome 2 and one member of the chromosome 6 pair. Moreover, a long section of chromosome 1 was missing and four new chromosome fragments were present.

Such a complex arrangement of chromosomes could not have occurred independently in each animal, Pearce concluded. Instead, the tumor must have originated in one animal and subsequently been transferred to others when cells sloughed off during biting, allowing the tumors to take root in new animals.

Apparently, the devils' immunological profiles are sufficiently similar that the tumor cells are not rejected.



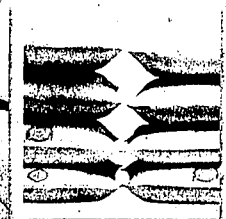
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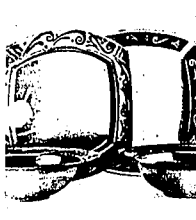
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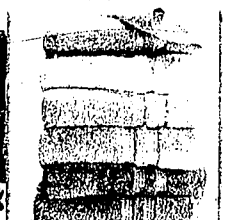
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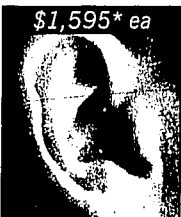
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I'm keeping Christmas alive all year

Feb. 5 isn't too long to keep your Christmas decorations up, is it? I don't think so either. Seems to me that it's not much warmer than when I first decked the halls — what? — 14 months ago.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

The issue arises because there's still a string of lights on the fake ficus tree that stands in the corner of the living room of my apartment. It's plugged into an outlet behind the love seat, and unplugging it is problematic.

See, when I moved into the apartment, one of the legs broke off the love seat, so it's now supported on one corner by a stack of books. Voltaire, Theius and Jacqueline Susann, I believe.

And every time I fiddle with the lights on the ficus tree, the love seat collapses.

Besides, driving around town I see lots of houses still festooned with strings of icicle lights. Clearly many homeowners share my philosophy of keeping Christmas with me all through the year.

But it's harder to make the case that a giant inflatable Santa on the roof is the best thing for Valentine's Day.

And red and green, which don't go together in the first place, can't easily be passed off as say, cranberry and sea foam.

At the moment, there's a hurricane lamp sitting on my kitchen table with the biggest green candle ever made inside. On the outside, the lamp is surrounded by strands of fake holly berries.

I'm thinking that if I buy enough silk tulips and faux daffodils and stuff them inside that lamp, maybe nobody will notice I'm still Christmas until about Columbus Day.

The Christmas tree in the other corner presents a bigger challenge. It's artificial, of course, but it's sturdy — and probably will continue to do so unless somebody comes along and takes it down.

I've toyed with the notion that it would make a handy firewood rack, but first I'd have to remove the tinsel, and that's a big job.

But there's a very large moose head stored in the basement that's been in my family since my grandfather bought it in a second-hand store while he was in the Navy in Hawaii. I'm thinking I could place it atop my fake Christmas tree to create sort of a rustic, woody interior-decorating motif.

There are many advantages. It's a 6-foot tree, so it spreads out over a significant area of the carpet — which I haven't had to vacuum since year ago last Thanksgiving.

And the nativity scene on the coffee table hides a whole bunch of unsightly rings left by beer and coffee stains.

But my neighbor and her two small children dropped by the other day, and the kids wanted to know why the wise men had not yet moved along — it being Groundhog Day and everything.

Which prompted my neighbor to observe that Baby Jesus was probably in graduate school by now.

Very funny. I know that if I play my cards right, I'll have my very free time near Thanksgiving weekend, while you will be up on a ladder painting up your giant inflatable snowman.

But should you need some ballast to weigh down Frosty and keep him from drifting away, I'm the man to see.

That's because there are a lot more books where Jacqueline Susann came from.

THE SEMPRA ISSUE IN DEPTH: PART 1



Johnnie Liere drives a silage mixer on his family dairy near Franklin, Texas. The Lieres use ash from the power plant instead of cement.

Coal plant ash: Useful or harmful?

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

FRANKLIN, Texas — A 1950 Oliver tractor slowly makes its way down a dirt road at the Liere Dairy in Robertson County, Texas.

The sun shines behind Johnnie Liere as he pulls up beside his son, David. A light breeze stirs up a pile of silage at the end of the road, sending a sea of particles in the air. The Lieres' 900-animal dairy has been in operation for 32 years, passing from Johnnie to David. David's two sons intend to carry on the family business.

Johnnie and David Liere carry on a conversation about the Twin Oaks Power Plant that sits roughly six miles away.

"Heck, it didn't affect us one bit," David Liere said. "People got jobs — that's about it."

In the nearly 15 years that the coal-fired power plant has been in operation, the Lieres say they have yet to experience problems in either milk or crop production due to plant emissions.

In fact, the Lieres mix ash from the Twin Oaks plant with dirt and use it on roads around the dairy, David Liere said. They also have used ash in the same areas of the dairy where the cows spend most of their day. Still, Liere says their cows have suffered no ill effects from walking on ash produced at the coal-fired power plant.

Determining what to do with ash from a coal-fired power plant may be nothing new in Texas, where Semptra Generation used to operate the Twin Oaks plant. However, ash handling in Idaho, where the company intends to build a 600-megawatt coal-fired facility near Jerome, is a whole different story.

A study conducted by the Coal Ash Research Center at the University of North Dakota shows that feedlots treated with fly ash from coal-fired plants yield larger animals and smaller volumes of manure.

In Texas, the ash produced at a coal-fired power plant can be used in a variety of byproducts, including wallboard, agricultural products and cement. Across the main drive into the

Online

For more information about coal ash on the Web:

- <http://www.net.doe.gov/technologies/coalpower/ewr/ef/shell.html>
- <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/fossil/index.htm>
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- <http://www.headwaters.org>

Twin Oaks facility sits Headwaters Resources' ash-handling facility. Headwaters has been finding uses for coal ash for about 30 years.

Ash regulation

In 1993, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency chose to continue to exempt ash as a hazardous waste, leaving regulation to the states.

In Idaho, under current guidelines, the ash would be regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality in much the same way Texas regulates ash. The agency would examine the composition of the ash as well as where and how it was to be stored, said Dean Ehlers, solid waste program coordinator with the DEQ. The EPA may propose rules on how states should manage solid waste such as coal-fired plant ash, Ehlers said.

"We'll look at that and see how it applies to Idaho," he said.

Some states, like Wisconsin, have strict rules outlining the concentrations of ash that can be used as byproduct based on impact to public health.

Coal ash that Semptra doesn't sell at its Idaho plant would be stored in lined pits at the site. The EPA recommends keeping the ash dry, rather than watering it and increasing the chance of it seeping into the aquifer, Ehlers said. Yet, even lined pits sit above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, center many residents including Bill Block and Joe Ruschetti, members of the Keep Magic Valley Magic group opposed to Semptra's plant.

State regulations allow a small amount of waste to leak through the liner. But, Ehlers said, even the amount of leaching isn't set. The rules vary de-

Coal-fired power plant ash

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency determined in 1993 that power plant ash need not fall under hazardous waste regulations. The federal agency does have provisions for disposing of waste ash in surface impoundments, landfills and in mines. States retain the authority to regulate ash use.
- Over 110 million tons of fossil fuel combustion wastes are generated each year — with the majority of waste coming from coal-burning operations.
- Ash from coal-fired power plants has been used in a variety of applications: cement, wallboard, insulation material and roofing material.
- Fly ash from coal-fired plants has been used in repairs at the Hoover Dam and in the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam in Montana.
- Ash can contain mercury, arsenic, lead, cobalt and magnesium, among other metals.

Sources: EPA, University of North Dakota, Coal Ash Research Center, National Energy Technology Laboratory and Headwaters Resources.

pending on the amount of ash, its composition and where it is located.

Unused ash from the Twin Oaks power plant is stored in piles on-site. Since 1996, the coal-fired power plant has accumulated 3 million tons of ash, said George Faulkner, plant manager.

If the ash isn't shipped off for use in a byproduct, then it's regulated as a solid waste, said Eddy Young, who handles environmental matters for the Twin Oaks Power plant. The coal-fired facility, until recently, was owned by Semptra Generation — the same company that plans to build a plant in Idaho.

"Most of the metals in the ash aren't leachable," Young said.

Still, the company monitors wells in the area for contaminants, he said. In Young's 15 years at the Twin Oaks plant, there hasn't been a problem with pollutants leaking into the wells, he said.

Ash handling after the new mercury rule

Air quality specialists Steve Hagle and Jim Linville with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality aren't sure how the new federal mercury rule will affect the handling of waste ash. The Clean Air Mercury Rule requires coal-fired power plants nationwide to cut mercury emissions in half over the next 15 years. When the pollutant finds its way into water bodies, mercury can turn into inorganic mercury, a neurotoxin especially dangerous to pregnant women

and young children.

The dilemma over how to capture mercury, however, has not been resolved, Young said. Each year, new technology comes up with more efficient means of removing mercury.

Those methods could include capturing more mercury in ash, Linville said. If so, the state, if not the federal government, will have to look more closely at regulating ash from coal-fired power plants. And that could lead companies to rethink the way they build and operate coal-fired power plants, Linville said.

As for the planned Twin Oaks expansion, Semptra engineers had planned to use baghouses, a mechanism that filters some of the pollutants from ash, and scrubbers to reduce mercury emissions, Young said.

Like officials at the Idaho DEQ, Hagle and Linville say they're trying to figure out how the state will adopt the new federal mercury rule once the EPA finishes its reconsideration of the regulation. The rule is the starting point for the states' rules, Hagle said.

"We're still trying to decide if we need to be more stringent," he said.

Under Idaho law, the DEQ could not propose a rule more stringent than the federal government's unless the agency provides scientific evidence to support the decision and the state Legislature approves the rule.

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Wendell drops surcharge on Valley Beef

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Valley Beef paid the \$2,000 surcharge the City Council imposed on it for raising the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in the city's sewer.

BOD is a measurement of how much oxygen is required in the sewer to maintain an adequately functioning treatment process.

As long as Valley Beef's BOD stays within compliance, they won't have to pay the surcharge. The decision came during Thursday night's council meeting. They are now in compliance

Wendell to hold public hearing

The City of Wendell will be holding a public hearing to explain the new state requirements with contractors being registered.

The hearing will take place in Council Chambers at 375 1st Ave. East at 6:30 p.m.

For more information call 536-5161.

and the city decided to drop the surcharge," said City Clerk Carol Boudreau. "But we will continue to monitor the business — as

well as others in town — to make sure they are in compliance."

Boudreau explained that random samples are taken at clean-out points coming from businesses, as well as samples from the laggon ponds.

Councilman Rick Cowen said that he was in favor of charging Valley Beef for the costs incurred in cleaning its waste, but didn't like that there was no documentation showing the exact costs to the city.

"I supported making them pay, but had a problem that the city really didn't have any solid documentation of what exactly the problem is," Cowen said.

In other council news, it was decided that the city would once again give the Wendell Senior Center \$250 per year.

Less Gobie, the center's site manager, said that the donation would help pay for items such as food and rising insurance costs.

"The city used to give \$500 to the Senior Center and then it stopped altogether for a while. We are appreciative of the donation and it will help to pay for our liability insurance we have to have," Gobie said.

Gobie explained that the senior group meets at noon on Mondays for lunch at the Legion Hall. Cost per plate is \$3.

Accident claims life of Filer man

The Times-News

FILER — Terry Lee Scruggs, 31, of Filer died Friday evening when he lost control of his car and struck a bridge abutment near 2200 E. According to a news release from the Idaho State Police in Jerome Scruggs was partially ejected from his vehicle after it tumbled across a creek. Scruggs was pronounced dead on arrival by emergency personnel at the scene.

Police said Scruggs was not wearing a seat belt. Funeral arrangements will be conducted by Hymnists Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Salmon	131%	83%
Wood	146%	86%
Little Wood	142%	86%
Big Lost	134%	81%
Little Lost	113%	68%
Henry Fork/Teton	107%	67%
Upper Snake Basin	127%	82%
Oakley	107%	112%
Salmon Falls	160%	97%

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.

**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire season, which peaks in April.

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OBITUARIES

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George Thomas Carroll



TWIN FALLS — George Thomas Carroll, 85, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

Ralph W. Palmer



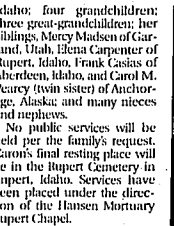
OAKLEY — Ralph W. Palmer, 86-year-old Oakley resident, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the Park View Care Center in Burley.

Mary Nadine Thompson



SEDRÖ-WOOLLEY, Wash. — Mary Nadine Thompson, age 85, passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at the Life Care Center of Skagit Valley in Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Caron Mary Moore



HANSEN — Caron Mary Moore, 60, of Hansen and of Rupert, Idaho, passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Burley, Idaho.

Bonnie Jean Heitz

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Bonnie Jean Heitz died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, as a result of a commuter train accident near her home.

Surviving George are his two daughters, Julia Carroll of Boise and Janice Klimes (nee) of Kimberly; brother, Merlin Carroll of Pocatello; sister, Jeanne Blackman of Boise; two grandchildren, Andy and John Klimes; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents his first wife, Bonnie; two brothers; and four sisters. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Blvd. in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Connie Mack Cummins



Jerome — Connie Mack Cummins, former Jerome resident, passed away Jan. 29, 2006, at his home in Nueva, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie of Nueva; and one brother, Bernard (Edith) Cummins of Mulvane, Kan.; sister-in-law, Osie (L.D.) Taylor of Nueva, Calif., in addition to four generations of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ollie Cummins; sisters, Louella Rugh, Avra Hada and Mabel Roberts; and brothers, Bruce Cummins and William H. Cummins.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Miller Jones Mortuary in Burley, Calif., with burial at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at the Wendell, Idaho, Cemetery.

Viewing will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday at Howe-Hobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10001, or to your favorite charity.

His wife, Elsie, invites family and friends to join in a celebration of life memorial luncheon to be held at noon, Feb. 8, at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn Convention Center (Summit Room), 2653 S. Lincoln in Jerome, Idaho. Please bring a favorite story or photos you might enjoy sharing as we celebrate 90 years of memories shared with Connie. Funeral services are under the direction of the Howe-Hobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

William Stevens



William Stevens, 84, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls. He was born Feb. 10, 1921, to Frank and Beverly Welch Heitz in Burley, Idaho. Bonnie grew up in Twin Falls, where she attended Burley High School in 1939. She also attended Twin Falls Business College, receiving a certificate in business studies in 1936. Heitz was a sports enthusiast and headed to the San Francisco Bay area to pursue her career. She had been employed for 35 years at the corporate offices of Kelly-Moore Paint Company in San Carlos, where she had held various positions.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Lucille Schab



TWIN FALLS — Mildred Lucille Schab, born April 8, 1918, passed away Jan. 27, 2006, in Twin Falls.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, Nana, sister and friend. Our hearts will always remember the memories we shared together.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude for the many flowers and cards that we have received. We are honoring her wishes for no funeral services or memorial.

— The Schab family

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Self defense, safety of law enforcement are at center of loaded weapon debate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When law enforcement officers think about what might happen if Utah allows anyone 18 or older to carry a loaded weapon in a car, they cringe.

They imagine drive-by shootings, road rage conflicts with shots fired and police officers with children being put in harm's way.

But Sen. Mark Madsen, R-Ideh., doesn't anticipate such mayhem. If his bill, which eliminates the need for a concealed weapons permit to carry a loaded weapon in a vehicle, passes the Legislature.

In Utah, law enforcement and the rights of individuals to bear arms are both generally held in high regard. Madsen's bill has the potential to affect every citizen in the state, along with countless tourists and commercial drivers who travel the state's roads.

Madsen believes Utah's laws regulating travel with a loaded weapon should be on par with surrounding states. When someone traveling from Idaho to Arizona has to pull over and unload his firearm at the Utah state line, it could leave the driver vulnerable to attack, he said.

"I don't believe Utah should be an island," he said.

Anyone who intends to commit a crime with a weapon in a vehicle has to go to court, without breaking one more law by having it loaded, Madsen said. But having a loaded gun available for self-defense would offer a measurable increase for people who are not violating the law, he said.

"I don't think there's any reason the law should operate in a way that puts law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage," he said.

Edward Ibbadtski, president of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, says his law enforcement officers and the public who would be at a disadvantage if a state like Utah passes the bill.

"Are they going to be able to use the gun to defend themselves or is the perpetrator going to take it away and use it against them? Are they going to be efficient and use it to not harm anyone else or is that shot going to go awry and hit some kid?" Ibbadtski said.

Those are unfounded fears, Madsen said.



Sen. Mark Madsen, R-Ideh., talks with a legislative research person Wednesday at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City. Madsen is sponsoring a bill that will make it legal for people to drive with a loaded weapon in their vehicle.

"People can confute up perfectly horrible hypotheticals, but when you look at the data they don't manifest," he said.

"Nationally, serious violent crimes have been declining steadily since 1993, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Since then, 21 states have enacted laws or loosened restrictions on allowing the carrying of concealed weapons, bringing the total to 38.

There are 25 states with laws similar to the one Madsen is proposing, according to the National Rifle Association, which supports his bill.

"There are shift workers such

as nurses and factory employees who often commute at odd hours of the night, and we believe they should be able to choose if they would like to keep a firearm in their car to protect themselves during their travels," said NRA spokeswoman Autumn Egan.

"It's not just during odd hours that people would be allowed to have their weapons handy. It's the daily commute to work and mundane trips around town shuttling children from one place to another that worry Ibbadtski.

"Right now when we have road rage, we have a lot of tip-

pling off a person or showing them their IQ, or we have verbal outbursts or fist fights," Ibbadtski said. Why voluntarily add a loaded gun to the mix?

Riodes can rattle off a list of recent crimes involving shootings from cars, which he contends would become more common if Madsen's bill becomes law.

Elwood Powell, president of the Utah State Rifle and Pistol Association, lists the same types of crimes as Ibbadtski does as reasons in support of Madsen's bill.

"We certainly have a whole mess of carjackings in this state and to the extent people can use a pistol or revolver to prevent carjackings, I think it's to their benefit," Powell said. "And it's in line with statistics of several other states that permit it," Powell said.

Chief Deputy Bob Tergisni in the Washington County sheriff's office believes the bill would put his officers in danger.

"I think it would be a concern that any vehicle you come up to may have a loaded weapon," Tergisni said.

The worst-case scenarios often predicted when other states adopted similar loaded-weapon laws haven't occurred, contends Joe Waldrin, executive director of Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, a national pro-gun lobbying group in Bellevue, Wash.

"I don't think there's any reason the other side of the issue starts to talk about the sky is going to fall, there's blood in the gutters, shootings of fender benders. In none of these predictions that have been made have proven to be not true," Waldrin said.

Madsen's bill was originally scheduled to be heard the first week of session, but he pulled it to get feedback from law enforcement and firm up support in the Legislature. He said he wants to make another pitch to law enforcement officials and bring his bill before the Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee within the next two weeks. Expedience could be crucial because the Legislature ends March 1 and every year numerous bills die because there isn't time for them to be heard in both houses.

Legislators consider more pay increases for state employees

BOISE (AP) — State legislators are considering more salary increases for certain state employees, following a blanket 3 percent pay raise for state workers last month.

The Joint Change in Employee Compensation Committee has reviewed five proposals for additional pay increases ranging from 1 percent to 2.7 percent. The raises will likely only go to certain agencies.

Most of the proposals would allocate pay increases to the agencies that are furthest behind in salaries, reported the Idaho Statesman newspaper.

"We have rich agencies and we have some that simply don't have enough to do anything with," said Rep. Bob Schneider, R-Nampa, co-chairman of the committee.

Schaefer has proposed legislation that would provide \$11 million for pay raises for some workers. To cover the cost, he

said, about \$2.4 million would need to come from the state's portion of insurance payments next year. That would require state workers to pay a larger share of health insurance costs.

A proposal by Sen. John Anderson, R-Boise, would increase employee salaries for the next 10 years until they meet market value.

"I think we all know that we've been advised by the Division of Human Resources that we must have some tangible plan," Anderson said. "Otherwise, we don't have a target."

The state now pays for 92 percent of employee's insurance costs, but a 16.7 percent below market for pay according to the Division of Human Resources.

"My feeling is we should pay our state employees sufficiently so they can cover their insurance expenses," Anderson said.

The committee will meet again, likely on Wednesday, to discuss the proposals and approve one.

"I don't think it will be too long because they're anxious to get this done," Anderson said. "It's holding up a number of things, including the budget."



DEATH NOTICES

Cecile M. VanZante
TWIN FALLS — Cecile M. VanZante, 83, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, in Arizona.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Fifer Cemetery. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Edna Ogden
NAMA — Edna Ogden, 86, of Nampa, and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the Jerome Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Joe W. Allen
TWIN FALLS — Joe Willis Allen, 72, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Vendon Rysset
RUPERT — Vendon Rysset, 79, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Leland E. Carlson
RUPERT — Leland Eber Carlson, 73, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Arthur E. 'Bud' Short
TWIN FALLS — Arthur E. 'Bud' Short, 70, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at his home.

James Thomas Dealy of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life beginning at 9 a.m. today at Burton's Club 93 in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

William K. 'Bill' Wakewood
Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Episcopal Church, 902 5th St. in Rupert; viewing for friends and family from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 5th, and one hour before the service at the church.

Roy Roy Johannsen
Gillette, Wyo., and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Paul Congregational Church; visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Emly Fuller
Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel to sign the register book.

Kenneth Wayne Russell
Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Cemetery, followed by a get-together at the Jerome Hoback Club, 104 E. B. St. (Hove-Robertson Funeral Home).

U.S. IDs remains of airman missing since WWII

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Remains found in a California mountain range last fall are those of an airman from Minnesota whose plane went missing during World War II. A state ID of the man's family said Saturday.

The U.S. Department of Defense determined the remains are those of Leo Mustonen, who was 22-years-old when he was killed as a pilot in 1942. He was in a crew of five years ago in the Sierra Nevada mountains, a family friend from Baxter, Marjorie Freeman, told The Associated Press.

Experts working at Hickam Air Force Base in Oahu, Hawaii, were able to read a name on a faded badge on the serviceman's clothing but declined to reveal it until the identity was confirmed through DNA.

"I had a gut feeling it was him. I just knew it," said Freeman, who grew up near Mustonen's family and was three years behind him in

covered a well-preserved body encased in ice in Kings Canyon National Park. Military anthropologists narrowed their options to four men who flew out of Sacramento's Mather Field the night the plane disappeared. Mustonen, pilot William Gamber, 23, of Ohio, and aviation cadets Ernest Mumm, 23, of Ohio, and John Mortenson, 25, of Idaho.

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school. She has been in contact with Mustonen's nieces, Leanne Mustonen Ross and One Lea Mustonen, who live in Florida.

Leanne Mustonen Ross didn't return calls Saturday on her cell phone Saturday.

Leo Mustonen, a 1930 Brainerd High School graduate, left the central Minnesota city to join the war effort in 1942.

He was on an A17 navigational training plane when it vanished after leaving on a routine flight Nov. 18, 1942. Five years later, after an engine, scattered remains and clothing were found far from the plane's intended course, the cadets and the pilot were given a ceremonial burial.

Freeman, who went to school with Leo and his brother, Arvo Mustonen, recalled

Saturday that while she was living with her mother-in-law during the war, the Mustonen's mother, Anna, often came to visit.

"Mrs. Mustonen was often at my mother-in-law's house, and she always had tears streaming down her face about the loss of her son in that mountain range," she said, adding, "I think (Mustonen's mother) would be just ecstatic and thankful that he has been found."

Anna and Leo's father, Arvid Mustonen, were Finnish immigrants who are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Brainerd. Freeman said Mustonen's nieces told her they plan to return Mustonen's cremated remains to Brainerd to be buried near his parents.

State admits partial fault for foster child's death

SPOKANE, Wash. — The state's child welfare agency admits it failed to protect a 7-year-old foster child in Stevens County from fatal abuse, despite numerous reports about his injuries to his teachers and social workers.

A report issued Friday by the state Department of Social and Health Services blames the foster mother, Carole DeLeon, for her own failures for Tyler DeLeon's death last year. The boy died on his 15th birthday on Jan. 13, 2005. He weighed just 28 pounds. The official cause of death was dehydration.

A child-fatality review committee "found that Tyler DeLeon's case was remarkable because there were so many professionals involved with his

physical, emotional and psychological care, and none realized the extent of the peril he was in at his adoptive home," the DSHS report says. The case shook the state's child-welfare system, and Gov. Chris Gregoire ordered the state Division of Child Protective Services to investigate claims of abuse within hours instead of the previous 10 days.

No charges have been filed against Carole DeLeon. The Stevens County Sheriff's Office has forwarded a homicide-by-abuse case to prosecutors for consideration. DeLeon's daughter, Christina Burns-DeLeon, who helped care for Tyler and other foster children, is also mentioned.

DeLeon, Tyler's foster mother since he was 15 months old, had

a history of child-abuse allegations, but the lack of accessible records hid that history when she applied to become a foster parent in 1996.

In 1998, for example, a 12-year-old foster girl told deputies that DeLeon tied her up in a basement and regularly deprived her of food and water. Other children in DeLeon's home, both foster and adopted, told caseworkers that DeLeon withheld food as punishment.

"A 12-year-old foster child who weighed 176 pounds when she was placed in Ms. DeLeon's home lost 52 pounds in less than a year," the report says.

DeLeon told school officials she restricted Tyler's food intake because he ate too much and to make sure he didn't drink water,

out of the toilets. School officials didn't follow her regimen.

Tyler's injuries, including facial bruising cuts, a broken leg and missing teeth — were documented by school officials and social workers, but DSHS's Child Protective Services failed to act, said the report, which dedicated six pages to descriptions of the boy's injuries.

Before his death, those who examined Tyler failed to attribute his injuries to abuse. Since that time, there have been six reports of prior abuse at DeLeon's home.

Connie Morfin, area administrator for foster-home licensing, said the agency does not check past abused children in safe homes, but to some extent it must take applicants at their word.

Planning a wedding?

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Group seeks anti-wolf initiative

COEUR D'ALENE — An anti-wolf group wants to put an initiative on the ballot to remove wolves from the state "by any means possible."

Wolves have been controversial in Idaho since the federal government reintroduced 15 of the animals in 1995, decades after they had been killed off in the state.

Some hunters say the wolves diminish deer and elk populations, while some ranchers say wolves put their livestock at risk.

The group launching the initiative, the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition, is tired of seeing

wolves treated better than humans, Ron Gillett, head of the coalition, told The Spokesman-Review.

"This is a mechanism for the people of the state of Idaho to show their voice and flex their muscle and get these wolves out of here," said Gillett.

The initiative would also shut down the state's Office of Species Conservation.

Officially the state is opposed to wolves in Idaho. In 2001, the state Legislature called for the species' removal from the state.

With a growing wolf population, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed removing

the wolves from the Endangered Species list in Idaho. Biologists now estimate there are about 600 wolves in Idaho.

Last month, state officials said they would kill up to 43 wolves to boost elk herds in the Lolo elk-hunting areas south of 1-80 near the Montana border.

They said the wolves are making it impossible to keep elk at desired levels.

The petition's wording must be reviewed by the Idaho attorney general's office. Then the coalition will have until May 1 to collect about 48,000 signatures — 6 percent of the state's registered voters.

If the initiative passes, federal rules protecting wolves will likely overrule any Idaho statutes calling for total wolf eradication, said Jim Unsworth, wildlife bureau chief for the state Department of Fish and Game.

In January, the federal government turned over management of Idaho wolves to the state. State officials have said they would like to manage wolves through controlled hunts, the way they manage cougar populations.

Gillett said he is frustrated by the federal government and environmental groups' efforts to protect wolves.

Study: Utah will need 44,000 new teachers by 2014

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah schools will have to hire at least 44,000 new teachers by 2014, according to a new study.

To fill the need, one state lawmaker wants to give newly-hired and current teachers a \$1,000 one-time bonus and a \$1,000 raise, and provide enough money to hire 1,000 new teachers. It has an \$80 million price tag.

Rep. Ron Bigelow, R-West Valley and co-chairman of the chief budget committee on Capitol Hill, said his "Education 1000" plan would help keep experienced teachers in the classroom and bring in new ones. Passing it would also send a message to the education community that legislators want to reduce class size, he said.

"There are teachers out there. But they are going to other states or choosing to work other jobs that pay better," Bigelow said. "We need to encourage them to stay and to do that, there has to be an upward mobility in their salaries."

The Utah Education Supply and Demand Study has submitted Friday to the Utah Board of Education. The study suggests bonuses might help make teaching a more attractive career prospect. Teacher pay in Utah is among the nation's lowest.

The Utah State University study estimates the state will need to hire more than 6,000 teachers a year in the latter part of the decade.

Teaching colleges are grow-

ing, but the number of graduates churned out since 2000 isn't. Numbers even dipped between 2003 and 2004, the study states.

Just more than half of those graduating from teaching colleges take jobs in Utah classrooms. Half the new teachers quit in the first five years. And Utah has more than 12,500 residents who are certified to teach but aren't working in education, according to the study.

"We see what's coming down the mountain," said Byron R. Burnham, professor and head of USU's instructional technology department, who authored the study with professor Nicholls Eastmond and graduate student Deborah Escalante. "But are we being adequate in our response?"

Resort community worries about future of ambulance service

LAVA HOT SPRINGS (AP) — Officials say ambulance service in this southeast Idaho resort town could be in danger if new volunteers don't step up.

In June, six of the town's 14 volunteer emergency medical technicians plan to retire when their certification expires.

Without local volunteers, ambulances would have to drive from Pocatello, 26 miles away, to reach Lava Hot Springs, a town of just more than 500.

There used to be 20 EMTs in Lava Hot Springs, but many are shrinking because of a dwindling base of volunteers in rural areas, said Roy Allen, director of emergency medical services for Bannock County.

Allen said he had to convince many of the town's volunteers to stay on before the previous certification cycle.

"They've been hanging on hoping other folks in the community will step up and be volunteers," Allen told the Idaho State Journal. "They've served their time. They've got-

ting older, and this is a rigorous thing to do."

He said the 14 volunteers have served for at least 20 years.

Allen said there will continue to be ambulance service, but response times may slow down without locally based service.

There is time to train new EMTs before June if anyone volunteers. A training course for new volunteer EMTs will be offered in March.

It takes 80 to 100 hours of training to get certified, and volunteers are expected to work a few 12-hour shifts each month.

EMT Sherry Gillman said things were easier when there were more volunteers.

"In the beginning, there were lots of us. There were always 20 to trade shifts with, and you didn't have to take as many shifts," said Gillman, a secretary in Lava Elementary School. "In the last five years, it's gotten sparser."

Lava Hot Springs resident Jesse Wilson says the town depends on the volunteer EMTs and he worries about aid if more volunteers don't step up.

Dealing a golden hand

Women's card club marks 50th anniversary

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Whether it's a friendship, a business partnership or a marriage, few relationships last 50 years.

Which is why Rachel Zaellit's card club is so extraordinary.

For five decades, this group of eight women has gathered once a month to play cards, enjoy good food and savor lasting friendships.

"I don't think a lot of people have this," said club member Connie Kaleel.

The group recently celebrated its golden anniversary at Zaellit's Salt Lake City home, the same place the club played its first hand of canasta in November, 1955.

Since then, the women have added games and welcomed new members and lost others, including one of the original players who died. (The group reached a high of 24.)

In recent years, the group dwindled to the current eight. Besides Zaellit, the group includes her younger sister Bonnie Tabish, their sisters-in-law Kaleel, Phyllis Allam and June Scenfienza and friends LaWana Clinton, Linda Abraham and Helen Anton.

Too many years have passed for the women to remember whose idea it was to start the club or why they picked the second Wednesday of the month as their official meeting day.

But all agreed that as stay-at-home wives and mothers, they needed a regularly scheduled "girl's night out" to maintain their sanity.

From the beginning, their husbands and children understood that few things could keep them from attending. No one is officially in charge, but all admit that Zaellit keeps the group organized.

The death of a friend in November prevented the club from celebrating its 50th anniversary on the exact date. And they couldn't get together in December, because that's the month they let husbands come.

So the women — who range in age from 62 to 73 — waited until January to mark the milestone. It may have been belated, but was no less sweet.

It seems that Zaellit and company are ahead of their time when it comes to card playing.

Today, a growing number of women are shuffling and dealing for fun and competition, according to the trade magazine Woman Poker Player.

Women, for example, make up 25 percent of the nearly 75 million people who play poker in the U.S., according to the publication. And over the next two years, experts predict an increase, with the number of women equating or possibly surpassing men.

Those numbers do not account for all the women who get together regularly to play hedge, canasta or bunko — an especially popular game among Utah women.

Even the beauties on the popular television soap "Desperate Housewives" have a regular card date to catch up on the gossip of Wisteria Lane.

Part of their group longevity comes from all the women have in common. All grew up in Utah



Helen Anton checks her hand during a card game on Jan. 4 in Salt Lake City. Rachel Zaellit and seven of her closest friends recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of their card club. They always eat dinner and then play cards.

and are members of the local Lebanese community. Their parents were friends and now their children get together regularly.

"We feel more like sisters than friends," said Anton, noting that through the years they have helped one another through childbirths and baptisms, graduations and weddings, illness and funerals, including the death of Zaellit's husband.

Together they have 32 children, 58 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. None of the eight has been divorced.

They can't remember ever fighting. "But we do have a lot of fun joking and teasing each other," said Zaellit.

Initially, they made elaborate dinners for each other and lingered into the wee hours of the morning. One time, after playing cards, they decided to go bowling and stayed up until daybreak. They have taken trips to a mountain cabin together and rented a limousine for a Wendover weekend.

But these days, they go out to a favorite restaurant to eat and then take turns at one another's homes for snacks and chitchat and however many hands of cards they can squeeze in before 10 p.m.

Because after all these years, these women know card club isn't really about the cards.



From left, Connie Kaleel, Rachel Zaellit, Helen Anton, June Scenfienza, Phyllis Allam, Linda Abraham and LaWana Clinton play cards Jan. 4 in Salt Lake City.

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Antonio H. Hoyer, 30, Twin Falls, residing an officer, domestic battery, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Lara Lee Fowler, 30, Twin Falls, battery, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Marianne Matthews, 21, Idaho, no court, suspended, 12 months probation, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Dwight B. Hartzog, 41, Twin Falls, Idaho, no court, suspended, 12 months probation, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Marianne Matthews, 21, Idaho, no court, suspended, 12 months probation, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 24

Irene L. Motowil, 30, Twin Falls, domestic violence, attempted strangulation, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Michael J. Hertzog, 41, Twin Falls, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Brandon L. Caldwell, 19, Harpers, probation violation, no plea entered, second court, suspended, 12 months probation, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Randy A. Stanger, 30, Twin Falls, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
William J. Patterson, 31, Twin Falls, probation violation, no plea entered, second court, suspended, 12 months probation, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
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Kenneth L. Caranough, 20, Twin Falls, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Teresa S. Samsel, 22, Idaho, probation violation, no plea entered, second court, suspended, 12 months probation, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
John T. Noser, 30, Twin Falls, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Joseph T. Bunker, 25, domestic probation violation, no plea entered, second court, suspended, 12 months probation, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.

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Theresa Strang-Schmitt, 19, Twin Falls, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
David L. Messner, 20, Twin Falls, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.

INCOIN COUNTY

SHOSHONE - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Misd. arraignments

Scott B. 100, 100 driving without privileges, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m.
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Thomas W. Lamm, 32, Twin Falls, driving without privileges, pleaded innocent, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Bernardo Garcia, 20, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
Raymond E. Dyer, 30, Idaho, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pretrial hearing set for Feb. 11, 5:00 p.m.
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Feb. 2-3

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Armstrong, Crow say they're breaking up

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Lance Armstrong and Sheryl Crow have split, the couple announced in a joint statement Friday night.
The seven-time Tour de France champion and the rock star announced their engagement in September. It would have been her first marriage and his second. He has three children from a previous marriage.

After much thought and consideration we have made a very tough decision to split up.

After much thought and consideration we have made a very tough decision to split up. We both have a deep love and respect for each other and we ask that everyone respect our privacy during this very difficult time. - the statement said.

Valentine Chocolates

Valentine Chocolates advertisement featuring 'Creme Hearts', 'Caramel Hearts', and 'Boxed Chocolates'. Includes text: 'Judge • Nut Judge • Butter Creme • Peanut Butter', 'Small • Medium • Medium Large • Large', 'ALL SIZES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!', 'Boxed Chocolates In 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3 and 5 Lb. Boxes', 'Assortment • All Caramels • Peppermint Squares • Nutt de Caramels • Nutt • Tiramisu • Cherry • Or, Make Your Own Combination!', 'WRAPPED IN BEAUTIFUL VALENTINE DECOR AT NO EXTRA CHARGE!', 'HILFIGER • LUCKY • QUICKSILVER', '309 Hammond St. E. • 733-7324', '10am-5pm MON-SAT • Closed SUNDAY'.

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Women's Dresses Sportswear advertisement. Text: 'Save up to 50% on your purchase!', 'HILFIGER • LUCKY • QUICKSILVER', 'CORNER OF 10th & OVERLAND IN DOWNTOWN BURLEY', '878-2240'.

The house where . . . Gruesome histories don't scare all buyers, owners

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Houses like the one Christopher Price bought three years ago can be found in neighborhoods across the country — ordinary houses not much different from those next door, except for the awful, abiding memories of what took place within their walls.

See that house over there? That's where . . .

Neighbors on either side of Price's ranch-style house near Annapolis, Md. — old-timers who were there on that dreadful, long-ago morning when the bodies were discovered — never shared the history with him. Then, on a winter afternoon a couple of years back, Price found out that his perfectly lovely house has an unlovely past.

A man had been stabbed 17 times with a steak knife in the room that Price uses as an office. And in the room where he and his fiancée watch TV in the evenings, a woman was stabbed seven times before being bludgeoned with a word-splitting maul. "It did keep us awake a couple of nights, thinking about it," Price said.

On suburban cul-de-sacs and city streets, they are houses that neighbors point to, the ones they don't forget. Long after the shock of murder years off, long after the crime-scene tape comes down and life on the block resumes a peaceful rhythm, the memories linger, kept alive in whispers.

See that house? . . . Real estate professionals call them "stigmatized properties" — houses that are structurally sound yet "psychologically impacted."

Many who live in them, stigmatized houses are fascinating. "A conversation piece," Price calls his. Others lean in to discuss their houses' grim histories: "They're hoping their children won't find out; they're worried about their equity; they're afraid that skittish realtor will visit if they hear what happened in the kitchen, the den, the master bedroom."

One woman said that after she and her husband contracted to buy their house, they were stunned to learn from a neighbor that the previous owners, a married couple, had been shot to death in the basement. More than a year after moving in, the woman recalls at the thought of publicity.

"No, no, no, no, no," she said. "Absolutely not. . . I have a daughter who would never set foot in my house again if she knew."

Some buyers knew the facts beforehand, though, and didn't flinch. Some used the stigmas to leverage discounts. As for buyers who heard the stories later, some were alarmed of a multiple murder under his roof, only when his gardener brought it up — their reactions varied. Some were reactive, others blasé. Some took it as a spiritual challenge, a chance to bring joy to a house scarred by hate.

One couple talked openly about ghosts in their house.



Christopher Price's cat, Kitty's Meow, explores his Anne Arundel County, Md., house, where a notorious double murder occurred in 1984.



Bob Gneiser owns and lives in the Bethesda, Md., house where William Bradford Huish Jr. allegedly killed his mother, wife and three sons three decades ago.

Price, who lives in the Cape St. Claire community east of Annapolis, learned of his house's former notoriety while talking with a police officer. Then he immersed himself in old newspapers, absorbing mere details, and read a book about the killings, "Sudden Fury," by Leslie Walker, now a Washington Post business columnist.

The victims, Robert and Kathryn Swartz, had adopted their son Larry in 1973, when he was 6. Abandoned as a toddler, the boy had bounced from one abusive foster home to another before arriving in Cape St. Claire.

He was 17 when his anger exploded in parietal violence on a January night in 1984, ignited, his attorneys said, by the repressive, demeaning discipline that the couple had imposed on him. He eventually pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, spent about a decade in prison and, at 38, died of a heart attack in Florida.

"The book goes on about the paramedics coming in, the police coming in, and they turned the corner and went down the stairs, and there was blood here and evidence there," said Price, who paid \$220,000 for the property, becoming the third owner since the Swartzes were

murdered. The husband and wife who sold it to him had lived in the house for two years, unaware of its history.

"I can walk around my house and I can picture it, which is interesting," Price said.

"He enjoys talking about it," he said. When he met a woman from Annapolis at a computer conference in Orlando recently, he asked her whether she recalled the murders. "And she was like, 'Oh, yeah, yeah.' And I said, 'Yeah? Well, I live in that house now!'"

Bob Gneiser, 74, also has no qualms about living in a murder scene, although Gneiser wishes people would forget about his house, a brick-and-wood split-level in the Carderock Springs section of Bethesda, Md. Reporters and camera crews still show up at his door occasionally, revisiting one of the most enduring mysteries in the annals of local crime. And Gneiser, a retired radio and TV newsman, grudgingly tolerates them.

"I know what they want," he said. "So I tell them, 'Go ahead and get it, and get the hell out of here.'"

On a night three decades ago, a charming, 39-year-old State Department foreign service officer, William Bradford Huish Jr. — a multilingual Yale gradu-

"It wouldn't have mattered if you told her Ghengis Khan and Adolf Hitler lived there. [My wife] wanted that house."

— Bob Gneiser, owner of a 'stigmatized property'

ate and former Army intelligence officer — went home from work and clubbed his family to death with a ball-peen hammer, police said.

They said he loaded the bodies in a station wagon (his mother, his wife, his three young sons), drove them to North Carolina, piled them in a shallow hole and set them on fire. Then he vanished. Why it happened, and what became of him, are anyone's guess.

Later that year, while house hunting, Gneiser and his wife, Carolyn, saw a Bethesda split-level that they loved. "I had covered the story like everyone else, but I had never been to the scene," Gneiser said. "So it didn't register with me."

Their real estate agent broke the news: It was the Bishop place, put up for sale by estate investors. Carolyn Gneiser didn't care. "It wouldn't have mattered if you told her Ghengis Khan and Adolf Hitler lived there," Gneiser said. "She wanted that house."

They wound up paying \$105,000, a stigma bargain. A smaller house next door had

sold recently for \$113,000.

"It's been a great home for 30 years," said Gneiser now a 30-year-old. "I know some people get upset at these things," he said of the house's history. "In fact, my brother — he lives in Florida — he has refused to come up here and see me." But so be it.

"The only way I'm leaving," Gneiser said, "is in a box."

A person selling a house, and the seller's agent, can wind up paying civil damages if they lie to the buyer about a death or other calamity that occurred on the premises. But in most of the country, unless the buyer asks whether any traumatic events took place in the house, the seller isn't obligated to list.

Many sellers of stigmatized houses choose not to volunteer the stories, real estate professionals said. And because sellers' agents are bound by their clients' wishes, they tend to keep quiet, too.

On a shaded cul-de-sac in Silver Spring, a 3,200-square-foot brick house stood empty for two years, a pall hanging over it.

Mildred Horn, who was divorced, lived there with her 8-year-old son, Trevor, who had suffered brain damage and was kept alive by a respirator. On March 3, 1993, police said, an ex-con hired by the boy's father broke into the house, shot Mildred Horn and a nurse, then pulled out Trevor's breathing tube and smothered him.

Police said the father, Lawrence Horn, then 54, a former Motorola Records engineer, wanted control of his son's \$1.7 million trust fund from a medical malpractice settlement. Now, he and the hit man are serving life in prison.

For years, "when March third came, we subconsciously knew we were depressed for a reason," said Eugene Sprehn, 65,

who lives nearby. "And the third of each month . . . we would remember."

The current owners, a husband and wife in their late 40s, first saw the empty house in 1985. They thought, "Oh, this seems nice," said the wife, a corporate recruiter who did not want her name published. Then, while she and her husband were waiting for the real estate agent to arrive, they got to talking with a neighbor, who let on about the murders.

"Their decision to buy wasn't easy, the wife said. But 'tragic as it was, you move on.' She said a stigma price break "made it more affordable, and we could get into the market." In 1990, Mildred Horn had paid \$308,000 for the place; her estate sold it for \$315,000.

"For the first couple of years after we bought it, every anniversary, people would be showing up," the wife said. But no more.

Now she and her husband have a young son and daughter. There's a basketball hoop in front of the house; there are toys in the yard and flowers. "The gloom has lifted," she said. "But out of that often comes the ability to create some good."

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When The Steelers Have The Ball

QB Ben Roethlisberger (7) is looking more like Terry Bradshaw every week. The Steelers are now 26-4 in games he has started. RB James Bettis (31) will be the focal point of this game, almost surely his last for a 13-year career in which he's become the NFL's fifth-leading rusher. The spread back is Willie Parker (39), who will start, giving way to Bettis as the Steelers approach the goal line, and Eric Decker (11) if they are running out the clock. Normally, Roethlisberger's favorite targets are WR Hines Ward (86) and Antonio Anderson (82). Rookie TE Heath Miller (81) gives him the big receiver at that position he didn't have last season. All that works because of a very good OL, led by LT Marshall Yumoto (77), Alan Faneca (66) and C Jeff Hartung (64). The Seahawks have revamped last year's defense with seven new starters, including two important positions like LBs Tabor...

Big Ben

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scottie K. Johnson (3) has excellent range: 5-of-8 on field goals of more than 50 yards, better than his 4-of-17 accuracy between 40 and 49 yards. Pittsburgh's Jeff Reed (9) was 24-of-29 on field goals this season. Punting at Heinz Field, a difficult venue for kickers, but 0-for-4 outside of 50 yards.

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Super Bowl XL Notes

When The Seahawks Have The Ball

QB Shaun Alexander (37) led the league with 1,880 yards rushing, set a league record with 28 touchdowns and was voted the NFL's MVP. He will carry on about 95 percent of the nuts, with Maurice Morris (20) as a capable backup. FB Moch Strong (33) made the Pro Bowl for the first time in a 13-year career and broke a 12-year run to help beat the Redskins. Strong's blocking is likely to be important against the blitzing Steelers and Alexander will have to help here, too.

QB Matt Hasselbeck (6) has matured into a confident and clutch playoff quarterback. He is mobile, a trait that will be needed against Pittsburgh's blitzes, although the Steelers did a good job of controlling Denver's Jake Plummer, another mobile QB. WR Darrell Jackson (83) is solid but somewhat prone to drop. Bobby Enos (84) and Zach Ertz (87) are two other primary targets. Tight end Terry Stevens (86) also figures in. The left side of the Seattle OL has two...



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Shaun Alexander



Troy Polamalu



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Seahawks want to spoil Bettis' Super homecoming

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Oh, yeah, football. All the tributes to Jerome Bettis are done. The war of words between Joey Porter and Larry Stevens is over. The Rolling Stones and Motown greats will sing in harmony, and the purveyors of doom — blizzards, traffic jams, a bleak setting — have been silenced by good weather and good vibes from the locale. It's time for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks to decide the NFL championship Sunday at Ford Field. "This has been a lot of fun," said Bettis, the Detroit native who received a key to the city, helped his parents host a team dinner and was the focal point of every Steelers news conference. "The one thing they're not losing sight of was to come here to play the Super Bowl." Yes, the Super Bowl, Pittsburgh's sixth, but

the first in a decade. And Seattle's debut, even though its coach, Mike Holmgren, has been to four — two wins as an assistant with San Francisco, 1-1 as head coach in Green Bay. He's trying to become the first head coach to win with different franchises. Holmgren understands as well as anybody that Super Bowl week is abnormal, filled with distractions galore. He also knows that finding some normalcy amid the hype is essential. So he won't be in anyone's face early Sunday. "They have meetings, mainly to keep them a little bit busy on Sunday morning," Holmgren said. "Otherwise the day gets to be a little bit long. But really, when you get to that point, it's done. It's been my experience that players I've been around, they're kind of tired of talking to me. And I'm a little bit tired of talking to them. So the plan is let them rest, let them get ready; let them think about it without me in-

terrupting his thoughts." They can ponder the fact the Steelers (14-5) are the first sixth seed to make the Super Bowl, yet are four-point favorites. They've won seven in a row, including road victories in the playoffs over division winners Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Denver. And geography is working in Pittsburgh's favor. The streets of the Motor City already are flooded with Steelers fans who made the 265-mile drive from Pittsburgh, and the stadium figures to carry a black-and-gold hue Sunday. "The Seahawks (15-3) have won 13 of their last 14 games — the loss was a meaningless season finale at Green Bay — and routed Carolina for the conference championship on the No. 1 seed. In Shaun Alexander, they have the league's MVP and their defense led the NFL in sacks. Yet they seem overshadowed by one of pro football's most storied franchises, one that

made its name by going 4-0 in Super Bowls with Terry Bradshaw, Franco Harris and the Steel Curtain. "I said the other day that as far as any games, odds or who's the favorite or who's the underdog, we have nothing to do with that," Holmgren said. We just are who we are and Pittsburgh is who they are. "The only thing I can think of is that they beat Indianapolis, a huge win for them, and that popped up Pittsburgh, as it should. "And then the other thing is, no many people know about us, to be honest. Unless you're on the West Coast or specifically in the state of Washington or in the Pacific Northwest, you'd be probably hard-pressed to name a bunch of our defensive players. People know Shaun Alexander and (QB Matt) Hasselbeck, per-

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Weiser man reflects on Bears' Super Bowl XX, 20 years later

By Mark Liptak Times-News correspondent

WEISER — In life, you never know where you're going to wind up. Making the journey more interesting is that much of the time the person traveling their road is as surprised about where they end up as are the people around them. Take former Chicago Bears tight end Tim Wrightman.

From the beaches of Southern California to the USFL, the 1985 Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears, to Hollywood, later the TV booth and now as a rancher/outdoorsman in Weiser. "Sometimes it does seem like a bad episode of Green Acres," Wrightman jokes. On the 20th anniversary of the Bears' Super Bowl championship, the owner of the Lazy Bear Ranch in Weiser looked back at his life and career. Please see BEARS, Page C8



Tim Wrightman

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ABC, ESPN, 9 a.m.
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Super Bowl XL

Twin Falls girls stay alive

Bruins end Idaho Falls' season with 52-41 win

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The next 32 minutes on the court will be the most important of the season. The Twin Falls High School girls basketball team battled its way into Wednesday's Class 5A state tournament play in game with a 52-41 victory Saturday night at Baun Gymnasium in loser-out play of the 2006 Region Four-Five-Six Tournament. The 11-11 Bruins will head back to Idaho Falls to play the Skyline Grizzlies for the conference's second state seed. "We have to lay everything out on the court and we have to go for it," Bruins sophomore forward Amber Petersen said. "It win or go home, and I want to go to state. That's been our goal for the entire season. Petersen's hustle — and her 12-point, 9-rebound night — led Twin Falls past the Tigers in the team's third meeting of the season. With 4 minutes, 11 seconds left in the third quarter, the sophomore stashed past 6-foot-1 Tigers post Katrina Fronzner dropped in a layup, and converted a free throw off a Fronzner foul to give the Bruins a 37-28 lead. Moments later, Petersen found fellow sophomore Kelly Wiesman for an open layup to extend the Twin Falls lead to 39-28 with 3:06 left in the quarter. The Bruins finished the quarter with a 41-33 Please see ALIVE, Page C4



Twin Falls senior guard Tristan Rogers is fouled by two Idaho Falls players Saturday night as she goes up for a shot during their loser-out game in Twin Falls at Baun Gymnasium.

Canada looks for golden repeat

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For 50 years it was O Canada, as in zero Olympic gold medals. Now the guys in the sweaters adorned with the big red maple leaf are looking for a repeat. Canada's fortunes changed in 2002 at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. The hockey-crazed nation finally ended its drought with a stirring 4-1 victory over the United States. With Martin Brodeur in goal and two of the NHL's top five scorers leading the way, the Canadians could make it back-to-back titles in Turin. The Americans, on the other hand, won't need a miracle to reach the medal stand, just all the right answers to many questions — mostly on the defensive end. "There is so much skill out there and in a one-game situation a lot of teams are going to have a chance to surprise anybody," Brodeur said. "It'll be interesting-

Men's hockey

NBC is banking on the interest level, and will televise every game of the men's hockey tournament live to the United States. The games will be played in the morning and afternoon hours in the Eastern time zone and shown mostly on the network's affiliated cable networks. Olympic hockey in the 21st century bears no resemblance to days past when the 1980 "Miracle On Ice" American squad really shocked the world with its monumental upset victory over the Soviet Union. College kids now stay home every four years while NHL players fill rosters. As in the recent past, the entire 23-man U.S. team is current big leaguers. While David vs. Goliath matchups largely are lost, nearly every game in the tournament could pass as an All-Star game. But there still is room for an upset, such as Belarus' stunning win over Sweden in the 2002 Olympic quarterfinals. So while Canada, the Czech Republic and Russia are early favorites to skate off with medals, there is nothing that

says the United States, Sweden or Finland can't contend as well. "I think everyone is kind of counting us out right off the bat. They're not giving us much of a chance," said American forward Scott Gomez. Brodeur's teammate on the New Jersey Devils. "Hopefully we'll go over there and shock a lot of people." Canada appears to be the team to beat — and Brodeur is the main reason. Canada also boasts forwards Dany Heatley (Ottawa) and Joe Thornton (San Jose), who have spent most of the season in the top five among NHL scorers. Then there is Philadelphia's Simon Gagne, who would be first on the goal list if not for the stellar season of Ilya Kovalchuk — Atlanta's young star who will suit up for Russia. Canada's pool of players is so deep there wasn't room for Carolina's Eric Staal, who already has surpassed the 30-goal and 30-assist marks this season, or Pittsburgh rookie Sidney Crosby. They could send over three teams and to well," said the 21-year-old Staal, who is on Canada's taxi squad and will Please see REPEAT, Page C5

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- BASKETBALL
• Rockets at Knix, ABC, 10 a.m.
• Women, Florida at Kentucky, FSM, 10 a.m.
• National coverage, CBS, 11 a.m.
• Maryland at N.C. State, FSM, noon.
• Texas Tech at Texas A&M, FSM, 2 p.m.
BOWLING
• PBA, Atlanta Classic, ESPN, 3 p.m.
FOOTBALL
• Super Bowl XL pregame, ESPN, 9 a.m.
• NBC, national coverage, 9 a.m.
• Super Bowl XL pregame, ABC, 12:30 p.m.
• Super Bowl XL kickoff, ABC, 4:25 p.m.
GOLF
• European PGA Tour, Dubai Desert Classic final round, TGC, 7 a.m.
• PGA Tour, FBN, open final round, CBS, 1 p.m.

Area ski report

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Hansen boosters hope to organize

HANSEN — The Hansen High School booster club will hold an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium.

TwoYsports this week

TURNBULLS — There will be no Ysports this week to make room for Winter Olympics and Super Bowl coverage.

Lance Armstrong, Sheryl Crow split up

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong and Sheryl Crow have split, the couple announced in a joint statement Friday night.

Debut Desert Classic

AT SALT LAKE CITY — The Desert Classic will be the first of a series of events in the region.

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Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Games. Includes NHL results.

Walchofer's title defense safe for now

CHAMONIX, France — The next-to-last World Cup downhill of the season was canceled because of heavy fog Sunday.

Bergqvist in Brek, Sweden

ARNSTADT, Germany — Swedish Kjetil Bergqvist broke the world indoor time-keeping record in a women's high jump Saturday.

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With psychologist's help, Rocca a slalom star

ROME (AP) — The way his sports psychologist tells him the longest time there were two Giorgio Roccas.

There was the Giorgio Rocca who skied quite well and showed promise in his early 20s. And, says Turin University professor Beppe Verrelli, "There was the one who reached a certain point and then stopped giving his best."

The man favored to claim a slalom skiing gold medal for Italy at the Turin Olympics wasn't a natural-born champion? He didn't always center the starting gate convinced he would win?

The guy who Italian newspapers can't write enough about is in a run-up to the Winter Games, the one labeled a "phenomenon" and "the new icon" and "unstoppable" in breathless headlines. — he didn't used to think of himself that way?

No. Not completely, anyway. Not like nowadays.

When Rocca settles in at Sestriere to compete in the slalom, confident and, possibly, star giant slalom races, the best country will hold its collective breath and root for an unassuming family man whose surprising career was slowed by two operations on his right knee and a bigger problem that no surgeon could cure: a lack of self-confidence.

When he hunkers down in the starting gate, he'll clutch his ski poles tightly, close his eyes and visualize a strong, successful run. Using the techniques Ver-



Italy's Giorgio Rocca slaloms past a pole on his way to clock the second fastest time during the first run of an alpha ski men's World Cup slalom race, in Schladming, Austria, on Jan. 24.

celli has taught him, Rocca will see himself finishing the race, skiing clearly and winning.

"I always see myself in a positive light, usually in a winning light, with no regrets," Rocca said in a telephone interview Friday from his home in Livigno, in the Alps.

"I was never consistent in the past. Now I'm calm, because I know things will go OK. What I always want to do in races now, is the best I can. If I win, great. If not, it's because there was someone who was better that day and good for him."

Thanks to the help of Verrelli's hypnosis in their weekly sessions, plus the inspiration of

a newborn son, and — ah, yes, he did not forget this — some impeccably smooth skiing, there haven't been many days lately when anyone was better in slalom.

The 30-year-old Rocca opened the World Cup season by winning the first five slaloms, only the fourth man in history to put together such a streak. And he did it without ever looking the least bit out of control on a run. He's so steady, so solid, so balanced while traveling at speeds that would draw a ticket on U.S. highways, that to Italian slalom coach Claudio Baretta, "Sometimes, believe it or not, it seems like he's not fast at all."



Jeremy Bloom, of Loveland, Colo., celebrates after winning a spot on the U.S. Olympic team during the U.S. Olympic Freestyle Moguls team trials in Steamboat, Colo., on Dec. 30, 2005.

Bloom in bloom

Road to skiing stardom worth the risk for Bloom

DENVER (AP) — The easy path for Jeremy Bloom would have been to concentrate on football and leave skiing and the Olympics behind.

Football is, after all, America's favorite sport — a place where stars can be born and millions can be made.

Becoming a freestyle skiing "star," on the other hand, can make a guy famous for a day, a month, maybe a year or two if he's really lucky. And yes, it can make a guy rich, too.

So far, Bloom has been lucky in both respects.

Yet for all the hype and glamour of the Olympics, everyone knows — even Bloom — that once the games are over, they are over. Sure, skiing is much more popular in Europe and elsewhere overseas, even during non-Olympic years — but football is always an American mind. And Bloom's.

"I'm very happy to make the Olympic team and that's my first goal," Bloom said in late December when he qualified for the Turin Games. "But whenever someone brings up football, I get a big smile on my face."

Bloom, who was training and unavailable for interviews for this story, figures to be snailing much more in the very near future.

His big Olympic shot comes Feb. 15, on the mountain in Saize d'Oulx in the men's moguls competition. After that, it's time to head to the train and try to get in some semblance of football shape. And then, off to the NFL, scouting combine, where the 23-year-old's future as a pro football player will begin to be decided.

"I represent a lot of players supporters of these sports," says Joe Pack, a 2002 aerials silver medalist. "We've got all the opportunities to train at a high level. Combine a great skill mentality with the best training and best coaches and you will pull off some amazing stuff. It's why other countries come to the U.S. to use our facilities and train under our conditions."

and, by far, I've got more people coming up to me asking me what's going on with Jeremy than anyone else," said his agent, Gary Richard, who has been overwhelmed this week as he walks around in Mobile, Ala., the home of the Senior Bowl.

Bloom could be at the Senior Bowl this week, running and catching passes for pro scouts, improving his draft position. In two seasons as a receiver and kick returner at Colorado, he secured five touchdowns on plays of 75 yards or longer.

"He's an explosive playmaker," Richard said. "That what people want in the NFL." But while everyone knows Bloom has the speed and play-making ability, there's no denying the fact that he hasn't played football in 20 months.

That surely won't help his status in the draft — where the difference between being chosen in the first and third rounds is millions of dollars.

Given that, some might say Bloom's decision to put football on hold was more a big-time risk than the easy way to fame.

"I can literally see Jeremy all most start to laugh at that whole idea," said Eric Klatt, the quarterback, an ex-teammate and a good friend of Bloom's at CU.

"He's always kind of deflated, not necessarily happy, but the man. He's going to do what his heart tells him to do and what's best for him and those around him."

The results was a drawn out and eventually unsuccessful legal fight against the NCAA, which ruled he couldn't play college football and accept endorsement money for skiing.

him," said Bloom's father, Larry. "It's more a statement of belief on his part that led him to go the route he went."

In other words, he wasn't going to let the NCAA strip away his dream of doing both.

Had things worked out better for Bloom at his first Olympics, in 2002, he might not have gone that route.

"I know if he'd won a gold medal in 2002, things might have been different," said Andy Carroll, the agent who handles Bloom's endorsements. "But there's a sense of unfinished business, and Jeremy has a tendency to very much go with his heart."

Forced, in Bloom's words, by the NCAA to choose between skiing and football, he chose skiing to start, football for later.

He turned pro, began accepting endorsements and has since gone rich.

Still, there's something very down to earth about this wildly successful millionaire, a man whose face will be seen countless times on TV between now and Feb. 15.

Nobody in his circles seems to worry much about what might happen if he gets hurt in Turin, only a few days away from starting the second, and potentially most lucrative, part of his sporting life.

Idaho native ready for takeoff in freestyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Count on the high-flying Olympic fledglings of freestyle skiing and snowboarding to produce a "Hurricane" that Americans actually are eager to see.

It's among the latest innovations of a U.S. competitor — this time aerial skier and Idaho native Joel "Speedy" Peterson, an Idaho native, who hopes that landing his quintuple-twisting triple back flip will also land him atop the podium during the Turin Games.

"I've landed four of the five I've done, although the one I did not land I almost had to get carried off the hill," Peterson says. "There really is no room for error when you're up 55 feet in the air — doing five twists."

helmet. White, also a skateboarding star, comes to Turin on the heels of an unprecedented sweep of the five-event U.S. team trials that was decided by the American halfpipe snowboarding roster.

Kent says he's never seen anything like White, who impresses judges with a mix of graceful, cutting-edge tricks and careful execution of more common moves. To many competitors, he's a real puzzle in this still-evolving sport.

His relatively basic frontside 540 (rotating 540 degrees of his frontside) "is so good, it's pure art," Kent says.

The Olympic debut of snowboarders — an event that features heat races down a jump-laden course with banked turns — will showcase defending world champions Lindsey Jacobellis of the ubiquitous Visa check card TV commercial and Seth Wescott, a five-time U.S. men's mogul skier in the world rankings are Americans.

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OLYMPIC MEDAL PICKS

Table listing medal picks for various sports including Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ice Hockey, Luge, Men's and Women's, Nordic Combined, Speed Skating, Curling, Skeleton, Figure Skating, Ski Jumping, Snowboarding, and Freestyle Skiing. Each entry lists the sport, medal type, and the athlete's name and country.

Repeat

Continued from C1 only play if someone is lost to injury.

The United States opens the five-game preliminary round against Latvia on Feb. 15. That's just three days after the NHL halts its season for the Olympics, after Americans ally with Sweden, Slovakia, Russia and Kazakhstan, with the top four teams in each of two groups advancing to the single-elimination quarterfinal round.

Canada is in the other six-team group with the Czech Republic — led by goal scorer Mike Hasek and NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr — Finland, Germany, Switzerland and host Italy.

Hasek and Jagr led the Czechs to gold in 1998 — the first time the NHL sent players to the Olympics — and they appear to be as strong now. Hasek took a year off after his teams also missed the Lake City, but at 41 he is in the top five this season in victories and goals-against average.

The U.S. is not alone with gaudy question marks. Finland will play without Calgary's Mikko Korpikoski, and Atlanta's Karl Lehtinen, putting Antero Nihtymaki — Esch's partner in Philadelphia — in line to replace them.

There's just one offensive Kovalchuk and a sensational rookie Alexander Ovechkin — will likely be forced to hand its goaltending duties to San Jose's Evgeny Nabokov, or to Italian goalie Anshubin to replace the injured Khabibulin.

"You can't dwell on those things," said defenseman Darin Kasparidits of the New York Rangers. "It's a big loss, but we have to go with what we have. The tournament is going to be won by whoever has a good goaltender. Everyone can score goals."

The Seahawks and Steelers get ready for a

showdown

Super Bowl XL pits two evenly matched teams with vastly different legacies. The Steelers have won four Super Bowls and are one of the most storied franchises in professional sports. The Seahawks make their first trip to the Super Bowl after winning only the fifth playoff game in team history two weeks ago. In what appears to be a classic on paper, the game will most likely be determined by the basic principles of sound football: run the ball successfully, stifle the run and protect the football.

Ben Roethlisberger 7 QB



2,385 yards

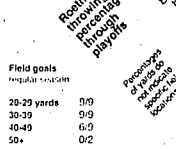
17 TDs

Ford Field, Detroit • 6:00 p.m. EST (ABC)

IN THE RED ZONE		BETWEEN THE 20s	
35-50 ATT	27 YDS, 19 TD, 0 INT	164-262 ATT	2,410 YDS; 4 TD; 19 INT
RATING	98.6 %	OVERALL	COMP % 62.7
Ranked 3rd in NFL		YDS/ATT	8.9
		INT	9

Playing beyond his years

Roethlisberger is the first QB in NFL history to reach the AFC championship game in his first two seasons. His receivers catch a lot of short passes on the right side of field.



Fast Willie

Although Jerome Bettis gets all the ink, Parker, who had a better year on the field, gets the start. The speed back, a complement to the bruising Bus, eclipsed the modern benchmark 1,200 yards in '05.

REG. SEASON	YARDS
GM 1	111
2	161
3	55
4	26
5	55
6	131
7	63
8	13
9	Did not play
10	59
11	43
12	71
13	68
14	81
15	130
16	135

The warden

Hines Ward became the undisputed go-to guy this year with the departure of Plaxico Burress.

REG. SEASON	YARDS
GM 1	38
2	59
3	35

Pittsburgh Record 11-5; 3-0

Offense

Total net yards:	5,149
Passing	Rushing
2,926	2,223
First downs: 297	
Passing	Rushing
144	120
33	By penalties
Defense	
Yards allowed: 4,544	
Passing	Rushing
3,168	1,376

Bill Cowher, head coach in 14 seasons under Cowher, the Steelers have earned 10 postseason berths, captured eight division titles, advanced to six AFC Championship games and two Super Bowls.

SOURCES: National Football League, FieldTurf, Ford Field

Probable starters

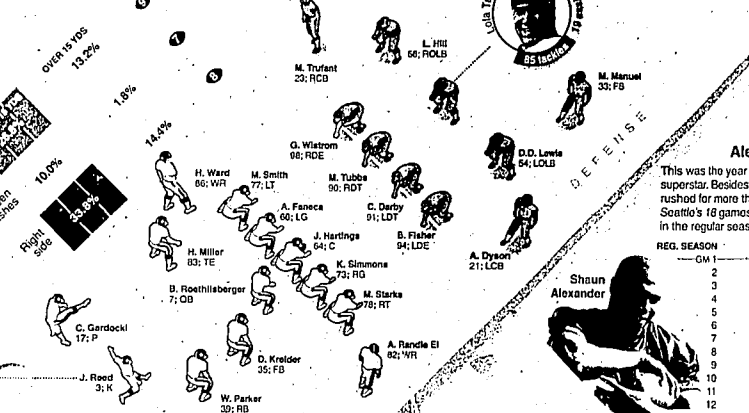
Seattle prefers not to blitz. It can pressure with its front four. Tampa leads the team in tackles.



Bobby Engram

Total catches Regular season (TDs)

67	WR Bobby Engram (3)
55	WR Joe Jurevics (10)
45	TE Jeramy Stevens (5)
38	WR Darrell Jackson (3)
28	WR D.J. Hackett (2)



The Steelers have long had a power running attack with a classic blocking fullback aligned in front of a halfback.

Hasselbeck has flourished with now authority under the West Coast offense, deftly using audibles for the first time this season.

Alexander the Great

This was the year Alexander became a superstar. Besides taking home the MVP he rushed for more than 100 yards in 12 of Seattle's 16 games. He had 27 touchdowns in the regular season.

REG. SEASON	YARDS
GM 1	73
2	144
3	140
4	98
5	119
6	141
7	61
8	9
9	173
10	115
11	110
12	49
13	108
14	172
15	139
16	73
PLAYOFFS	
GM 1	9
2	132

Field goals regular season

20-29 Yds	0/0
30-39 Yds	9/9
40-49 Yds	6/9
50+ Yds	0/2

All grown up

Hasselbeck really came into his own in '05 recording the highest QB rating of his career. Like Roethlisberger, a high percentage of his completions were under 15 yards on the right side of the field.

LUIS PALOMAR 43 SS

73 tackles

The Steelers employ the same 3-4 defense installed under Cowher when he became head coach in 1992. The unit is led by charismatic — and tenacious — S Troy Polamalu and LBs James Farrior and Joey Porter.

South side of the stadium

Street level Playing field is 45-feet below street level for better access to seats

"The Corner" outdoor bar

Scoreboards One 57 ft. x 27 ft. scoreboard at each end zone

Cameras

Suites Press box Atrium

Locker rooms Pittsburgh Seattle

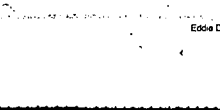
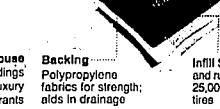
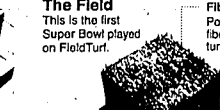
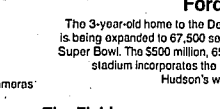
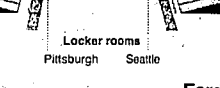
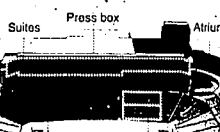
Roof Structural steel with an 18-gauge sheet metal roof deck

Sycamore above field

Hudson's warehouse 80-year old building renovated to house luxury suites, stores, restaurants

Backing Polypropylene fabrics for strength; aids in drainage

Infill Silica sand and rubber from 25,000 recycled tires



Seattle Record 13-3; 2-0

Offense

Total net yards:	5,915
Passing	Rushing
2,457	2,457

First downs: 361	
Passing	Rushing
192	169

27 By penalties

Defense

Yards allowed: 5,069	
Passing	Rushing
1,510	1,510

Mike Holmgren, head coach in his seventh season as head coach, the Seahawks are making their first-ever Super Bowl appearance. This will be Holmgren's third trip to the Super Bowl, where he was 1-1 as head coach of the Packers.



Eddie DeGuzero, Andy Fox, Mike O'Connell, Matt Sherman - AF



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis stretches before practice Thursday, in Pontiac, Mich.

Bettis' final fling a rare thing

DETROIT (AP) — Jerome Bettis' career for the Steelers has a chance to make a run at a championship. Against long odds, he got it.

Many stars in all sports go on careers without playing for a ring. A few — Bettis, Matt Grace, Oscar Robertson, Ray Bourque come to mind — finally get a shot at one as they're heading for the exit.

"It doesn't happen often or easily."

"In sports, you're going to have players who are great but haven't won championships," said Robertson, a Hall of Famer who got his NBA title with Milwaukee near the end of his career. "That's true. You only get one winner a year, and the rest of the guys don't win."

"I know they're rare."

Like Bettis, who decided to play another season for the Steelers in hopes of reaching the Super Bowl, athletes will miss their bodies as far as they'll go — and sometimes hang on longer than they should — to get the thing that sets a winner apart.

The ring.

"You look at me — I played 17 years and didn't get one, quarterback Warren Moon said. "That had a lot to do with how long I played. I was still chasing the ring, one last year and I had to let it go to accomplish my career. Unfortunately, it never happened. But I'll tell you what: I did it."

For Football Hall of Fame spokesman Joe Horrigan notes that it's commonplace for stars to miss out on a shot at a championship. Before free agency changed the dynamics of sports and gave players freedom to pick their teams, a player could be stuck on a struggling franchise for a long time.

Archie Manning is Exhibit A. He spent his first 11 years with New Orleans, becoming the face of misery for Saints fans who hid their own faces with paper bags. Now, it's up to sons Peyton and Eli — quarterbacks for the Colts and Giants, respectively — to do what their father never could.

"I never got close," Archie Manning said this week at a Super Bowl function. "Everybody just wants to get here, and I hope both of my boys get to do it."

Folks around those parts know that greatness doesn't translate into glory. Running back Barry Sanders spent 10 years with the Lions, but had only one playoff victory to show for it.

"It's a reality of the game," Sanders said. "Coming into the NFL, my assumption was that this is the NFL and, naturally, I'll get to the Super Bowl because all you have to do is win three games in the playoffs. That was a mistake I made, because I later found out how tough it was."

It's universal.

Robertson was already a superstar — the only player to average a triple-double for a season — during his 10 seasons with the Cincinnati Royals when the struggling franchise traded him. With Kareem Abdul-Jabbar — then Lew Alcindor — as his teammate, he got an NBA championship in his first season with Milwaukee.

"It meant that the critics who needed something negative to say about my career couldn't say anything negative about it," Robertson said.

Grace spent the first 13 years

Super Bowl Lineups-Depth Charts	
Pittsburgh Steelers	Seattle Seahawks
Offense	Offense
WR 86 Hines Ward; 81 Sean Maye; 89 Lee Maye	WR 84 Bobby Engram; 81 Peter Warrick
LT 77 Marvel Smith; 79 Tral Essex	LT 73 Walter Jones; 77 Floyd Womack; 73 Wayne Hunter
LG 66 Alan Faneca	LG 76 Steve Hutchinson; 77 Floyd Womack
C 64 Jeff Hartings; 56 Chuck Okebi	C 61 Robbie Tobeck; 65 Chris Spencer
RG 73 Kendall Simmons; 68 Chris Kemeocata	RG 62 Chris Gray; 77 Floyd Womack
RT 78 Max Starks; 72 Barrett Brooks	RT 76 Jeremy Stevens; 83 Ryan Hancock; 68 Luke Mill
TE 83 Heath Miller; 84 Jerome Turner	WR 82 Darrell Jackson; 87 Joe Jurekovic; 18 D.J. Hackett
WR 82 Antwan Randle El; 80 Cedrick Wilson; 85 Nate Washington	QB 8 Matt Hasselbeck; 15 Seneca Wallace; 11 David Greene
QB 7 Ben Roethlisberger; 16 Charlie Batch; 8 Tommy Maddox	FB 38 Mack Stroy; 43 Leonard Weaver
FB 35 Dan Weirder	FB 37 Shaun Alexander; 20 Maurice Morris; 39 Josh Scobey
RB 39 Willie Parker; 36 Jerome Bettis; 34 Verlon Hayes; 22 Duce Staley	Defense
Defense	LDE 94 Bryce Fisher; 69 Joe Taylor; 96 Rodney Bailey
LE 51 Aaron Smith; 99 Brent Heist	LT 91 Chuck Dary; 93 Craig Terrill
NT 98 Casey Hampton; 76 Chris Hoke	RTD 90 Marcus Tubbs; 99 Rocky Bernard; 96 Rodney Bailey
RDE 67 Kimo von Oelhoffen; 96 Shaun Noo; 90 Travis Kirschke	RE 96 Grant Wistrom; 69 Joe Tola
LB 83 Chad Huggins; 92 James Harrison	LB 94 D-D Lewis; 59 Isaiah Kacyanski; 50 Cornelius Wirtham
ILB 51 James Farrior; 57 Clint Kiewit	MLB 51 Lofa Tatum; 53 Niko Kenley
RILB 50 Larry Foote; 54 Rian Walcott	OLB 56 Leroy Hill; 57 Kevin Burnett
ROLB 55 Joey Porter; 94 Andre Fraizer	LCB 21 Andre Dyson; 31 Kelly Herndon; 27 Jordan Babineaux
LCB 24 Mike Taylor; 27 Willie Williams; 29 Clinton Iuomama	FS 33 Marquand Manuel; 35 Eric Pruitt
FS 28 Chris Hoke; 23 Tyrone Carter	SS 28 Michael Bouhaver; 35 Eric Pruitt
SS 18 Troy Polamalu; 31 Mike Logan	RB 23 Marcus Tautau; 22 Jimmy Williams; 25 Michael Harden
RCB 26 Desha Townsend; 21 Ricardo Colclough; 20 Bryant McFadden	Specialists
Specialists	K-3 Josh Brown
H-17 Jeff Reed	H-16 Tom Rouven
PR-81 Chris Gardocki; 8 Tomny Maddox; 82 Antwan Randle El	PR-81 Peter Warrick; 22 Jimmy Williams; 84 Bobby Engram
LR-21 Ricardo Colclough; 24 Mike Taylor; 82 Antwan Randle El	WR-39 Josh Scobey; 20 Maurice Morris; 22 Jimmy Williams
LR-21 Ricardo Colclough	LS-52 Jean-Pierre Darche; 62 Chris Gray
LS-17 Chris Gardocki	P-16 Tom Rouven
P-60 Greg Warren	

of his career with the Chicago Cubs — enough said — before heading to Arizona and getting his long-availed chance. He was 37 years old when it finally came.

Grace's single started a ninth-inning rally that swept the Diamondbacks a 3-2 victory in Game 7 of the 2001 World Series against the Yankees.

"That same year, Bourque got his last-chance Stanley Cup title with Colorado. The Hall of Fame defenseman spent the first 21 years of his career with the Boston Bruins, never getting his lead to the Cup over his head."

For each of these late-in-life success stories, there's dozens who fail.

"Again, the Cubs provide a benchmark. Ernie Banks put together a Hall-of-Fame career during 19 years in Chicago, but never even came close to the ultimate prize."

"Some guys are more fortunate to be in the right place at the right time, part of that right chemistry on that right team," Moon said. "And other guys aren't. You look at Ernie Banks in baseball — he never even played in a playoff game his whole career."

Even in the era of free agency, going to a winner doesn't guarantee getting a shot at becoming the ultimate winner.

"Look at what with the Yankees," Robertson said, referring to Alex Rodriguez. "It doesn't mean that you're going to win. I'm sure he thought when he went to the Yankees that they were going to walk through the World Series."

Now, it's Bettis' turn to make that one, final stat to take that considered retiring after the Steelers last in the AFC title game last season, but came back in part because this year's Super Bowl is in his hometown of Detroit.

It looked like he'd frittered the chance away when he fumbled near the Colts' goal line with 120 left in a second-round playoff game, and Nick Harper scooped up the ball and headed downfield.

If quarterback Ben Roethlisberger doesn't double back and make a lunging ankle tackle on Horne, Bettis doesn't get his chance.

And if Mike Vanderjagt doesn't miss badly on a 46-yard attempt, the game might go to overtime and a different outcome. It took all of those quirky things to get the Steelers a 21-18 win over and get Bettis to his Bowl.

"That's how fine the line is between getting a shot and being shut out."

"Jerome Bettis had 13 years to prove how great he is," said the Hall of Fame's Horrigan. "If he wouldn't have made the decision to play this year, we would be talking about 'poor Jerome.'"

This year's Super Bowl ads going for emotional impact

By Korney Stringer
Detroit Free Press



In this handout image from Anheuser-Busch, two players are confronted by an angry bear so they attempt to calm the bear by offering it a cold Bud Light. The photo is from a commercial that will be aired during the 2006 Super Bowl.

DETROIT — Football teams aren't the only ones trying to score at Super Bowl XL — this year the stakes are particularly high for advertisers.

At a time when consumers increasingly zap past TV commercials, the Super Bowl may be the only television show of the year where we not only tolerate, but also actually look forward to the ads.

Of course, viewers expect those ads to be highly entertaining. We want to be cracked up or choked up and have something to yak merrily about on Monday morning.

"The challenge for the advertisers is the expectations are so high," said Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at Northeastern University's Kelly School of Management. This year, he said, "we're going to see more humor and more unexpected twists."

Expectations are one reason why advertisers often debut their most creative ads during the game.

The fact that it's the biggest television audience of the year has nothing to do with it. But it's also a night we want to laugh and cry, even shed a tear or two.

So be prepared for everything from a cynical Emerald Nuts ad with a druid conducting business under a starry and a star-studded Cadillac commercial with the glitz of a Paris fashion show to a Dove hair-

string tugging with young girls talking about self-esteem.

This year's Super Bowl ads will shock, inspire, awe and amaze — or at least that's what their creators hope they'll do.

Super Bowl advertising is a big deal. After all, more than 133 million Americans watched the game last year. Only about 20 million American households typically tune in to a Sunday night episode of "Desperate Housewives."

As a result, advertising on the XL crowd can carry an XL price tag: an estimated \$2.5 billion for 30 seconds this year.

What marketers do with these precious time slots are as important as the expense itself. After all, making a 30-second spot that no one talks about the next day can be almost as bad as not advertising at all.

Conversely, creating a spot like Coke's "Mean Joe Green" in 1980 or Master Lock's "Marksmen" in 1974 can have people talking years later.

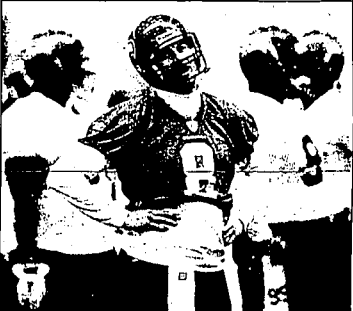
Super Bowl ads can make or break a company's image in the minds of consumers, so this year advertisers are pulling out a number of tricks.

Unlike the days before the Janet Jackson "warfare malfunction" debacle, advertisers for the most part will keep commercials clean and family-friendly. Completely gone are ads for erectile-dysfunction drugs.

And some top Super Bowl advertisers of past years, such as McDonald's and Visa, won't have an ad presence as they've opted to advertise during the Winter Olympics, which starts five days after the big game.

Hasselbeck laughs all the way to the Super Bowl

DETROIT (AP) — Oh, brother. This was the 3,456th question already this week asking Hasselbeck to do the thing to add to a season in which he has risen from unknown to the NFL passing leader and Pro Bowl starter.



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck pauses during football practice, Thursday, in Allen Park, Mich.

But instead of the rote, pat response of "whatever," Matt Hasselbeck used the time to add to a season in which he has risen from unknown to the NFL passing leader and Pro Bowl starter.

"I'm putting a comedian on his resume."

With his team cap on backward, the dry-witted Hasselbeck excitedly spread his arms wide to punctuate his exclamation. His high-pitched, know-it-all tone was a girl, according to his playful antagonist, teammate Robbie Tobeck — climbed higher.

"Do us in the locker room even say 'OK. We're favored by 2.5 points. All right?' No, no one does that," Hasselbeck said, slaking his bald head for emphasis.

"As Coach (Mike) Holmgren likes to say, all that stuff is minutia. I don't know what that means, but I hear him say it."

The comedian loudly agreed, knowing it was the inevitable intrusion by raving Seattle fans, "reporter" and comedian Gilbert Gottfried.

"Oh, I Gilbert," Hasselbeck drolled, feigning annoyance.

The comedian loudly asked Hasselbeck for a joke.

Without hesitation, the quarterback said: "There are three kinds of people in this world. One is people who know how to count. And there are people who don't."

Silence. And blank stares — even from Gottfried.

"Anybody else?" he asked.

"This was pretty good, but I just made that up. Thank you. Thank you very much."

But it wasn't always a gas for Hasselbeck in Seattle.

In 2001, the joke was on him.

Holmgren, in his third season coaching Seattle after leaving Green Bay, had just traded with the Packers to get Hasselbeck to be the starting quarterback. He had just finished his third season learning behind Brett Favre.

Hasselbeck had zero career starts. He was a sixth-round draft choice from Boston Col-

lege. Holmgren's Packers were the only team to call him for a pre-draft tryout — yet he now acknowledges he was arrogant, and difficult to coach.

But Holmgren loved Hasselbeck's raw intelligence.

"Those brains got a beating in his second game as Seattle's 2001 starter. Philadelphia hit the new quarterback so often in a 27-3 Eagles win the Seahawks almost had to peel him off the turf at old Veterans Stadium."

The following week, he strained a groin muscle. He sat the next two games behind Trent Dilfer. Hasselbeck eventually returned for nine more starts — five were losses — before he hurt his passing shoulder.

"Instead of people saying, 'Hey, I feel bad for you; it felt more like people were applauding... No, it didn't feel that way. It was tough. It was very tough."

Before 2002, the Seahawks kept Dilfer from leaving as a free agent by promising he would be the starter in the first preseason game. Dilfer hurt his knee. Hasselbeck came back again. And struggled again. Dilfer returned in Week 2.

"Then, on Oct. 27, 2002, at Dal-

las, Dilfer tore an Achilles' tendon. Hasselbeck entered and led the Seahawks to a 17-14 win. He started the final nine games, passing for 300 yards four times and over 400 yards twice, both Seattle's season records.

He's started ever since.

"Well, it's taken a little while." Holmgren said Tuesday. "But right now we are in a very, very good place."

Hasselbeck completed 67 percent of his throws with three touchdowns and no interceptions in two playoff wins. He almost single-handedly took over the divisional-round win over Washington after league MVP Shaun Alexander left in the first quarter with a concussion.

"He's just matured," said receiver Bobby Engram, who arrived in Seattle with Hasselbeck in 2001. "He's taken his lumps like any star quarterback, but he's dealt with it extremely well."

"He is the leader of this team."

Tuesday, Hasselbeck was his leader in laughs. Especially at his own expense.

"Anybody losing your hair, you can root for us, too," he said. "Anything to get the home-field advantage here in Detroit."

Aikman leads big Hall of Fame class; Irvin left out

DETROIT (AP) — Troy Aikman made it into the Pro Football Hall of Fame's biggest class in years. The guy he threw to — Michael Irvin — will have to wait once again.

Reggie White, Warren Moon, Harry Carson, John Madden and Rayfield Wright also were elected Saturday. Not since 2001 had so many members of candidates been chosen.

Emmitt Smith, who joined with Aikman and Irvin to win three Super Bowls for the Dallas Cowboys, had campaigned vig-

orously for his two former teammates. But Irvin, plagued by off-the-field troubles in recent years, was left out in his second try.

"I wouldn't want to go into why he didn't make it in," Aikman said. "I don't know what constitutes a Hall of Fame wide receiver or a Hall of Fame quarterback, but from a player's opinion, if there ever was a Hall of Fame wide receiver, it is Michael Irvin."

The late White, the NFL career sacks leader when he

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ner, at a season regarded by many as one of the greatest in the history of the NFL and of the personalities he had and the chance to be around.

Wrightman talked from his 5,700-square-foot lodge on the 150 acres he owns near Weiser, where he lives upstairs with his girlfriend and her two children.

His downstairs belongs to the guests who come to his ranch for some of the finest hunting and fishing-in-the-region.

"It's a different kind of sport from what Tim was doing twenty years ago."

Before Green Acres

Originally drafted by the Bears in 1962, Wrightman instead went to the Chicago Blitz of the USFL. He played in the league for three seasons and later joined Mike Ditka's crew in July 1985 at training camp.

In the 20 seasons since, some myths have grown up surrounding the team. One was that the defense was dominant since Day 1. Not so. In the first five games of the season, the Bears surrendered 88 points and had to rely on the offense to pull the game out.

Wrightman remembers. "People forget we led the NFC in scoring offense (556 points) and only Miami had more than us," he said.

Later, the 14-0 Bears went to Miami for the most watched Monday night game in history.

The Bears came out flat and Dan Marino shredded the vaunted defense for 270 yards and three scores in a 38-24 win.

The next day, some of the Bears went into the studio and recorded "The Super Bowl Shuffle." It still makes Wrightman burst out laughing.

"None of them have to defend myself over that," he said, but the fans loved it.

The 15-1 Bears beat both the Giants and Rams to get to Super Bowl XX. For the season, Wrightman averaged 17 yards per catch, best for any tight end in the league.

The Bears were ready to make history on January 26, 1986 in the Louisiana Superdome.

"There was no doubt in my mind we were going to make it happen," Wrightman said.

From New Orleans to Weiser

Wrightman played again in

1986 but had his career cut short in 1987 by knee injuries.

Wrightman found plenty of things to do. He hosted his own cable TV show, worked radio in Chicago and even did standup comedy.

He also had a successful acting career where he guest starred on popular TV shows including "Mad About You," "Suddenly Susan," "The Drew Carey Show" and "Grace Under Fire."

Eventually he tired of it though and moved to Weiser where his father hunted in the 1960s.

"I loved to go bird hunting and I knew that it was getting harder and harder to find land available to hunt or fish on," he said. "I thought that maybe this was something I could do, so I bought the land and built the lodge."

Wrightman's ranch will host a TV shoot on the "Outdoor Channel" this fall.

So with another Super Bowl at hand, Wrightman will go into "The Bears' Den," pull up a chair in front of his television, watch the game and remember the thrill of a special season produced by characters with character. It's a memory very few individuals get to experience and Wrightman cherishes.

Spotlight shines bright on refs

DETROIT (AP) — They're the guys in black and white. No names needed.

Unless they make a bad call.

Then, everyone finds out who these NFL officials are. Criticized and vilified, their eyesight and sanity are called into question. And a lot of them are making names for themselves lately.

In a postseason filled with questionable calls, the spotlight will be harsher than ever for referee Bill Leavy and his officiating crew when Pittsburgh plays Seattle on Super Bowl Sunday.

"What we want to do is to pick up the paper Monday and read about the game, not the officiating," said Mike Pereira, who oversees NFL refs. "We all want to be anonymous."

That can be tough sometimes. With more than 130 million people watching the Super Bowl in 234 countries around the world, a wrong move can lead to outrage.

There's no such thing as perfection. Mistakes happen.

Jerry Markbreit, the only person to be the head referee in four Super Bowls, said Wednesday, "Officials are so hard on themselves. When they make a mistake, nobody feels worse than they do."

Pete Morelli and his seven-



Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu looks up after he intercepted a pass during the NFL divisional playoff football game against the Indianapolis Colts, on Jan. 25, in Indianapolis. Umpire Garth DeFelice signals it Steelers' ball.

Polamalu on video review late in the game, and it nearly cost them. Pittsburgh held on to win 21-18 — linebacker Joey Porter later said the officials tried to cost them out of a victory, and the NFL said Morelli made a mistake.

A few days later, a rock was thrown through the front window at Morelli's home in Stockton, Calif. Police said it was unclear whether the vandalism was related to his school job or his role as a referee.

Super Bowl officials are picked based on their regular-season performance. They must have worked five full seasons in the NFL, and cannot work consecutive Super Bowls.

Most officials wait about 10 years before getting called up to the big game. Many never make it there.

Markbreit said he was "scared to death" before his first one in 1983. He kept on the sideline before his last one, realizing that would be his final Super Bowl. He retired in 1998.

Jerry Swenson worked two Super Bowls and later was head of officiating. He especially remembered the "New York Giants' 20-19 win over Buffalo in 1991 when Scott Norwood missed a field goal at the end.

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haps, Walter Jones, maybe. But I think that has something to do with it."

Even commissioner Paul Tagliabue, in his annual state of the league address Friday, mentioned "the contrasting matchup."

The newcomer, Seahawks from the Northwest, versus the tradition of the Steelers from industrial America, where our game and our league were born," he noted.

Seattle had the NFL's most prolific offense, with Alexander leading the league in rushing and setting a record with 28 touchdowns.

Pittsburgh's defense, led by All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu — he of the flowing hair and fiery hits — and chatty line backer Porter has been opportunistic throughout the winning streak.

The Steelers consistently have jumped to leads and pro-

tected them in the playoffs. Seattle has been ahead through most of the postseason.

Both teams generally avoided creating controversy this week — except, quite notably, Porter's verbal feud with Stevens.

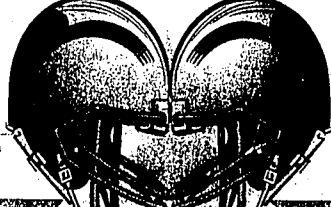
When the Seattle tight end had the temerity to suggest Bettis' homecoming would not end happily, Porter took it as an affront to the running back, the rest of the Steelers, and the city of Pittsburgh.

He promised Stevens would remember him when Porter delivers his first tackle Sunday.

Oh, yeah, football.

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Congratulations to Jerry Fowler,

the top finisher, among the business entrants in the Beat The Sports Writers contest this NFL season. Fowler finished with a 144-77 mark after splitting last weekend's AFC and NFC championship game picks.

With only the Super Bowl remaining, Fowler was unable to pass second-place finisher and Times-News sports editor Joe Paisley (147-74) and contest winner, sports writer John Derr (154-67).

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Real estate firms merge, child starts a business

American Real Estate and Appraisal has more than doubled its workforce by absorbing Brawley Realty. The deal was completed Jan. 25. Jim and Joan Brawley, who founded their company in 1989, are now associate brokers with American. Their team of realtors, Joe Costa, Jim Herrett, Lois Bragg, Linda Lewis, Carletta Williams and Dave Robinson are also with American now.



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Chris Baldus

American was started by Doug and DeAnna Vollmer in 1973, and was staffed by the couple, Dale Patterson, Denis Vollmer and Donna Carney. Doug Vollmer, he had been looking to add a few people when this opportunity came up. The Brawleys are good friends who wanted to make a change, he said.

The entire operation will be headquartered at 233 Gooding St. N.

The Brawley property management company will remain an independent business operated by Dave Robinson, said Vollmer.

Hannah Holman of Twin Falls is 11-12 years old and part of our business community. "I have a business called Pet-Flyers. I invented a toy that you throw up in the air and it lands on its feet. I sell them. Now people copy me," she writes.

Jared Grover's plans to farm electricity from Magic Valley winds have the financing necessary to move forward. A letter to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission dated Feb. 1, John Deere Credit says it has "issued its commitment to supply the necessary wind turbines and financing to (Cassia Wind Farm and Cassia Gulch Wind Park) with construction to start in early summer 2006."

When was the last time you planned something about a year in advance? The Jerome Chamber of Commerce announced on its Friday, Feb. 3 that High Street Band will perform at the Chamber's New Year's Eve Gala and Centennial Kick-off.

Our cell phones, e-mails and Instant Messages have killed Western Union telegrams. "Effective January 27, 2006, Western Union will discontinue all Telegram and Commercial Messaging services. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you, and we thank you for your loyal patronage," says the company's Web site.

On that note, a few weeks back news broke of the end of Winchester rifles. U.S. Repeating Arms Co. in January announced it was closing the Connecticut plant that made them. That was when Ryan Harsley, owner of Bed's Trading Post, predicted there would be a run on them. On Thursday he said Bed's has sold nearly all of the Winchester's it has.

Julia McInn took her 20 years experience in the field and opened JM Business Solutions in September. Services offered include bookkeeping, billing, collections, payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable and notary services.

Scam alert: The Better Business Bureau on Friday sent out warning that someone is misusing the BBB and BBBOnline trademarks to extort money from online automobile shoppers. Through e-mail the crooks are posing as an escrow service involving the Better Business Bureau. You need to know the Better Business Bureau doesn't offer these kinds of services. And, something that should really tip you off that it's a scam is the e-mail encourages you to send cash payments through Western Union to a Swedish address.

Chris Baldus can be reached at cbaldus@magicaltycoon.com or 735-3259.

MONEY Q & A: CON PAULOS



Con Paulos has been honored by Time Magazine for the community service done through his automobile sales business. In January, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce gave him a lifetime achievement award for that service and his role in regional economic development.

Born into the car business

Paulos honored for community service, regional economic development insight

By Chris Baldus
Times-News writer

JEROME—The phone rang during dinner. It was a customer calling.

Selling cars in the 1930s was a bit different than today. And Gas Paulos, who opened his first Chevrolet dealership in February 1932 in his hometown in Greece to build a water pipeline, replacing the donkey and barrel system of getting water over the mountains.

But he never returned from that sales call. His car was broadsided on the way.

"His family stayed in the business, though. I, his son, Pete, took over the dealership in 1938.

That's part of the story behind the photos on a wall in Con Paulos' office at his GM dealership in Jerome.

"I was born into the business," he said, pointing to a picture of Pete, his father, standing in front of Gas' Utah store as a boy.

Con opened his car sales business in 1979 at 140 W. Main in Jerome after striking out on his own from the family dealership established near Salt Lake City in 1975.

He arrived just in time for some of the worst economic times Jerome had ever seen, and he became part of the community and region's revival. Those efforts were part of the reason the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce honored him in January with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Chamber President Shawn Barigar said he "has been a driving force in bringing the two sides of the canyon together" when it came to nurturing this area's economy. And Barigar touted Paulos' long history of supporting various community causes, from the American Red Cross to school fundraisers.

Paulos and his wife of 32 years, Cyndy, have three children, one grandchild and a second granddaughter on the way.

He sat down and talked with *The Times-News* last week about family, the auto industry, the responsibility businesses have to their communities and building the local economy. This is an abridged version of that interview.

TN: With all that is going on in the auto industry now, what's it like to be you, be in auto sales?

CP: It's a little unnerving. We have a business

partner there that we've tied our entire lives and livelihood to. General Motors, specifically. I think has a plan to work through it. I had the good fortune to visit with Rick Wagner, the CEO of General Motors, and I'm confident in Rick. I have a lot of confidence in where he is taking the company. I wouldn't be going out and spending the millions of dollars were going to spend on this new GM facility if I didn't have the confidence that they're fine.

TN: Do customers ask about it an awful lot?

CP: Yeah. I think people are a little uncomfortable. Specifically business people are sensitive to the kind of challenges Ford is going through. Chrysler is going through, General Motors is going through. This country goes the way the auto industry goes, because of the amount of products in every vehicle. The average General Motors product today has five microprocessors on board. The plastics, the glass, the steel, the rubber — you name an industry and it's in that vehicle. And when you're selling — I think they sold 9.2 million General Motors products last year — they influence all the other industries. There is just no doubt about it.

TN: Community service by a business, do you look at that as a good business practice or as the duty of a business? How do you look at that?

CP: I think it's a responsibility of ours as a company.

This is our mission statement (He presents a pamphlet) and you'll notice the first line "continuously exceed the expectations of our customers, employees and community."

So, we're pretty dedicated. That's a top priority in our minds. We take tremendous care of customers, provide a place people want to work, a great work environment, a safe work environment, and thirdly that we exceed the community's expectations by our involvement in those types of activities.

It's something I believe in. I think my mother probably instilled that in me. If I were to give anybody any credit, it would be her. Her business philosophy is for every dollar you give away, you'll get 100 back a 100 times. I think it's true.

I think truly the goodness is in the giving, it's not in receiving. So I get a great deal of personal pleasure, and I think our company gets a great deal of pleasure, and our employees do, by being engaged and involved.

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Domestic auto woes

The Big Three — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler Corp. — are all in the midst of job cutting and restructuring.

In November, GM announced it will cut 30,000 jobs and close 12 North American facilities by 2008. In January, Ford unveiled plans to lay off 30,000 workers and close 14 plants by 2012.

DaimlerChrysler also has announced plans to lay off 6,000 administrative staff, mostly in Germany.

The Big Three had some good news last week: U.S. automakers enjoyed their first monthly sales increase since employee discount deals ended last summer. That was dampened, however, by Asian companies gaining more of the nation's automarket.

Asian automakers' sales — Jumped 11.4 percent for the month, while the Big Three — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Group — saw their sales rise 4.6 percent, according to Autodata Corp.

— The Associated Press

New Dealership

Con Paulos is building a new GM-Chevrolet-Pontiac dealership on the south side of 184 N. Jerome to replace its existing facility at 901 S. Lincoln. "The facility will be a total 21st century design," he said, noting that GM has a new image program for its dealerships and this will be one of the first built with that blueprint. It will be about a \$3 million project near out 168 and construction will begin this year, Paulos said.

Team Con Paulos causes

Con Paulos' business has a long history of community involvement, said Twin Falls Chamber President Shawn Barigar. A representative list includes everything from health fairs, Safe Kids, support for hospital and College of Southern Idaho foundations, the American Red Cross, Camp Rainbow Gold, Thanksgiving turkey drives, and many school, community and charitable activities, Barigar said.

On the Net

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Wynn said. Next year, Wynn will bring "Spamlot" to his Wynn Las Vegas hotel-casino. If the list of proposed and current Broadway transcripts succeeds, that could make "Spamlot" the sixth Broadway musical on the Strip — a sign

New York musicals find a home way off Broadway — way off Broadway

By Mike Weatherford
Las Vegas Review-Journal

LAS VEGAS (AP) — How obvious did it have to be? Did a Broadway show have to put up a backdrop of the Excelsior hotel? Stage a production number with showgirls and an overhead roulette wheel?

That sequence actually comes 10 songs into "Monty Python's Spamlot," but Steve Wynn says he didn't need that

much time to consider the show for his hotel.

The casino developer says the night he saw "Spamlot" on Broadway, he sat between top-Python Eric Idle and Idle's wife, Tania, and joked that he would wait until after the first act to decide whether he would offer them a ride to the West Coast in his corporate plane.

"About four minutes into the show, I punched (Idle) in the ribs and said, 'OK, you're invited. I'll take you home.'"

of a seismic shift in Las Vegas entertainment, albeit one full of filters.

If the trend sticks, it has the potential to reroute the traditional course of a Broadway musical and rewrite the rules for Las Vegas and New York.

The Broadway-Vegas marriage comes at a pivotal time. The Strip appears to be bankrupt for new show ideas. New York has reached a point in which costs

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Craig Gates

PHOTO — Project Mutual Telephones announced the addition of Craig Gates to the management staff as the new vice president of Network Technology. He brings nearly 20 years of telecommunications experience to the position, most recently from Verizon as Manager of Network Engineering and Planning. Prior to that, he was Senior Staff Consultant for GTE in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He has a bachelor of science degree from the Indiana Institute of Technology, where he graduated summa cum laude. He has an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. Responsibilities of the position include managing PMT's engineering, network and information technology initiatives. Gates and his wife, Suzanne, are the parents of three children and enjoy equestrian and other outdoor activities.

TeLinda Case

PHOTO — TeLinda Case has joined Avista Co. as a public accountant, certified public accountant in July. She is a graduate of Boise State University with a bachelor of business administration in accounting and will take the certified public accountant exam.

this year. She will also obtain her degree in real estate from the College of Southern Idaho in May.

Along with accounting services, she has licensed mortgage lender with CMA Mortgage Services and can help you with your lending needs.

Becky Berlinger

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors presented Becky Berlinger with the Extra Mile Award for January. She has been employed by Oasis Stop N Go for the past five years at the Washburn Orchard location.

She was nominated by Troy Wilfong, chief executive officer of Oasis Stop N Go. Berlinger is being recognized for going the extra mile, her dependability, self-motivation, attention to detail and ability to delight customers. She has also shown good judgment, a willingness to take on added responsibility and has cared for her co-workers.

She was involved with the American Red Cross hurricane relief, making her store one of the top fundraising locations. Susan Newhouse, who wrote the letter for her nomination, explained that one of Berlinger's customers said, "Becky greets me each and every time with her beautiful smile and her professionalism as a cashier. I have driven across town, out of my way to the establishment where Becky is working, knowing that she will be there treating each customer with dignity and respect."

Water Users Association

BOISE — Idaho Water Users Association Inc. announced awards.

Three people were named to the Idaho Water Users Association Hall of Fame during the 68th annual convention. They are Jerry Nance of District, Cecil Blauer of Butley, and Russell Woolley of Jerome.

These individuals were cited for their long and distinguished service in a variety of important water related activities.

North Side Canal Company was named as winner of the Water Guardian Organization honor.

Mazel Hammond of Rupert, was honored as an outstanding employee. She works at the Minidoka Irrigation District. Robert L. Simpson of Carey, was presented with the Water Management Award. He is manager of the Little Wood River Irrigation District.

Stephen West

TWIN FALLS — Stephen West recently assumed the position of chief pilot for Reeder Flying Services Inc.

He has flown for Reeder for six years and has received training at Bell and Eurocopter helicopter schools. His experience includes power line and pipeline patrol.

erial seeding, wild land firefighting and external load topline operations.

West is replacing Dick Reeder, who has been the chief pilot since 1981.

Engineers

TWIN FALLS — Scott F. McClure, professional engineer-in-training of McClure Engineering Inc., recently acquired their Accredited Professional status in the Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design program by the American Council on Education.

The program promotes state of the art strategies for sustain-

able site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and improvement of indoor environmental quality.

McClure Engineering Inc. is located at 507 Main Avenue West.

Derrick Hanson

TWIN FALLS — Everett Mattress and Furniture Gallery has appointed Derrick Hanson to the newly created post of sales and product trainer.

Hanson has been with the company for over four years. Prior to this position he was the store manager of the Second St. location found in Twin Falls, and received numerous awards. He will be based out of Twin Falls and will oversee staff

development, recruiting and maintain and develop service standards found in all retail operations and cover areas where

Everton retail stores are found in western Montana, southern Idaho and southern Oregon.

In conjunction to servicing its own retail stores with factory direct

mattresses the 80-year-old manufacturer has been supplying furniture stores, hotels, sleep shops and specialty retailers found in the Pacific Northwest and the Intermountain States with Restonic Mattresses. Hanson will also assist in sales training and product line orientation needed with Restonic Dealers.

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- They read it Sunday.

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MILESTONES

Lester Plumbing and Heating opens new office

Lester Plumbing and Heating has opened a new office in Twin Falls. After working in the Wood River Valley as a journey plumber for the last 13 years, Roger Lester started his own plumbing contracting business. He specializes in remodels, new construction, water heaters, and floor heat and service. Evening and weekend plumbing is done at weekday rates. He is licensed, bonded and insured.

same time increasing the number of available charter aircraft," Doors said.

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It has allowed us to further grow the aircraft management side of our business, while at the

same time increasing the number of available charter aircraft," Doors said. Precision Aviation aircraft are flown and maintained to the same standards that the FAA requires of all commercial operators and airlines. Precision Aviation is located in the Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls.

Kitchen Tune-Up

Noel and Donna Erickson, owners of the Kitchen Tune-Up franchise of Twin Falls, have recently returned from their semi-annual training conference and trade show in Myrtle Beach, S.C. where they received an award for achieving a 13-percent sales increase in 2005. They now provide a line of kitchen faucets and sinks including tempered glass vessels in a variety of colors. They will also now carry Bertch Kitchen Cabinets, along with their Crown, Huntwood and Bridgewood. Kitchen Tune-Up provides services including cabinet refacing and reconditioning, new cabinets and floor refinishing. The Ericksons may be reached at 736-1036.

Precision Aviation Inc. adds a Cessna 340

Precision Aviation, Inc., owned and operated by Mark Doors, has added a Cessna 340 to its charter operation, based at the Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls. The Cessna 340 is a six-passenger, pressurized, all-weather twin engine aircraft. "The 340 is a welcome addition to our flight operation," said Doors. "It gives us an all weather platform that falls nicely between our King Air 200, eight-passenger turbo-prop, and the Magic Valley six-seater, single engine aircraft." The 340 is not owned by Precision Aviation, but rather managed and operated on behalf of a private owner. "It has allowed us to further grow the aircraft management side of our business, while at the

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Donna Erickson

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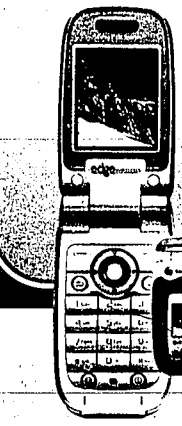
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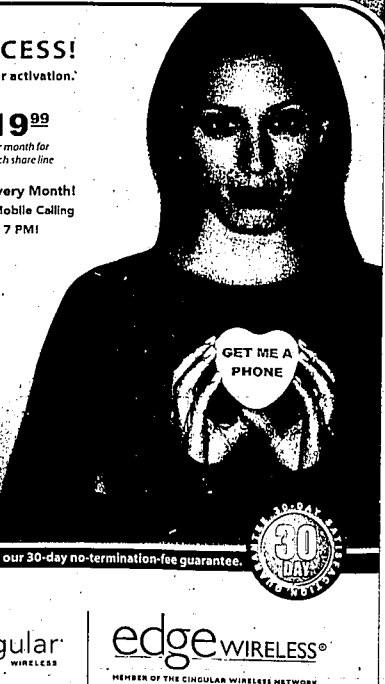


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MONEY AT ROPE'S END

Blimp photographer lacks sight, not perspective

By Bob Pool
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — He was at the end of his rope when he decided instead to grab hold of the end of a tether.

That is the short explanation of how a blind man became a blimp photographer.

Born with an incurable eye disorder, Matthew McNutt can see only basic outlines — and only on a bright and sunny day.

But he could see that he needed to make a dramatic career change when he lost his job as a community college program coordinator. So he bought an 18-foot helium-filled blimp and a remote-controlled 35 millimeter camera and let his optimism soar.

Still, "I was pretty nervous the first few times we did it. I thought the whole thing would fly away, or that the camera would fall off," he said.

A dozen years later, McNutt's blimp has hovered over hundreds of construction sites and housing tracts to illustrate Southern California's building boom in a way few can visualize.

McNutt operates the blimp from the ground. Gently tugging its 300-foot tether line, he maneuvers his floating camera platform above tree lines and rooftops to document construction below with what he calls "low-altitude" photography.

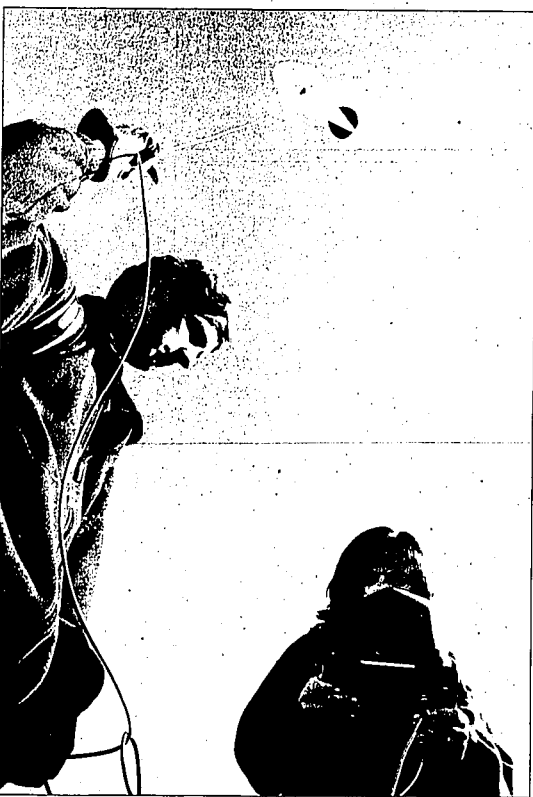
Developers and contractors use his pictures to record the pace of work on the ground and as a permanent record of construction materials used. In the event of a legal dispute, the pictures can prove whether work was done according to specifications without the need to dismantle the building.

Despite his disability, getting his aerial photo business off the ground wasn't the hard part. Keeping it up is. McNutt, 46, explained as he carefully raised his blimp the other day through a tangle of overhead utility wires in the Cahuenga Pass.

He and his wife, Yolanda, were there to take the final set of aerials of a newly completed \$2.8 billion, 140,000-square-foot project at Universal City Nissan.

Previous pictures taken at monthly intervals over the past year documented the construction progress from ground to its "almost-done" stage.

"This job today is strictly a nine-weekly-day job. Tin in a triangle of powerlines right now. Just wind would blow him right into one of them," McNutt



Matthew McNutt holds a cable connected to his 18-foot blimp as he directs his wife, Yolanda, who operates the remote-control camera in Los Angeles. Developers and contractors use his pictures to record the pace of work on the ground and as a permanent record of construction materials used.

said as he stood behind the West L.A. Music shop across from the car dealership. "I can handle wind about 10 miles an hour, but not today." As his wife looked up intently, he slowly raised the blimp to 250 feet. McNutt knew the height because he has marked elevations in 100-foot intervals in black electrical tape wrapped around the green tether line.

The line itself is a cable that

contains wiring for the remote-control camera and a video monitoring device that clamps on its regular viewfinder. In addition to the weight of the camera, the blimp can hold only about 300 feet of the tether line—or about 11 pounds in all.

Yolanda McNutt carried a tiny, black-hooded-TV monitor attached to a hand-held controller. The controller can swing the automatic Nikon film camera (it's equipped with a 20 millimeter wide-angle lens) 360 degrees and tilt it straight down. A button activates the camera shutter.

Watching the small video screen, she described to her husband what the camera was seeing from 25 stories up.

He questioned her about landmarks such as streets or trees that may have been in previous pictures.

When he was satisfied, she pressed the remote shutter button.

The pair had drawn curious stares as they had unlatched the blimp from a trailer parked behind the United Armenian Congregation Church next door to the car dealership. Motorsist on busy Cahuenga Boulevard West did double-takes when the couple carefully ducked the blimp beneath a spiky-needed pine tree and misid for another picture.

With vinyl sides the thickness of a beach ball, the \$1,100 blimp is susceptible to puncture. One pinhole can flatten it overnight. But a pinhole is hard to see, so Yolanda McNutt positions the blimp in front of her car's headlights at night and looks for the minuscule bright spot in the vinyl that pinpoints the leak. Common adhesive packing tape is used to patch it.

The branches are the most common blimp enemies. But one time, someone shot McNutt's blimp out of the sky.

"Once in the San Fernando Valley we were photographing a Ford dealership. I guess someone thought we were photographing something in their back yard that they didn't want photographed. So they shot it down with a shotgun. The police never found them. But we had hundreds of little holes in the blimp," McNutt said.

Most jobs are easier. McNutt has shot aerial pictures of ocean tide pools for the U.S. Department of the Interior, overhead shots of groups lined up on the beach to form symbols, and high-angle photos of entire student bodies for school yearbooks.

"The kids are always intrigued by what we do, and most of them get it right away," he said. "Better than adults. Adults come by and ask if this is a weather balloon."

His clients are jolted when they find out he's virtually sightless. "They'll say, 'I'm sending my blind photographer out to the project site,'" McNutt said.

"Boy, weren't we surprised when we sat down for our first meeting with him," said Kathy Sammons, an executive assistant for Snyder Langston Construction Co. It hired McNutt for the Cahuenga Pass car dealership project.

"He does a great job. And he's much less expensive than an airplane or helicopter." Blimp photography prices start at \$349 per job. As long as he clings tightly to his tether line, McNutt figures he can hold costs down.

TECHBITS

Super Bowl ads coming online

NEW YORK — Super Bowl party so much fun you've missed some of the vaunted TV commercials?

No worries! Just go online. Yahoo! Inc. will feature on its video home page, at <http://video.yahoo.com>, links to this year's Super Bowl ads. Hosted at MTV Networks' ifilm.com. There will be a delay from when the ads air because the first of the ads should start appearing before the game ends, said Brian Fassett, Yahoo's product manager for video search.

"We already knew that a large chunk of users watching the Super Bowl are themselves interested in the ads," Fassett said.

Ifilm is making the ads available to users at <http://www.ifilm.com/superbowl>, where ads are themselves kept. Although ifilm has never acquired rights from common adhesive packing tape is used to patch it. The branches are the most common blimp enemies. But one time, someone shot McNutt's blimp out of the sky.

Cell phone shipment hits record in 4Q

SAN JOSE, Calif. — World-wide shipments of mobile phones reached a record 242 million units in the fourth quarter, surpassing the previous peak of 200 million units during the 2004 holiday quarter, according to research firm iSuppli Corp.

For all of 2005, 813 million units were shipped, up 14 percent from 713 million in 2004.

Finland-based Nokia Corp. led the pack, grabbing a 32 percent share of the market, followed by Motorola Inc. at 18 percent, according to iSuppli. Samsung Electronics Co., LG Electronics Inc. and Sony Ericsson, respectively, rounded out the top five.

Siemens AG's mobile phone unit, acquired last year by BenQ Corp., ranked fourth last year with a 6.9 percent share but fell to sixth place in 2005 at 4.7 percent.

During 2005, both Nokia and Samsung, III-based Motorola posted strong gains in share at the expense of smaller, lesser-known rivals.

Nokia benefited from offering low-cost phones and introducing cutting-edge models, while Motorola's success was driven by the popularity of its thin, RAZR phone, said Scott Smyser, a director and principal analyst at iSuppli.

— The Associated Press

Broadway

Continued from D1

exceed the physical limits of a historic, but aging theater district.

Both are sorting out the effects of corporate consolidation that's reshaping the entertainment industry. Las Vegas is entering a new era of consolidation after a year of consolidation, and corporate players such as Clear Channel Entertainment are making heavy investments on both fronts.

"The idea that we talk about this thing we do as a product or as a brand is very new to the street," said Broadway producer Michael David.

Concert and big-name acts aside, the recent history of big Las Vegas productions has been a matter of Cirque, and more Cirque.

Casino-bucked attempts to extend or reinvent old-Vegas spectacles have been awkward. "Back With It," the campiest, sleaziest show at the Sahara hotel.

"Vegas, like Broadway, has become a place where it's very risky to try out something new," says Michael Gill, co-producer of "Hairspray," which begins previews at the LUXOR hotel Feb. 6. "With the Internet age and the way we communicate, the years are flying by. You're not from your very first invited dress rehearsal, I would say. To workshop a production in full

view of everybody has just become impossible in this town."

Nowhere was that more evident than with the early negative buzz about "Le Reve," the Cirque-like spectacle that opened at Wynn Las Vegas before it was ready. And considering that for a decade, Wynn charted the course that other casino heads followed, the humpy path of "Le Reve" did not boost confidence.

"Las Vegas is not willing to take risks. That's why going from Broadway to here seems like a natural," Gill said. "Things come in pre-branded, or pre-approved. Casino execs can go to Broadway and see how things play in front of a real audience."

"But how does Las Vegas play for Broadway?"

"Clearly the mother lode for a Broadway show can't be New York anymore," David said. "That's where you sort of sink the taproot as deep as you can, and hopefully find people who are interested... And then you try and proliferate out."

In Las Vegas, a show commands a \$100-plus ticket only if it can get away with it. On Broadway, ticket prices are dictated more by union contracts and the theater's limits.

"I can't add another performance or add 200 more seats," David said. "Your store opens eight times a week at these specific times and can only have this many customers, no matter how good you are."

Las Vegas, he says, has "the latitude to respond to the world now, as opposed to trying to fit now into a world formed 50 years ago."

The relaunch of "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Venetian will turn around 10 weekly performances in a

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— Broadway producer Michael David

1,820-seat theater — essentially the same as its Broadway home — designed by popular architect David Rockwell.

"For me the most interesting part of theater is the relationship between the audience and the performer," Rockwell said. "In creating a theater, you get to mold essentially, out of raw clay, what that relationship should be. That's an interesting thing you don't get to do on Broadway."

This courtship sounds rocky, but there are stumbling blocks. Not the least among them is Broadway's shrinking influence in the larger entertainment world and its 80 percent to 90 percent failure rate.

In New York, spending nearly \$12 million to open a "Spamalot" is fine if it breaks show records and grosses \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million per week. But to spend \$15 million to open "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and then struggle to keep up with the weekly operating budget, usually \$400,000 to \$600,000, can mean the show will close after eight months, as "Chitty" did at the end of last year.

Until fairly recently, musicals had become so much the

stereotypical province of women and gay men that Tom Viertel, co-producer of "The Producers," was excited to find his title scoring high with women in focus groups.

"Not that they were all that excited about seeing 'The Producers,'" he said. "But they said, 'We can get our husbands to see it. I like 'Spamalot's' chances in Las Vegas for that reason.'"

Broadway's answer has, in large part, been the movies. "Hairspray," "The Producers" and "Spamalot" are all movie spinoffs, launching with a huge head start in familiarity.

Viertel's group backed "Hairspray" on Broadway and is interested in placing more titles on the Strip, but only if the casinos pony up as partners. "It doesn't really work out there unless the casinos are willing to get behind the project."

On Broadway, theater landlords like the Shubert organization, which operates 17 houses, long ago quit putting up half or more of a show's capital costs. "The shows are basically tenants, so all of the expenses become the producer's and the assets that attach onto the show become theirs," David says. "It's parasitical."

In Las Vegas, owners of a hot title can let the casino to finance the physical installation and share marketing costs and share marketing costs such as stagehands — though that support can come with strings attached.

"Coming from Broadway (where he was company manager of Phantom), you learn very quickly you must support and assist the casino in their overall goals if you expect that philosophy to be reciprocal," Gill said.

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GOODBYE AIBO

Sony scrapping canine robot as it cuts costs

By Yuri Kageyama
Associated Press writer



Ayumi Yokozaki, 21, left, and Shion Kawase, 6, play with Aibo at a hospital in Hachioji, the suburbs of Tokyo, in March as one of the budding robot-therapy projects at Japanese hospitals. Sony Corp. announced late January, 2006 that it was scrapping the four-legged robot pet in March as part of the company's bid to reverse flagging fortunes and cut costs.

personality. It comes in black, white, brown and gray and is programmed to move about on its own.

It has image-recognition capabilities and a digital camera in its head that allows it to chase a special pink ball and avoid bumping into walls.

To many, the Aibo represented the tradition of innovation at Sony, which gave the world the Walkman portable music player

and PlayStation video game machine.

It matters little to Aibo fans that Tokyo-based Sony — with its sprawling entertainment business, including movies, music and video games — has opted to reorganize and focus on its core electronics business in order to better compete with the likes of Samsung Electronics Co. of South Korea.

Owners have created fan

clubs around the world, and some even dress up their canine robots like babies.

Some hospitals used the Aibo — which means "pal" in Japanese and combines the first two letters of "artificial intelligence" combined with "hoc" from robot — in therapy.

The robots' charm comes in part from how their behavior somewhat reflects how they've been treated by their masters. At times, an Aibo will refuse to be toilet-trained and impudently raise a hind leg — although, of course, it won't ever wet the rug. An Aibo can understand 100 words and phrases and recognize three people's faces as it stores digital photos in its brain. It knows when its behavior is being praised because it has a sensor on its head that recognizes when it's being petted. Later versions have a built-in camera so Aibos can serve as home sentinels, and e-mail their owners if something appears to be amiss.

Takeshi Ohashi, a Kyushu Institute of Technology professor, considers Aibo a gem of technological finesse. He plans to appeal to Sony to bring the robots back.

Ohashi has his motives. He is an organizer of RoboCup, an annual international competition in which teams use Aibos and other robots to play soccer.

Masato Maruyama, an engineer, believes Sony isn't just hurting Aibo owners, who feel as if they're being told their pets have just seven more years to live.

"I feel the decision to withdraw from a product that's so representative of Sony heralds an end for Sony as a global leader," he said.

Richard Walkus, a Madison, N.J., man who has a Website devoted to Aibo, concurs. "I've lost something," he said of Sony. "They lost stature."

TOP 25

What corporate America is reading

Knight Ridder News Service

800-CEO-READ, a leading direct supplier of book-based resources, compiles a monthly list of 1-on-1 best-selling business books based on purchases by its corporate customers nationwide.

Here are the best sellers for January 2006, plus descriptions of the Top 10.

1. "Millionaire Real Estate Mindset," by Russ Whitney; Currency.
2. "I've Seen A Lot of Famous People Naked, And They've Got Nothing On You!" by Jake Steinfield, Steven Spielberg (Foreword); AM/ACOM.
3. "It's Your Ship," by D. Michael Abrashoff; Warner Business Books.
4. "The Millionaire Maker," by Lori Lange-meyer; McGraw-Hill.
5. "Dealing With Darwin," by Geoffrey Moore; Portfolio.
6. "The Ice Cream Maker," by Subir Chowdhury; Currency.
7. "Overachievement: The New Model for Exceptional Performance," by John Eliot; Portfolio.
8. "Ten Rules for Strategic Innovators," by Vijay Govindarajan, Chris Trimble; Harvard Business School Press.
9. "The Art of the Start," by Guy Kawasaki; Portfolio.
10. "Radical Leap," by Steve Farber; Dearborn Financial Publishing.
11. "New Sales Speak," by Terri L. Sjodin; John Wiley & Sons.
12. "One Billion Customers: Lessons from the Front Lines of Doing Business in China," by James McGregor; Free Press.
13. "The Big Moo," by Seth Godin, The Group of 33; Portfolio.
14. "Unnatural Leadership," by David L. Dotlich, Peter C. Cairo; Jossey-Bass.
15. "Small Giants: Companies That Choose to Be Great Instead of Big," by Bo Burlingame; Portfolio.
16. "FutureShop," by Daniel Nisnoff; Penguin.
17. "Experience Economy," by B. Joseph Pine II & James H. Gilmore; Harvard Business School Press.
18. "Get Your Ship Together," by Michael Abrashoff; Portfolio.
19. "Spark: Be More Innovative Through Co-Creation," by John Winsor; Kaplan Publishing.
20. "The Ten Faces of Innovation," by Thomas Kelley; Jonathan Littman; Currency.
21. "The Cycle of Leadership," by Noel M. Tichy with Nancy Cardwell; Harper-Business.
22. "The Breakaway Brand," by Francis Kelly, Harry Silverstein; McGraw-Hill.
23. "Indispensable: How to Become The Company That Your Customers Can't Live Without," by Joe Calloway; John Wiley & Sons.
24. "Corporate Carnies: Avoid Business Disasters with a Coal Miner's Secrets," by Gary Sutton; Nelson Business.
25. "Grapevine," by Dave Balcer, John Butman; Portfolio.

Here is what the Top 10 are about:

1. "Millionaire Real Estate Mindset": Whitney explains how to achieve his mindset by recognizing rewards and thinking big.
2. "I've Seen A Lot of Famous People Naked, And They've Got Nothing On You!": Jake Steinfield, founder of Body by Jake, encourages and tells how to start your own business.
3. "It's Your Ship": Business managers will benefit from Abrashoff's guiding belief that focus should be on empowering your people rather than on chain of command.
4. "The Millionaire Maker": Learn to save, spend and invest money like the wealthy do.
5. "Dealing with Darwin": Moore helps companies learn to adapt and innovate at every growth stage in order to avoid a dinosaur-like extinction.
6. "The Ice Cream Maker": The story of a man who runs an ice cream company and is led through the stages of quality implementation with the help of a guru.
7. "Overachievement: The New Model for Exceptional Performance": John Eliot trains people to get their mind off the groove to over-achieve.
8. "Ten Rules for Strategic Innovators: From Idea to Execution": Govindarajan and Trimble teach the second-hardest part of innovation: they teach how to execute the idea.
9. "The Art of the Start": It will give you the essential steps to launch great products, services, and companies — whether you are dreaming of starting the next Microsoft or a not-for-profit that's going to change the world.
10. "Radical Leap": Farber explores an entirely new leadership model, one in which leaders aren't afraid to take risks, make mistakes in front of employees or actively solicit employee feedback. His book dispenses with the typical, tired notions of what it means to be a leader. — Source: 800-CEO-READ

Sirius shock: Fans swiping Stern's show

By Dawn C. Chmielewski
Los Angeles Times

Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., which liberated radio shock jock Howard Stern from the federal decency standards that he felt had shackled him, is finding that the new, another word for \$500 million.

Since Jan. 9, when Stern debuted on Sirius, pirated versions of the shows have been made available for free via several online file-sharing networks, and hours after Stern signs off. The New York-based broadcaster signed Stern to a five-year, half-billion-dollar contract in 2004.

Now, Sirius is, in a word, furious. "We don't condone the stealing of Howard's show, or any of the content on our more than 125 channels," Sirius spokesman Patrick Kelly said. "We vigorously protect our intellectual property rights and we will actively prosecute those who attempt to steal it."

It is not known how many Stern fans are swiping Sirius' \$12.95-a-month subscription fee by illegally downloading his show. Because most hard-core fans are used to listening to the show in their cars, presumably many of them would subscribe rather than wait until they're in front of a computer screen.

And there is no question that Stern has been good for Sirius, which added 1.1 million new subscribers in the last quarter of 2005. The company, which is behind industry leader XM Satellite Radio, reports 3.3 million listeners and expects to reach 6 million by the end of the year.

But ever since Stern traded the terrestrial airwaves for satellite, fans of his trademark burbba the Love Sponges and his frequent interviews with porn stars have found ways to tune in to the self-proclaimed "King of All Media" for free.

A few weeks ago, when the first pirate radio stations began re-broadcasting Stern's show on unclaimed radio frequencies in New York and New Jersey, Sirius immediately notified the enforcement bureau of the Federal Communications Commission — the very body against which

Stern has so frequently railed. The FCC in 2004 cited Stern's show on Clear Channel for "repeatedly, graphics and explicit sexual descriptions."

Sirius also moved quickly to crack down on Web sites that streamed audio broadcasts of the Stern show. The broadcaster sent cease-and-desist letters, protesting such "blatant and willful infringements" and threatening to sue unless the underground broadcasters immediately went silent.

But as each one shut down, it seemed, another sprang up. Stern renewed requests for an interview to Sirius on Wednesday. But he has raised the piracy issue on his show with a subtlety that is not his usual forte. Walking a very fine line, Stern has praised the renegade spirit that drives some fans to refuse to pay for what they used to get for free, and also has pleaded with folks to just pay "42 cents a day."

Just as the rock band Metallica experienced when it first came out against illegal downloads of its music, Stern risks sparking a backlash. After all, this is the man

who built his in-your-face persona around flogging federal regulators, who he claimed were the enemies of creative expression.

There already are signs that after ditching out such criticism for so long, Stern better get ready to take it.

"Mr. Freedom of Speech himself," Mr. \$500,000,000 has ordered me to shut down my PERSONAL Web site that some people stumbled upon," wrote the operator of www.heartbeats.com, according to the Rocky Mountain News. The site made Stern's show available for free, but with a disclaimer that only Sirius subscribers should use it.

Bay/ISI, a Los Gatos, Calif. firm that monitors online piracy for the entertainment industry, found digital audio files of every episode of Stern's Sirius show on every major file-sharing network. "It's going to impact the Sirius radio subscribers," said Mark Ishikawa, Bay/ISI's chief executive. "Why would you pay \$13 a month when you can get what you want from the Internet?"

Pizza chains try to grab piece of the pie with better deals

By Karen Robinson-Jacobs
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Pizza lovers might remember 2005 as the year of the real deal.

Dominio's Pizza Inc., the nation's No. 2 pizza purveyor, offered up its "55¢ deal" — three medium one-topping pizzas for \$5 each.

Dallas-based Pizza Hut, the No. 1 chain, and Papa John's International Inc. countered with their own sweet deals.

The moves came in a year in which each of the three major chains had something to prove, and in a mid-level industry where growth, if there is any, is measured in the low single digits.

But the deal-making left the three stealing market share from an array of sales experts, who questioned what that means for the nearly \$30 billion industry long-term.

"You're seeing lots of pricing (promotional) moves," said Tom Boyles, editor in chief of PMQ, a pizza industry trade publication based in Oxford, Miss. "It makes

me wonder... what kind of standard they're setting? Is it a low-price standard or a new product standard?"

For Pizza Hut, in particular, bargain shoppers' gains were not great news in 2005.

Both Dominio's, based in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Louisville, Ky.-based Papa John's posted better numbers than Pizza Hut in a key measure of chain health — same-store sales, or sales at restaurants open at least a year.

Analysts said that's in part because of the competitors' success in targeting deal-hungry consumers.

"Although the category rebounded from its Atkins (diet)-induced losses of 2003, Pizza Hut lost share to Dominio's and Papa John's as their value message proved more compelling to the consumer," said Peter D'Agostino, a restaurant analyst with Piper Jaffray.

Pizza Hut, part of Louisville-based Yum Brands Inc., slipped in the last half of the year to end 2005 with flat same-store sales. That compares with a 5 percent rise in 2004.

Pizza Hut recorded the weakest 2005 same-store sales of the three major Yum properties, which include Taco Bell and KFC. However, Pizza Hut's strongest showing in 2004 made for tougher comparisons in 2005.

Analysts had wanted to see competitors' sustaining momentum," he said.

Same-store sales at Papa John's — which got a new chief executive last year — rose 5.1 percent on the year, with gains of 0.3 percent or better in seven of the last eight periods.

And same-store sales at Dominio's in 2005 — its first full year as a publicly traded company — rose 4.9 percent, including an 11.2 percent jump in the first quarter.

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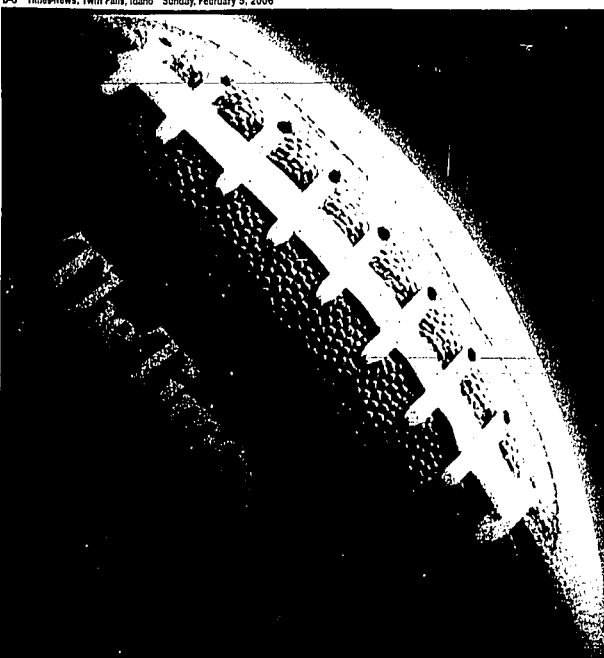
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In the photo at right, chocolate-covered caramel from Frederickson's Candy, far left, cashew turtle from Daisy's Old Time Confections, center, almond-covered toffee from Daisy's, far right, English toffee from Frederickson's, back left, and chocolate-covered cherry from Frederickson's.



Photo by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Angie Cameron, of Frederickson's Candy in Twin Falls, keeps a watchful eye on a batch of caramels as they reach the end of a conveyor belt, where she then transfers the candies to a cooling rack.

A new stage for romance

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sure, your favorite, familiar restaurant is a low-risk plan for a Valentine's Day date.
And if you're content with one of your habitual, special-occasion destinations, you need just this advice: Reserve early!

Twin Falls' restaurant scene, says you're welcome to stay all evening on Valentine's Day. With a single prepaid price — \$125 per couple, including tax and gratuity — the table is yours for the night.

The one-price Feb. 14 package includes an hors d'oeuvres bar (with such dainties as crab cakes andiced Gulf shrimp), a choice of four dinners (a steak-and-lobster combo, prime rib, Bloody Mary salmon or the signature 48-hour marinated Savannah House sirloin), nonalcoholic drinks, a "chocolate heaven" dessert display, live jazz by The Bob Nora Band and a rose presented to each woman.

For an outdoor (but covered and heated) dance floor, Savannah House co-owner Lisa Douda plans to enclose the patio between the restaurant and its yurt with tents.

"It'll be unique, but it'll be fun," she said. Not included in the package price: wine and beer. But they will be for sale on Valentine's Day, one way or another. Douda hopes to have a beer and wine license for the new restaurant by mid-February. If she doesn't succeed by then, she'll rent a catering license for the big day.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with reservations starting at 6:45 p.m. Come early for hors d'oeuvres and drinks — just be at your table to order at the reserved.
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VIRGINIA'S PICKS

But sometimes romance benefits from a fresh setting.

Cascade Rocks State Park's valentine excursion for couples — snowshoes, cabin, hot springs — is already sold out, with a waiting list. But you can certainly take the park's cue and plan your own backyard/ry date. Southern Idaho has no shortage of dramatic scenery.

Or try one of these indoor options, both in lovely, intimate buildings:

Dinner and dancing

Don't like rushing through a Feb. 14 date to clear a table for the restaurant's next reservation?
Savannah House Grill, a newcomer to



Just-right romance

Your guide to the best local valentine gifts

Love by chocolate

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Nothing says "I love you" like chocolate.

And nothing says "I love you more" like locally made chocolate.

Two businesses in Twin Falls have sweetened romances for decades: Frederickson's Candy since 1936 and Daisy's Old Time Confections for the past dozen years. Frederickson's owner Bonnie Frederickson and Daisy's co-owner Colleen Huber say their stores are the only shops in Magic Valley to

Available in dark or milk chocolate, these candies feature smooth, never-brittle caramel and a generous coating of smooth chocolate. Impossible to eat just one.

2. Cashew turtles

These hefty turtles, available at Daisy's, are perfect for nut lovers: loads of cashews.

This candy's nut base is held together by extra-thick caramel. It's lightly coated in chocolate — just enough to mostly cover the nearly 20 cashews in each treat. Chewy, crunchy, salty and sweet.

3. Almond toffees

Daisy's doesn't skimp on almonds in this nut-covered sweet. The sticky toffee matches

perfectly the brittle almond covering.
But watch your teeth. This goody is extra chewy.

4. English toffees

Frederickson's toffee treat is a bit softer than Daisy's version. It's also shaped differently: a log instead of a round candy. The nut topping is chopped finer, and the toffee is a bit chewier.

5. Chocolate-covered cherries

Bite through a brittle chocolate coating and find a syrupy cherry inside.

Frederickson's chocolate-covered cherries are tastier than any store-bought chocolate cherry I've ever sampled. Perhaps it's the velvety chocolate. Or maybe the plump fruit. An excellent valentine for any lover of fruit — or chocolate.

Both Daisy's and Frederickson's sell chocolate-covered hearts of varying sizes this time of year. If you're not up for an expression of love that comes with an entire box of chocolates, these more modest treats may be appropriate. Prices vary depending on size and filling. Expect to pay a few dollars for each heart.



MATT'S PICKS

satisfy a sweet tooth with local candies. And chocolates are both shops' specialty.

Frederickson's cooks its candies the same way they were made in 1936: in copper kettles. And Daisy's prides itself on unusual flavors — including a chocolate-covered graham cracker-and-marshmallow treat appropriately named "snore." Each store has dozens of chocolates to choose from.

Daisy's sells boxes of assorted chocolates for \$12.99 a pound. Frederickson's offers assorted boxes for \$11.40 a pound. And both shops are glad to let you build your own box of favorites, for a bit higher price.

This Valentine's Day, forget the cellophane-wrapped, retail-shelf confections. Instead, head to Daisy's or Frederickson's for a valentine sure to please your sweetie.

Not sure what your valentine likes? Pick from this list of Magic Valley's best candies, and you won't go wrong:

1. Chocolate-covered caramels

Frederickson's makes thousands of these heavenly confections each Valentine's season. They're the shop's most popular candy. One taste and you'll know why.

It doesn't have to be roses

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As a guy, I figure I need all the help I can get to ball me out of domestic intransigency.



STEVE'S PICKS

Happily, my wife loves flowers — roses, specifically. So I buy a lot of them — the cut-rate variety out of the supermarket cooler, mostly.

I buy so many that come Valentine's Day, I'm hurting for an alternative to, "Gosh, dear, red roses again. They make other colors, you know."

Forget other colors — I'm on to other species. A florist tipped me off to alternatives to roses for Valentine's Day, and the local florists I talked with wholeheartedly agreed.

"This is the season when spring flowers are just coming on, so there's a great variety available," said Elizabeth Lehmann of Fox Floral in Twin Falls. "And they make beautiful arrangements."

Don't be afraid to let the florist experiment. "Red and white are the traditional colors for Valentine's Day, but there are other red flowers available besides roses," said Arlene Jackson, who runs Arlene's Flowers in Jerome. "Red tulips, red carnations, asters and others."

My personal favorite un-rose is lilyanthus, a native of Central and South America that resembles a rose, but with a softer, more delicate look. The blooms come in pink, purple, white, lavender —
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Iona Lehmann, a master designer at Fox Floral in Twin Falls, works on a bouquet of flowers Wednesday morning.

Birth mother deals with regret

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I adopted a beautiful baby girl. She was only 4 years old. Her birth mother, "Chris," was trapped in an abusive relationship. We promised to exchange letters and pictures when Sara was able to communicate, and have done so since Sara turned 10. Sara and her birth mother talk on the phone four times a year.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

two small sons. Should we limit or sever the contact?

—NO NAMES PLEASE IN THE NORTHWEST
DEAR NO NAMES: From my perspective, the letters, photographs and the quarterly phone calls are excessive. And for the birth mother to send "heavy" poetry in an effort to offend her guilt and pain at placing her child for adoption is selfish. Because the contact with her birth mother is depressing your daughter instead of being uplifting, it's time to ask Sara what she thinks—and take your cue from her.

DEAR ABBY: After 20 years of marriage to an abusive man, I finally divorced him.

One night I was feeling depressed, so I contacted my ex-husband, an old high school sweetheart. We ended up really clicking. Garrett has been married twice. Both his ex-wives were unfaithful and treated him shamefully, so he's afraid of marrying again.

Garrett says he loves me and we plan on moving in together. The problem is his mother, who is very religious. She will have a difficult time accepting our arrangement. I asked him if he wanted me to talk to her, and he said yes. How do I make her understand I love Garrett very much and know I'm in his heart we were meant to be together. I feel God brought him back into my life.

I am 42 and Garrett is 43, so it's not like we're kids. I respect his mother very much and know her son wants her acceptance. Any advice you could offer would be appreciated.

—DESPERATE TO BE HAPPY IN ILLINOIS

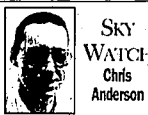
DEAR DESPERATE: Say to Garrett's mother: "I love your son and feel in my heart that we

were meant to be together. I want and need to be with him. He is a sweet-outgoing, handsome, intelligent and is afraid to try again—and at least for now, I'm prepared to accept this. I like and respect you very much. We plan to live together, and if you would like to be part of our lives, we would like that, too." Then shut your mouth and hear what the woman has to say. She may pleasantly surprise you.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think it is inappropriate to leave a family gathering if another family member brings a child—or himself—to the gathering with a highly contagious sickness? This is causing a rift between me and my husband's family.

—DEBBIE L
HAMILTON, OHIO
DEAR DEBBIE: Let me answer you in this way: For someone with a contagious illness to put others at risk of catching it is selfish and inconsiderate. You have every right to protect yourself by leaving the gathering. In fact, I recommend it.

Measuring the moon's distance



SKY WATCHER
Chris
Anderson

How far away is the moon? Throughout history, a variety of techniques have been employed to find out, each improving on its predecessors to the point where we now know the moon's distance with astounding accuracy.

In a display of geometric bravado, the ancient Greeks were the first to attempt a measurement of the gulf that separates us from our natural satellite. In the third century B.C., Aristarchus of Samos estimated the moon's distance at 20 times Earth's radius, based on how large Earth's shadow appeared on the moon during a lunar eclipse. Refinement of this technique by Aristarchus' successors yielded a much more accurate figure of 59 Earth radii.

Centuries passed before significant improvement was made. In a celestial survey, the irascible 16th-century astronomer Tycho Brahe used Earth's diameter as a baseline to triangulate the moon's distance. Tycho's trick was to observe the moon's position among the stars as it was rising, and again as it was setting, allowing Earth's rotation to carry him from one side of the globe to the other in the intervening half day. Tycho put the moon's distance at 60 Earth radii, a modest 2 percent improvement over the Greeks' best estimate.

Fast forward to September 1945. Using techniques refined in World War II, Signal Corps engineers successfully bounce a high power radar beam off the moon. In effect, they measure its distance as though it were a very large enemy aircraft at extreme range. Their distance

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Venus: SE, very low; Jupiter: S, mid sky; One hour after sunset: Mars: SW, very high; Saturn: E, mid sky
- Moon: No major phase this week (waxing gibbous). Close to Mars tonight. Close to Saturn Saturday morning.

measurement, made difficult by the fact that different parts of the moon reflect the radio beam at different times, is accurate to within a mile.

Today's best measurements come to us courtesy of the Apollo missions. By bouncing powerful lasers off retro-reflectors placed on the lunar surface by astronauts, and timing how long it takes for the light to return, we know the moon's distance to 1 digit of accuracy, or less than an inch.

Next issue: The war god meets the Seven Sisters.

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Taurus: Skip that extra helping today

—IF FEB. 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You've got your head down out of the clouds in the first half and are willing to work hard to realize concrete progress. Ambitions may be tweaked, so look for assistance in achieving material success in late March or early April. You can spin some virtual straw into gold by accepting whatever is offered at that time and making intelligent plans for the future. Between August and September, past problems may erupt or create a stalemate, so be on your best behavior and stick to iron clad principles, to overcome any temporary adversity.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders
or second serving of Sunday dinner. Doing good deeds is in the air, find a local charity that needs donations to use your resources wisely.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Count to 10. Impatience can cause you to make snap decisions that you might regret later this week. When you look through the wrong end of binoculars, the view may be out of proportion.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Jumping into the proverbial fire from the frying pan might not be a good idea. Tiny annoyances can trigger arguments or disputes. Take deep breathes and wait to make key decisions.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your heart may be bigger than your

wallet. A sad story may tug on your heartstrings or purse strings but it isn't wise to act too quickly or be cornered into a commitment until facts are in. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The picture isn't clear. Those in close cooperation may pretend to be better than they really are or blow minor problems out of proportion. Don't dive into a new project too quickly.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be a philosopher. Cross words that pop up in the course of the day will quickly fade without doing harm. As you know, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me."
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be a Boy Scout and help an old lady across the street or perform some other good deed. You could have an inflated idea of how much you can do for others. Need to show off your blessings.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your need to be entertained

or "panipareed" could cause a dash of wills. Curl your appetite for rich foods and lavish spending. If you play poker but with matches instead of cash.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): All things come to those who wait. Fight the urge to splurge and don't overestimate assets. Your desire to buy a luxurious treat can cause trouble with a thrifter partner.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Easy come, easy go. It will be difficult to puncture the balloon of your happy mood under these stars. But if you are too lazy or too eager to blame on someone else fireworks could occur.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might hide your real wishes behind a facade of good will. Someone close may be swift to strike in that armor. Your slower pace may cause exasperation so be willing to compromise.

Report reveals new data for feeding kids

Barbara Quinn
Knight Ridder News Service

skills. Parents, you decide what and when where your child eats — what foods are appropriate for meals, when it's time for a snack, and when dinner is eaten. Kids decide whether they will eat and how much they eat.

- Don't pile away new foods too soon. Children may need to experience a food up to 10 times before they decide to accept it into eating habits.
- Allow kids to monitor their own intake. Kids who are pressured too much to eat or not eat certain foods can crash into worse eating habits.
- Troublesome how your kids spend free time. Limit computer (touch) and television time to no more than one or two hours a day, say experts. And, because of its association with childhood obesity, experts recommend no television sets in a child's bedroom.
- Don't just look out the windows. Kids need at least an hour (60 minutes) of active play and other physical activities each day.
- Retrive family meals. At a table — without the television or the computer. Research shows kids have more healthful eating patterns and even develop better use of words and vocabulary when they spend time with other family members over meals.
- Back up your words with actions. Most kids learn (right or wrong) by what they see us do. That's good data to store.

Who pays attention to whom at your house?

By the time a child is 3 years old, he has come to two conclusions concerning his parents:

- Conclusion One: It's my job to pay attention to my parents.
- Conclusion Two: It's my parents' job to pay attention to me.

A 3-year-old who reaches Conclusion One can be successfully disciplined. His discipline will be relatively easy.

A child who reaches Conclusion Two can be neither successfully nor easily disciplined. This is because, as a result of a child's reasoning on whether he is paying attention to his parents, and it is a fact that a child will not pay sufficient attention to parents in any way seeing like it is their job to pay much attention as they can to him.

The child who reaches Conclusion Two has acquired, by age 3, an attention deficit. Not attention deficit disorder, mind you, because there's nothing at all wrong with him. Nonetheless, there will definitely be disorder in the house. His parents will say things like "He



PARENTING
John
Rosemond

doesn't listen to us," "we have to call to get his attention," and "we have to get right up in his face before he does what we're telling him to do."

Yep, he has an attention deficit, but not one caused by a chemical imbalance or some malfunction in his brain. This attention deficit was caused by well-meaning parents who did good parents pay as much attention as they can to their kids; that the more attention one pays one's child, the better a parent one is. That is, after all, the prevailing belief. This is one of the wisest sayings of the late 1960s, when the newly emerging professional parenting class — people like me, with capital letters after their names — claimed that a child's psy-

chological health was a function of how much positive attention he received from his parents.

For several years after graduate school, I was one of several psychologists who staffed a "hot-line" service parents could call to receive parenting advice from a real live "expert." The typical caller was a mother at the end of her rope about something. It was our job to first calm her down and then offer advice on how to solve the problem. It slowly dawned on me that every single time I was saying the same thing. The problem, whatever it was, was the child's way of communicating that he or she wasn't getting enough attention. The implication, therefore, was also the same: The parents needed to find more ways to give the child positive attention, to "catch him being good."

I also began to realize that the parents weren't calling over and over and over again. They'd assure us they were following our instructions, but the problems just kept getting worse. So, not considering for a moment

that we might not be giving good advice (unthinkable), we'd say, "You're not being consistent enough," or, "You're still giving negative attention, and the negative is canceling the positive," or something equally trendy and insipid.

I slowly came to the conclusion that too much attention creates as many problems as too little. I came to the further, admittedly radical, conclusion that past toddlerhood, children do not need much attention at all. They need supervision from parents who know where they are, what they're doing, and who they're with. Indeed, children need a certain amount of direct, one-on-one attention, but when the giving of attention to a child is concerned, one quickly reaches the point of diminishing returns. That's where Conclusion Two kids lie, and no medicine has yet been invented that will cure the ensuing disorder.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

Day-care Web cams put parents at ease

By Abigail Lechman
The Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Liz Paskas was sad about putting her toddler, Adam, in day care last fall.

"I have to work, and I hate to spend time away from her," she said.

So when she was looking for a facility, she chose Rainbow Academy, a network of centers with a branch in Paskas' hometown of Rutherford, N.J.

What clinched the deal was Rainbow's Web cameras that allows those with passwords to log on from any computer and take a peek at what's happening in school. About 400 U.S. day-care centers now offer Web viewing, in general, said John Levison, general manager of WatchMeGrow, a company that specializes in child-care viewing systems.

"The fact that I can watch her any time is such a great thing," said Paskas. "Any part of her childhood that I miss is a big deal. Even if I'm just watching her interacting with other children or eating on her own. I get so excited I call my co-workers to come and look."

Rainbow installed its first sys-

tem in 1998 and now has ParView in all nine centers.

"We realize how hard it is for a parent to put their child in day care," said CEO Guy Falzarano. "This is one of the ways we try to relieve that anxiety."

When Divina Alorro opened Sweet Paws Learning Center in Bergenfield, N.J., in April 2004, her husband urged her to let him install a Web cam in each room.

He reasoned that not only would parents like the service, but it also would allow Alorro to supervise the staff even when she was sitting in her office.

"We wanted a way to make sure that (child abuse) didn't happen here," said Alorro.

She added that staff members do not mind knowing they can be watched at any given time.

"New teachers may feel a little self-conscious at first, but if they're doing the right thing, they quickly forget about the cameras," Alorro said.

Dina Duffy, co-director at Rainbow, said her teachers only remember about the cameras when a parent calls to ask them to adjust the view a bit. They even may wave if they know they're on camera.

"We had parents say, 'I won't go to such-and-such center, even if they're a good provider, because they don't have a way for me to view my child,'" said Falzarano.

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Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
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FAMILY LIFE

A little privacy, please!

I know all the official reasons you should breast-feed. It's very important to me that my son gets the nutritional benefits of human milk. Though it's been hard, I'm pleased to say that so far, I've never had to give him formula.



MAMA TALK Suzanne DeSelmis

But I have to take a moment to dispute the touted "convenience" of breast-feeding. I've read that you can take a breast-fed baby anywhere. It may be true, and I know there are lots of mothers who do feel comfortable feeding their babies anywhere. I am not one of them.

I'm a very private person and was taught modesty from a young age. (I may have rebelled a bit during my teenage years, but that's another story.) I'm simply not comfortable breast-feeding in public, even with a blanket covering me.

My mother-in-law warned me that she had had problems with her babies. Even if you are draped appropriately, some people still will not take the hint. They see that you have a baby and rush toward you, asking how old he is, how much he weighs, etc. I don't normally mind answering these questions and, in fact, even admit that before Ben was born I was one of the people who rushed at other mothers with cute babies. But I'd like to think I was smart enough not to bother someone who was holding her

especially since there seem to be equal numbers of men and women who do this. They are probably just curious why an adult woman is sitting alone in the back seat of the car. It doesn't take long before they see the baby and realize that they are being rude by peering in.

Can these problems be fixed? "No place to nurse in public restrooms. This makes sense at a fast-food place, but what about department stores or nicer restaurants? In other cities, many ladies' rooms have a lounge area with a nice mirror, and a few chairs or a couch.

"Wandering eyes. If you see a blanket-covered baby or a woman holding her baby in the back seat of her car, please just keep walking.

I know that nursing is a natural thing and have heard that in many cultures women do so openly, without any attempt to hide what is going on. Breasts are meant for feeding babies and don't have the sexual connotation that they do in our society.

What's that great for those cultures, but I have to live in this one. I'd hate to have privacy issues get in the way of giving my son the best start he can have.

Now mama Suzanne DeSelmis, on leave from her job at The Times-News, can be reached at suzanne.deselmis@hotmail.com.

Support groups help new mothers avoid isolation, provide interaction

By Barbara Feder Ostrov Knight Rider News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — At a certain point after you have your first baby, after the relatives have come and gone, after Dad is back at work, after your mom stops calling every day to "see how you're doing," the truth strikes home with all the inevitability of a soggy diaper: You have to get out of the house. You have to make some new friends who don't have babies. And if you don't do either one pretty soon, you're going to go quickly, deeply bonkers.

"Having a new baby is overwhelming," says Stephanie Wemusa, whose daughter, Laila, was born four years ago. "You're not getting enough sleep, you're totally consumed by taking care of this kid, you're not talking to grown-ups. No one else necessarily has a brand-new baby, even though you have lots of friends. No one else is doing what you're doing. What could be more isolating?"

It might have been easier to forge common ground with other mothers in earlier times, when fewer women worked full time outside the home, and relatives seldom strayed far from their hometowns. Today, however, many women can find themselves on maternity leave without knowing a single mother who lives nearby.

The resulting isolation and loneliness new mothers often feel can lower self-esteem and exacerbate postpartum depression, says Karen Friedland-Brown, parent education coordinator at the Parents Place family resource center in Palo Alto, Calif.

The enforced solitude that comes with raising a baby in the early months can be particularly miserable whether you plan to go back to your job soon or raise kids full time for awhile. And it's even worse for mothers of col-

icky or otherwise high-maintenance babies.

"Isolation breeds isolation. The more you stay at home, the longer you stay home, the harder it is to get out," Friedland-Brown said. "You begin to feel unattractive, uninteresting, or 'be social' has a conversation or be social."

Friedland-Brown often assigns the mothers she counsels to make a plan for getting out of the house every single day. A daily outing, whether for a Gymboree class, support group meeting or even a walk around the block, requires showering and putting on clothes, "a powerful act" that makes women feel human again, she says.

Hera Hong-Lee recalls trying to do it all on her own when her first child, Brody, was born in April. Her husband went back to work a week after the baby came, and she knew precious few people in San Jose, Calif., having moved from Boston when she was pregnant.

Making new friends was important to Hong-Lee, who worked in hospital administration and for a bridal designer in Boston; she plans to stay home while considering a career change. So she checked out a support group for new mothers run by Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose.

Everyone was so nice, and since they all were in the same boat, it was really easy to talk to them," Hong-Lee said. "It was really comforting."

Now she's so active in one of the mother's groups organized by the hospital that she moderates its online message group.

Wemusa subscribes to the "It takes a village" philosophy not just for raising children, but also for taking care of herself. After being active in Las Madres, a mothers group based in San Jose, Wemusa started a chapter of Mocha Moms, a national mothers group for women of color. Her involvement has been a lifesaver, she says, and has

How-to-connect

Here are some tips for creating your own village from Karen Friedland-Brown, Stephanie Wemusa, Hera Hong-Lee and other mothers who have done it.

• Join something. Doesn't matter what it is, as long as it gets you out of the house. Hospitals offer breastfeeding and general mothers support groups. There are exercise boot camps for new moms, music and exercise classes for infants, even mommy-and-me yoga workouts.

• Run something. Even if you're not a "joiner," scheduling a play date at your home or modeling a mother's group listserve, even Hong-Lee does, can help you reach out to other moms.

• Go online. Many parents' groups have active listserve where you can post a question or vent frustrations and get an immediate response, not to mention lots of sympathy.

• Exercise. Exercise. Exercise. Study after study has shown the power of exercise to lift mood. Besides, it'll help you lose that pregnancy weight.

• Be patient. Just because you meet someone with a baby the same age as yours doesn't mean you have anything else in common. You may have to meet 20 moms before you find one you connect with. "It's a lot like dating. You just have to keep putting yourself out there," Friedland-Brown says.

handed her lasting friendships. "It totally keeps you sane, especially if you've been a career woman," said Wemusa, a staffing program manager who took time off to care for her daughter. "You work 24/7 as a mother — there's no break. You've never done anything harder in your life."

Some baby boomers battle addiction

By Daphne Duret St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The day heroin finally killed Curtis Bradford, family members drove up one by one to the St. Louis cemetery where his body was found.

Among those in the crowd were Bradford's small children, looked on with curiosity, too young to understand. They were Bradford's grandchildren.

Bradford, 53, represented an increasing part of the population who fights with and die from drug addictions across the country. Experts say more and more people older than 50 are dying from the golden years in the throes of addiction.

As the baby boom generation ages, substance abuse specialists say some of them will bring

hard-core drug addictions into old age. Some older addicts have struggled with addiction for years. Others pick up the habit later in life.

"Either way, mental health experts nationwide expect that they will need more resources and programs aimed at addicts older than 50. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration expects that the number of adults older than 50 seeking treatment for substance abuse problems will jump from 1.7 million in 2001 to about 4.1 million by 2020.

Dr. Binkole Johnson, head of the psychiatric medicine department at the University of Virginia and an international expert on the behavioral aspects of drug addiction, said the actual number of senior addicts

may be higher.

"For most people, from the time they have the problem to the time it gets to the point that it's apparent to everyone, they need help can be 15 years," Johnson said.

The drugs of choice for older addicts are usually prescription drugs or alcohol. But drug treatment specialists say they are treating an increasing number of older addicts who use cocaine and heroin.

The Drug and Alcohol Services Information System released a national study reporting that 88 percent of people older than 50 seeking help for substance abuse problems in 1994 suffered from heroin or cocaine addictions. That rose to more than 16 percent by 2002, according to the study.

Romance

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time. To reserve eyes, you must: 714-4052, Savannah House Grill is at 1743 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, in an old Victorian-style home — admirably renovated in recent years.

Fine arts and music

Bull's art center, in a former church renovated as a performance hall, has just the intimate setting with fine acoustics to host a delightful dinner music event with a performance by Seattle jazz pianist Walt Wagner.

For that pairing, on Feb. 14 at the Eighth Street Center, you'll pay \$25 per person.

Chloé LaDum Stiles — known for promoting locally grown or locally made foods — plans a menu of salad with baby greens, sliced beef, baby carrots, cherry tomatoes, curried, spicy sweet cashews and a raspberry-orange vinaigrette. Garnish gamey with rose glaze, mushrooms and asparagus, and chavortail mousse in a Florentine cookie



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Caramels make their way down a conveyor belt at Fredericksen's Candy in Twin Falls before chocolate is poured on them.

basket with creme anglaise. Inspiring, certainly.

Doors open at 6 p.m. on Valentine's Day for family-style seating — and Wagner's 90-minute performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Wagner was featured for two years at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho and has per-

formed with Jay Leno, Bill Cosby, Bob Hope, Roberta Flack and Sammy Davis Jr.

"Of course, if you're determined to spend some serious money, you can always order a bunch of calla lilies — you know, those lopsided blooms so coveted by brides. They're pricey, although generally not as expensive this time of year as you-know-what.

"Roses are always nice, but there's a more out there besides roses," Lehmann said. Even for your Valentine, Heck, maybe even on Feb. 13.

Flowers

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even green. Mixed with other blooms, lisianthus is gorgeous — and lasts up to 10 days.

And any rose-alternative arrangement should also include tulips, the most intensively cultivated flower in the world apart from roses. The necessary 10 varieties of tulips in at least as many colors, and tulips are the ideal mix-and-match flower.

"I think they're especially nice in an arrangement with daffodils, hydrangeas and of course, lilies," Jackson favors mixing in Dutch irises, while Lehmann is fond of freesia, snapdragons and heathers.

"With roses, you're limited to whatever you can do with a vase," she said. "With things like heathers, you can be a lot more flexible."

And did I mention the bottom line? "An arrangement of cut spring flowers will cost at least \$20 less than roses," Lehmann said.

It's simple economics: Too

many dollars, pounds, francs, yen, pesos, Deutsche Marks, euros and lira are chasing too few roses! This time of year an estimated 55 million roses will be sold worldwide for Valentine's Day, according to the British Flower and Plants Association.

"About 50 percent of flowers sold are roses, and 50 percent is everything else," Lehmann said. "It's no wonder they're more expensive."

"When you can find them, 'Availability can be a problem this time of year,' Jackson said. "If you're going to give roses,

that's something to keep in mind."

And keep it in mind before Feb. 13. Of course, if you're determined to spend some serious money, you can always order a bunch of calla lilies — you know, those lopsided blooms so coveted by brides. They're pricey, although generally not as expensive this time of year as you-know-what.

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Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation donates funds for telemetry unit

The Times-News

GOODING — The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation recently donated \$40,000 to Gooding County Memorial Hospital to purchase a new telemetry unit for the nursing floor.

The telemetry unit consists of a central monitoring station and eight monitoring devices. The devices continuously monitor the patient's heart rate and rhythm. The monitor recognizes rhythm changes and alerts the nurse to those changes. The new telemetry units are lighter for the patient to wear and allow the patient to walk throughout the hospital while still being monitored.

"It was clear the existing telemetry unit needed to be re-

placed, due to changes in technology. It is the hospital's goal to have state-of-the-art technology and stay on the cutting edge of medical advances," said Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Earl Fitzpatrick. "I was delighted when the foundation announced their donation, allowing this improvement to patient care. With their donation, the hospital was able to purchase the new unit sooner than anticipated."

Throughout the year, the foundation hosts several events to raise money for needs and equipment at the hospital.

"It is a privilege to be associated with a hospital and continually improving the quality of health care in our area," said Lillian Esterbrook, foundation president.



Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation President Lillian Esterbrook stands next to the telemetry unit monitor that was purchased by the foundation.



Snake River President Kevin Skelton and members of the organization present a \$1,000 check to Dori Hulme with the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, who accepted the donation on behalf of CARES.

Motorcycle group donates to a worthy cause

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Children At Risk Evaluation Services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center recently received a \$1,000 gift for the support of its program and the families it serves from a local motorcycle group, the Southern Idaho Snake River Riders, a local non-profit organization with members from throughout the Magic Valley and northern Nevada.

The group raises funds throughout the year through raf-

files, membership dues and charity fun rides and then gives to a variety of local needs. Snake River Riders President Kevin Skelton and 18 members of the organization presented a \$1,000 check to Dori Hulme of the MVRMC Foundation, who accepted the donation on behalf of CARES.

CARES serves about 300 Magic Valley children annually by responding to specific needs to alleviate trauma for children while providing intervention in child sexual abuse. Since 1995, CARES has utilized a multi-disciplinary approach to

provide child abuse services to clients from 2 to 18 years old. The program's services include information and referral, forensic interviews and exams, victim advocacy, safety planning, counseling referrals, community and professional education and victim follow-up services.

The foundation is proud to serve as the financial agent for donations to CARES. Donations to CARES are used to pay for children's evaluation services and counseling, 60 purchase equipment and supplies necessary for interviews and medical

exams and to help with parental support groups. The group has offices in Twin Falls and Burley.

Over the years, the Snake River Riders have given donations through the foundation that have purchased medications for cancer patients and promoted youth assets development.

This month's gift will benefit many children and their families through difficult time, organizers say.

For further information, call Larry W. Baxter, CFPE, at the MVRMC Foundation at 737-2400.

M.V. Singles Square Dance Club will meet

BIROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall. A workshop and advanced dancing at 8:30 will be held. Dancers will bring names A through G should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Vicki at 733-0030 or Betty at 536-2243.

Freeze Frame Dancers Showcase rescheduled

TWIN FALLS — The IDAA Freeze Frame Dancers Showcase was cancelled due to weather conditions and closed roads from Burley to Twin Falls.

The event has been rescheduled at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium for Thursday with an early one at 5:30 p.m. and a second show at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at On Stage Dancewear. Tickets already purchased will be usable on the new date. The show is a fundraiser for dancers in the Magic Valley to earn scholarships to attend the CSI Dance Camp held in July.

Scholarship auditions will be held Feb. 25 at Nielsen's School of Dance and CSI.

CSI offers variety of spring classes

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., is offering several classes this spring.

"Self Hypnosis" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 6 through April 10, in the Shields Building, Room 105. The cost is \$125. Students will learn to build self-confidence and increase motivation to solve issues in their lives.

"Film Making Boot Camp" will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, Feb. 6 through 17, in the Fine

Arts Building, Room 139. The cost is \$250.

Students will learn all about the process of making a motion picture film for half an hour, training in audio, video, editing and 3D animation. Students will create and complete a script and shoot a short comedy film.

"Home Interior Fax Painting Techniques I" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Art Lab, Room 123. The class will teach students painting techniques like sparging, additive and subtractive tagging, dragging, wood graining, crackling, color washing and more.

"Home Interior Fax Painting Techniques II" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Art Lab, Room 123. Specialty paints, fringeage, aging wall covering, reverse stenciling and effects with plaster will be discussed. Fax Painting I is not a prerequisite for this class. The cost for either class is \$27. Students should bring poster board, a foam painting brush and \$5 for class materials.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6291.

Mini-Cassia CSI offers sign language course

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center, 1600 Parke Ave., is offering an American Sign Language for Beginners course from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7 through 20. The cost is \$40.

For more information, call 678-1400.

Jerome man celebrates 90th birthday

BIROME — Lavere Goench, of Jerome, will celebrate his 90th birthday on Wednesday. He was born Feb. 6, 1916, in Kelly, Idaho, and graduated from Burley High School in 1933. He attended Alford Normal College and joined the U.S. Army, serving for two and a half years.



Lavere Goench

He later became a teacher with the Jerome School District serving also as a coach and retiring as the junior high school principal.

He has been married to Erma Lee for 56 years. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Cards and well-wishes may be sent to him at 600 E. Ave. D, Jerome, ID 83338-2820.

Sign-ups for children's wrestling class begins

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office is taking registration for children's wrestling starting Wednesday through Feb. 22. A \$10 late fee will be added after Feb. 22. The program is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and begins March 2 through April 13.

Practices will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for kindergarten through second grades and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for third through sixth grades. All practices will be at the Twin Falls County wrestling gym, 1615 Filer Ave. E. The cost is \$10 within city limits and \$21 outside city limits. Participants will receive a Bruins t-shirt.

For more information, call 736-2265.

T.F. County holds Lincoln Day banquet this month

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Lincoln Day banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. The banquet will be held at 6 p.m. followed by prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. The cost is \$30 each.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday. Reservations can be

made to Mike Mathews, chairman Republican Central Committee at 735-0712; Kristina Glascock, co-chairman Lincoln Day banquet at 736-1075 or Jennifer Goswami, co-chairman Lincoln Day banquet at 735-4400.

Rotary Club raises money for local charities

TWIN FALLS — The Rotary Club of Twin Falls is sponsoring the First Annual Death By Chocolate event to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

Admission is \$7 per person. There will be a no-host bar and live music by Celtic Fire, Maggie Mackery, Savannah Linsee, Perkin's Family Restaurant, Daisy's, Rock Creek, Lazy Day's Bakery, Soran Restaurants Inc., Just Desserts, D'Ons, Subway, Albertsons, Pastry Chef Pandora Leonard and the CSI Culinary Students will be competing against each other in best Chocolate Cake, Best Brownie, Best Chocolate Cookie, Best Chocolate Candy and Best Chocolate Dessert. Attendees will sample and judge these delectable chocolate delights and vote for their favorite in each of the five categories.

In addition to the chocolate tasting, there will be a silent auction and a raffle. Participants will be able to bid for items like diamond hand jewelry from Alpine Jewelers, private airplane rides, St. Patrick's Day dinner for eight cooked by a private chef, YMCA/City Pool Family Membership, Snake Hunt-Davidson Travel Package, Magic Mountain Ski Pass, Shilo Inn Idaho overnight stay, Pomerelle Studios portrait sittings, Group Cooking lessons, Lizzy's lunch, hot specials, Snake River Grande Cookbook and Wild Game Dinner for two, gift baskets and more.

All proceeds will benefit local charities including Valley House, Salvation Army, YMCA,

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ashley Anne Slade, daughter of Regina Leanne and Clarence Dustin Slade of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.

Kadyn Lee Anderson, son of Jessica Renee Seitz of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.

Jenryka Marie Ramirez-Rodriguez, daughter of Maria Idalia Rodriguez of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006.

Kal David Trouble Jonsson, son of Jennifer Christine McBride of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006.

Lucas Maxwell Loughmiller, son of Carla Stephanie and Alfred Daniel Loughmiller of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006.

Chael Hannah Dean, daughter of Anne Marie Reidhauer of Buhl, was born Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006.

Cadence Nicole Elliott, daughter of Carisa Dawn and Jerry David Elliott of Buhl, was born Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006.

Alexus Marie Cascio, daughter of Rayne Lynn and David Eric Cascio Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006.

Laila Antoniette Maxwell, daughter of Cindy Ann Higginbotham and Wesley Lynn Maxwell of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006.

Isabel Gregory Lutz, son of Carlee Dee and Gregory Neal Lutz of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006.

Keoni William Watson, son of Tashina Lynn and John Paul Watson of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006.

Carlos Torres-Orozco, son of Maria Dolores Angeles and Roberto Carlos Torres of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006.

Katelyn Raean Clark, daughter of Carrie Ann and Tyler Ray Clark of Jerome, was born Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006.

Kayla Marie Wert, daughter of Mary and Anton Lynn Wert of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 27, 2006.

Alyssa Mckinzee Escobedo, daughter of Rebecca Leean Escobedo and Omar Escobedo of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 27, 2006.

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Charles Stubbs of Hazelton, was born Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006.

Cabrin Lily Milton, son of Corey Lynn and Cameron Leroy Milton of Filer, was born Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006.

Shree Thomas Davis, son of Shiree Dawn and Tommy Lee Davis of Jerome, was born Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006.

Morris Kayden Roberts, son of Angela Diane and Morris William Roberts of Eden, was born Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006.

Deabgeek Mcklow Canchola, son of Alma Anne and Angel Canchola of Buhl, was born Monday, Jan. 30, 2006.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Kyra Heidi Lloyd, daughter of Tar and Heidi Lloyd of Oakley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Christian Vargas Vega, son of Cecilia Vega Vargas and Mario Vargas Velgara of Halley, was born Monday, Jan. 16, 2006.

Austin DeLaurel Page, son of Charlotte and Michael Page of Halley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006.

Jesse Corinne Swink, daughter of Catherine and Gregory Swink of Halley, was born Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2006.

Gabriel Stephen Carpenter, son of Marisela and Paul Carpenter of Halley, was born Friday, Jan. 20, 2006.

Ridley Castro Romero, daughter of Art Castro Romero and Jorge Castro Ceja of Halley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Student Scholarships and more. For more information, call Jill Skeem at 320-2786.

Acequia woman celebrates 90th birthday

RUPIERT — Ruth Ester Ames Johnson will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the United Methodist Church, 60511 St. Thomas. She was born Feb. 11, 1916, in Holtenburg, Kan. She moved to Idaho in October of 1935.

She married Thomas M. Johnson in July 1936 and they raised five children, John, Thomas, Margaret, Richard and Robert (deceased) in the Rupert area.

She worked for several businesses in the Rupert area in sales and bookkeeping. She has also been involved in her church, community and the Mindkoda County Senior Citizen Center, where she served on the board for many years and worked in volunteer activities.

The family requests no gifts. Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to her at 20396 G St., Acequia, Rupert, ID 83350. For directions or other information, call John at 935-6451 or e-mail johnjp@pmnt.org.



Ruth Ester Ames Johnson

Lutheran church will hold pancake supper

BIROME — St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis, is having its 25th annual pancake and German sausage supper on Thursday.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. A free-will donation will be accepted. Homemade sausage, potato patties, pancakes, apple sauce and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

For more information, call 324-2842.

T.F. Senior Center plans trip to Jackpot

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Center is traveling to Barton's 93 Club in Jackpot, Nev., on Wednesday. The bus will leave the center, 530 Shoshone St., at 3 p.m. and return at 9 p.m. The cost is \$9 per person. The public is welcome.

For more information or for reservations, call the center at 734-5084.

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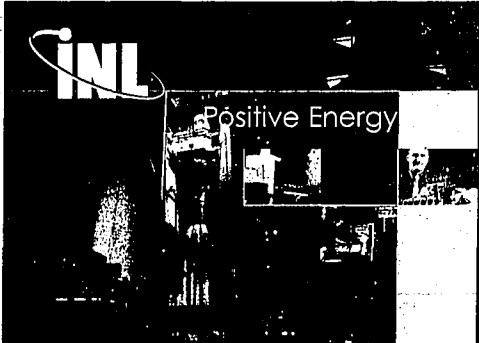
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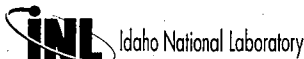
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• **Resurrect your Lunch Box**
By skipping the deli counter in favor of brown bags, you control your portions, cut calories and save money.

• **Hang up the Phone**
Thanks to technology like e-mail and voice mail, it's easy to stay glued to your chair all day. When you need to talk to a co-worker across the office, don't just reach for the phone. Walk over there and chat face-to-face. Those extra steps add up.

• **Blacklist the Vending Machines**
Pack healthier snacks, like yogurt and veggies in your work bag each day. That way, when the afternoon hunger hits, you won't beeline to the vending machines.

• **Keep a Bottle of Water at your Desk**
Many workers reach for food when they're bored or stressed. If you keep a bottle of water next to you and sip it continuously throughout the day, you'll feel fuller and be less tempted to chow down.

• **Use your Lunch Hour**
If you have a fitness center in or near your office, your lunch hour is a prime time to squeeze in a workout. Or, grab a bite at your desk, then go out for a walk around the neighborhood. Not only is this healthier for you, it also improves your productivity.

• **Help Work Help You**
You're not the only one in this predicament. Seek the support of your co-workers. Request skinny treats in lieu of sugary ones in the vending machines. Have a healthy pot luck once a week. Ask your human resources department to explore discounts at nearby health clubs.



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8 Ways to Succeed at your Job

Congratulations you have just landed a new job! Everyday, your skills will be put to use in the working world. Supervisors and other employees will rely on you. Don't let that scare you, though. Follow these lessons and you'll have an easy time climbing the corporate ladder.

- 1: Prepare to pay your dues.** Yes, that means you may have to go on the occasional coffee run, send out a mass mailing or file till your fingers bleed. Don't worry - everyone has to do it. Seize mental tasks as an opportunity to learn what goes on behind the scenes or bond with another "newbie".
- 2: Listen and absorb.** See how the company does its job. Figure out the chain of command and what it takes to get things done.
- 3: Dress for the job you want, not the job you have.** In college, you can roll out of bed and head to class in your pajamas, but that isn't quite the best wardrobe strategy in the workplace. Not sure what to wear? Stick with conservative and classic pieces in solid colors. You can also use your boss or a model of how you should dress.
- 4: Avoid office politics.** It's guaranteed that the office gossip will tell you who's dating whom, or you might hear a few choice words about your boss - even on your first day. Sure, it's fine to store such information in the back of your head so you can learn about coworkers' personalities, office dynamic, and who's in a bad mood, but don't say anything that can be added to the rumor mill. It's a surefire path to ruining your reputation.
- 5: Watch what you say and do.** That means you should mind your manners. Leave inappropriate stories and jokes for your social life. Don't use company e-mail to forward jokes or chain letters to friends; do that on your own time, using your own personal e-mail account.
- 6: Ask questions.** You're new in your position. So don't be afraid to ask questions. It will help you understand the company, the hierarchy, and what it takes to make the company run.
- 7: Find a mentor.** Maybe it's someone who has been there years or someone who has the job you want. Find a person who can show you the ropes or tell you how they started in the business. Some companies even offer formal mentoring programs that involve mentor lunches, meetings and more.
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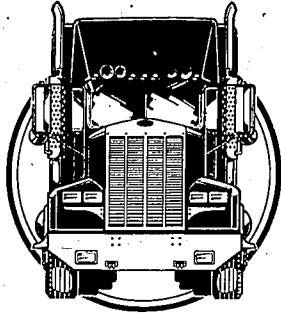
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 The Times-News is accepting applications for a full-time District Manager in our Twin Falls Office. The successful candidate must be able to work independently, be dependable, have a good driving record and have excellent time management skills. An outgoing personality is a plus. This entry level management position includes responsibilities in managing youth and adult carriers, sales promotions, and providing excellent customer service. For consideration interested applicants need to submit a completed application at:
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200 Employment
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 Farm workers, need equipment experience. We pay overtime. Call 731-5573

200 Employment
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GENERAL
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200 Employment
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200 Employment
MEDICAL
 LPN or RN needed to work in ICF/MR setting. Daytime hours. 40 hours a week. Great pay & benefits. Please apply to: 1118 N. Lincoln Jerome or call 324-9855

200 Employment
MEDICAL
 Part-time, professional needed in Twin Falls, Gooding, and Burley to conduct community based psycho-social assessment and counseling for adults and children. Spanish speaking preferred. Degree required in social work, education, psychology or related field. Excellent starting pay for the right candidate. Become a part of a dedicated team. Email resume with cover letter to: Hospital@idnet.com or mail to: Positive Connections 647 River Ave Twin Falls, ID 83301

200 Employment
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 We Want You! If you're a dedicated, CNA & LPN (afternoon and night shifts) with a current Dietary Aide Housekeeping/ Laundry

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200 Employment
RECEPTIONIST
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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 F-16.

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200 Employment
EDUCATION
 Filer School District announces an opening for the 2005-2006 school year. Paraprofessional aide who has met state standards for a professional status.
 • Part-time/Full-time
 • Full Day
 • Filer High School
 The required method of applying is a formal application (available at the Filer District office), resume and references. A recommendation. This position will be open until filled. To apply contact: Shelia Roberts, Filer School District - 208-326-5881

200 Employment
EDUCATION
 Preschool teacher needed. Call 208-732-5337

200 Employment
ELECTRICIAN
 Hiring Journeyman or Apprentice with 1 year experience. Essential wiring. 731-0664

200 Employment
FARM
 Wanted: experienced Farm Workers, Tractor Drivers, Irrigators, and experienced Farm Mechanic with own tools. Call 208-328-3835

200 Employment
FARM
 Wanted: Full-time Farm Worker for small operation in Jerome area. Knowledgeable in potato production, sprinkler irrigation and plant mechanics. Salary based on experience. Call 208-280-1915

200 Employment
FINANCIAL
 Financial Officer Local. Non-profit healthcare organization seeking upper level management in finance department. 3-5 years, medical office experience required. Should be familiar with non-profit finances and grant management. Send resume, cover letter & professional references to: FHS Attn: M. Cain 794 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls ID 83301 EOE.

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 Local food processing. Company is currently looking for top notch individuals willing to work both Light Duty and Heavy Duty positions. Hiring for all shifts. No experience necessary; training provided. Excellent pay and benefits are available. Apply in person at 754 College Rd., Suite B, 9:00 a.m. to Noon only.

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200 Employment
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 Work your own part-time home position available immediately seeking Salt City Candies. Unlimited earning potential. No experience necessary, but must have excellent people skills. Contact Jamie for an application, 886-2100.

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 BISH'S RV is coming to Twin Falls, and is looking for an Finance & Insurance Sales Rep. Full resume to: 615 H Street Rupert, ID 83350

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 Excellent computer, typing, organizational and interpersonal skills, one-year legal exp. or equivalent educational training required. Salary DOE. Mail resumes to: 615 H Street Rupert, ID 83350

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 FT Teller/Member Service Representative for our Gooding office for our Gooding office of Pioneer Federal Credit Union. Full resume to 208-735-9834 or email twinfalls@pioneerfcu.com Attn: Tracy Rowe. (EOE)

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 Experienced Truck Mechanic, preferred CAT engine expertise. Above average pay for above average person, with benefits. Full-time. Call Don 208-320-2570

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 Carpet shampoo trainees. Average \$26/week to start. Cleaning floor has created permanent position for 10-15 positions. 734-2883.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

WHY WAIT?
SWF, enjoys fishing, camping, hiking, dancing, dining out, love to meet an over-temperated gentleman, 53-53, who enjoys similar things. Hollister #285784

CHRISTIAN LADY
Very fit SWF, NS, loves working out, the Lord, going to Mass on Sunday, nature, animals. Would like to meet an over-temperated gentleman, 53-53, who enjoys similar things. Hollister #285784

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SF, 39, mother, kind-hearted, outgoing, soft-spoken, likes camping, fishing, family times. Looking to meet a light-hearted, classically man who wants to share friendship, fun times, and a possible LTR. Burley #287640

SEEKING GOOD FRIEND
Attractive, 49, 5'4", 130lbs. Cancer, likes dancing, seeking open, honest SM, 45-55, to befriend and develop a relationship. #266067

GIVE IT A CHANCE
Promising SWF, 52, enjoys family life, dancing, movies, gardening, horseback riding, fishing, map. Seeking easygoing, like-minded, affectionate SM, to share friendship, like, date, and possible dating relationship. Hollister #288891

SEEKS FUN AND MORE
SWF, 51, outdoorsy type, likes dancing out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Alton #281068 or DeBWyHebop

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SF, 51, 5'2", short brown hair, brown 150lbs., looking for someone who's friendly, outgoing, honest man to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Hollister #274280

LOOKING FOR A GREAT GUY
Spontaneous SWF, 19, competitive tennis player, enjoy having a good time, living life to the fullest. Seeking down-to-earth SM, 18-23, for LTR. Appleton #305428 or victoriak1

I WANT TO LIVE, LAUGH, and love again. WF, 34, mother of two boys, loves the outdoors, long conversations, cuddling and more. Looking for an understanding, honest, good guy, 34-45. Finley #285782 or Kanner

LET'S HANG OUT
SWF, 36, homebody really for a change, fun looking, constantly to hang out with and just have a good time, if your interested, contact me! Twin Falls #285033

NEEDS SOME SUGAR
SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SWF/M, 38-54. Hollister #284241 or SamSullivan

SEEKING COMPANION
DF, 40, 22, brown hair, good smile. Enjoys hiking, slow dancing, romantic evenings and more. Looking for a SM, 38-45, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, fun and outgoing. Burley #2879925

THE RIGHT CHOICE
SWF, 55, NS, new to the area, likes to ride bikes, read, swim, wants to meet kind, considerate, honest SWM, 56-70. NS. Hollister #273734

SINGLE MOM
WF, 19, 5'0", black hair, with SWF, 48-58, steady, for friendship maybe more. #2859300

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN
Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, NS, likes country fishing, traveling, along out. Seeking active SWF, 48-58, steady, for friendship maybe more. #2859300

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

GIVE ME A CALL
Loyal, loving SM, 58, 5'10", sandy blond hair, attractive, enjoys camping, fishing, looking for kind, caring, considerate, confident, fun SM, 21-35, for friendship, fun times, more. Hollister #288891

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
SWM, 54, enjoys outdoors, likes bike riding, exercises, doing about anything. Seeking SF, 45-57, to share game activities. Hollister #2847528 or enherwegro

BURLEY MAN
SM, 21, Leo, NS, loves to fish, camp, and play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, to have fun with. Burley #2854549

DO YOU LOVE JESUS?
SMCM, 34, devout conservative, sincere, sensitive, empathetic, NS, ND. Enjoys going to movies, candlelight dinners, indoor/outdoor activities. ISO SWHF, 24-31, any race, honest, dependable, church-going, has personal relationship with the Lord. Hollister #283282 or JessaFenale

ISO HONEY RELATIONSHIP
SM, 39, 5'7", 150lbs, black hair, enjoys fishing, hiking, walking, dancing, etc. Looking for SF, 18-30 for a LTR, kids ok. Catered #2856457

I'VE BEEN LOOKING
SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports, Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, herself up. Gooding #2873690

COULD IT BE YOU?
Socialite SM, 61, likes movies, dining, dancing, country music, boating, fishing, hunting, tennis, etc. Burley, Seeking down, honest, SF to share friendship and feeling happiness. Hollister #282188

ONE WOMAN MAN
SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, NS, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, steady, for friendship maybe more. #2859300

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JUST AN ORDINARY GUY
HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, very hard-working, seeks a woman, 25-35, to connect with. Hollister #2893654 or pokperko

WHY NOT CALL?
SWM, 26, 6'2", 180lbs, light red hair, looking for a single, kind-hearted, open-minded SM, not afraid to be herself, to share friendship and fun that could lead to lasting love. Hollister #280035

LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER
W, 6'2", 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet time, at home and time with a significant other. Seeking WF, 35-52, for dating, hopefully leading to LTR. Hollister #281262

PRETTY OPEN!
Kind hearted SM, 27, 5'7", 180lbs, loves to travel, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hiking, and with friends, wine. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #283456

NEW TO THE DATING SCENE
SWM, 35, very tall person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, skiing, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and cherish. Hollister #2867057 or Justme102005

WORTH A TRY
SM, 28, father of 2, likes dancing, having fun, with family, times. Seeking child friendly lady who has camping, rights out, good taste and fun, to share lasting friendship, possibly more. Gooding #2849116

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 40, likes to outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, Seeking SF, 18-27, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #2850460

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SM, 40, likes to outdoors, likes movies, theater, walks, hiking, dancing, etc. Looking for a nice, outgoing lady to meet a W.F. 45-54, for possible relationship. Hollister #2859300

MAKE IT HAPPEN
SWM, 31, 5'11", outgoing, bald, Sagittarius, NS, seeks WF, 18-30, NS, who has a heart. #2857092

ARE YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH?
HM, 28, hardworking, looking for an honest, trustworthy woman, 20-25, who likes to go out and have a fun time. Gooding #280014

MAKE MEYOURS
SM, 32, hard-working, likes dates, movies, I just got back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SWF, 18-25, who likes to go out and live life to the fullest. Hollister #283843 or afterdark88

LOOKING FOR IT!
SWM, 26, 6'2", shaved head, red goatee, 225lbs, very athletic, enjoys trail and rock music, snowboarding. Looking for an outgoing girl who wants to have fun. Hollister #281113

ROOM IN MY HEART
SWM, 39, 5'10", 260lbs, great SOA, enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking, outdoors, sports, gardening. Seeking SF, nice open, 30-45, slender to medium build, with caring presence for LTR. Paul #282445

LET'S HANG OUT
SM, 28, please know as a cowboy, I don't wear my wimplers all the time, only when I am out riding but I love them and live life to the fullest. Hollister #2898761 or cowboy2180

SEEKS PRETTY CF
W.M., 32, very confident, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, running in my muscle car. Seeking a Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls #266096

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
SM, 32, hard-working, active, enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking a single, child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairlie #2870590 or paul #2859300

HANG OUT
PARTNER WANTED!
SM, 41, financially secure, loves to fish, hunt, and hike. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who is fun, outgoing, and enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking a single, child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairlie #2870590 or paul #2859300

TIRE D OF GAMES, ETC?
SWM, 39, very confident, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, running in my muscle car. Seeking a Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls #266096

COME JOIN ME!
SM, 6', 175lbs, enjoys camping, horse, rock, fishing, movies, Seeking a lady for a friendship, quality time, and good conversation. Contact #2866223

SMAYE YOU'RE THE ONE
SM, 46, christian, enjoys the outdoors, rock climbing, time with friends, quality time with a special lady. Will you be that lady? #2870003

Find Someone Special this Valentines!

TO ME, she's still the girl of my dreams, moe'ing me to the moon and back.

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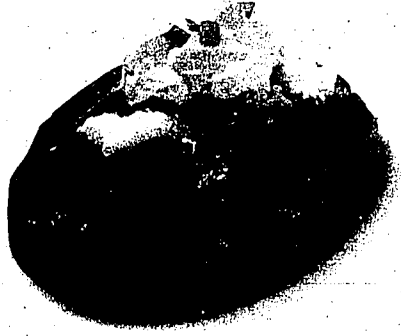
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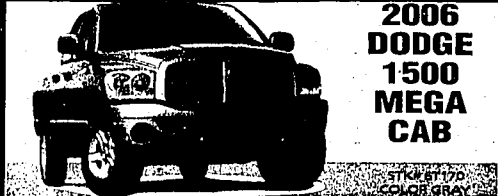
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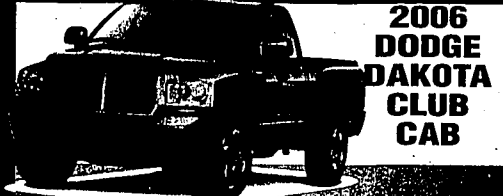
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