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Nurse Sandra Sexton checks a patient's blood pressure Thursday night at the Mustard Seed Wellness Clinic, which provides medical care for the working poor.

Free clinic helps working uninsured

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

About the clinic

The Mustard Seed Wellness Clinic, 284 Martin St., provides free health care to people with little or no health insurance, Medicaid or Medicare coverage and inadequate financial resources.

TWIN FALLS — Her husband died a year ago and she took a job cleaning houses to make ends meet. But like many hardworking people, health insurance is a luxury Elisabeth Hess can't afford.

The Mustard Seed Wellness Clinic began with a dream. Sandra Sexton's dream. A nurse by profession, an angel of mercy by calling, Sexton saw more and more peo-

ple going without health care, not by choice, but because they simply couldn't afford it. No matter how many hours they worked a week, there was nothing left after paying the rent and putting food on the table to pay insurance premiums and medical bills.

ple for you or food for your kids," Sexton asked.

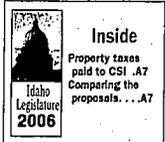
That just didn't sit right with Sexton, who in addition to her job at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center works as a volunteer congregational nurse at her church. So about six years ago Sexton and her husband, John, started researching the concept of a free medical clinic. They contacted Rep. Sharon Block, who researched Idaho statutes that applied to such clinics. The Sextons also talked to people at their church, to other nurses, to doctors. Dr. Brian Fortuin and Dr. Richard Sandison jumped on board, and the Mustard Seed Wellness Clinic, sponsored by Mustard Seed Ministries, a ministry of the Twin Falls Reformed Church, opened up a little more than a year ago in the back of a

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Up for grabs

Property tax component of CSI funding in question

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer



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BOISE — If you could vote yourself out of paying property taxes to fund the College of Southern Idaho, would you? That's a question the residents of Twin Falls and Jerome counties may have to answer if one of the two state community college proposals at the Legislature passes.

"We all agree that CSI needs to grow and prosper but the funding needs to be more equal," said Rob Williams, a Jerome attorney. Williams led a failed effort in the late 1990s to get Jerome County residents out of the property tax roll for funding CSI.

For the past 40 years, citizens in Jerome and Twin Falls counties have helped fund the College of Southern Idaho through property taxes. Since 1984, the two counties combined have paid a total of roughly \$61 million in property taxes to CSI. In 2005, the college received over \$3.2 million in property tax dollars from residents in Twin Falls and Jerome counties.

That could all change if the Legislature approves a plan for expanding the state's community college system developed by Rep. Ann Blyden, R-Idaho Falls. Blyden said she would create five community college dist-

tricts, including one to be serviced by CSI and one that includes North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, the state's other existing community college. The funding for Blyden's program comes not from property tax but from the ever-increasing revenue the state collects in sales tax.

Residents living in Twin Falls and Jerome counties, as well as those living in Kootenai County near NIC, would go to the polls and decide whether to keep the current funding strategy for their community colleges or to join the new statewide program.

For some, the choice is easy. Williams believes most in Jerome County would opt out of paying property taxes. In the past, Williams said, Jerome County residents routinely pointed to the dollars they sent CSI as a reason not to pass levies to build new local elementary and secondary schools — levies that just passed last November.

And, the residents of Jerome County can't vote themselves out of paying property taxes to fund CSI if more Twin Falls County residents overall vote to keep things as is, Blyden said.

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Laughable, loveable Don Knotts dies at 81

The Associated Press



sions," Griffith told The Associated Press on Saturday. "Don was special. There's nobody like him. I loved him — very much," Griffith added.

LOS ANGELES — Don Knotts, who kept generations of TV audiences laughing as bumbling Deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show" and would-be swinger landlord Ralph Furley on "Three's Company," has died.

He was 81. Knotts died Friday night of pulmonary and respiratory complications at a Los Angeles hospital, said Paul Ward, a spokesman for the cable network TV Land, which airs his two signature shows.

Griffith, who remained close friends with Knotts, said he had a brilliant comedic mind and wrote some of the show's best scenes.

"Don was a small man ... but everything else about him was large: his mind, his expres-

"We had a long and wonderful life together."

Unspecified health problems had forced Knotts to cancel an appearance in his native Morgantown in August.

The West Virginia-born actor's half-century career included seven TV series and more than 25 films, but it was the Griffith show that brought him TV immortality and five Emmys.



Spartan pride takes state

The Minico Spartans dominate the Class 4A state wrestling tournament, winning by 75.5 team points. See story on page O1

Al-Qaida threatens additional attacks

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Al-Qaida on Saturday vowed more attacks a day after an attempt to bomb the world's biggest oil processing complex showed the group still can strike inside Saudi Arabia despite the arrests of hundreds of suspects.

A strike on the Abqaiq complex near Saudi Arabia's eastern Persian Gulf coast, could have been devastating. Nearly two-thirds of the country's oil flows through the facility for processing before export.

Foiling the attack demonstrated Saudi Arabia's success in putting tough security around the oil industry, the source of the royal family's wealth, oil analysts said.

Two suicide bombers in explosives-packed cars traded fire with police at a checkpoint before a gate in the first of three fences around the sprawling, heavily guarded complex. One bomber collided with the closed gate, exploding and blowing a hole in the fence, a senior Saudi security official said.

The second bomber drove through the hole before police opened fire, detonating his car, the official added on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

It was the first attack on Saudi Arabia's vital oil infrastructure. The Saudi branch of al-Qaida, which claimed the attack, warned in an Internet statement "Saudi Arabia that suicide bombers will target more oil facilities."

"There are more like them who are racing toward martyrdom and eager to fight the enemies of God," the posting said. "You will see things that will make you happy, God willing."

In a later statement, the group said it carried out the attack "based on the instructions of our leader, Osama bin Laden," and identified the two al-Qaida suicide bombers as Abdullah Abdul-Aziz al-Twejri and Mohammed Saleh al-Ghithi.

THIS WEEK'S GREAT REASONS TO READ THE TIMES-NEWS



Pumping iron

Bulking up in Buhl.

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Gang's all here

The Oakley Valley Arts Council stages "West Side Story."

Thursday

Not going fishing

Many kids are now shying away from angling.

End of the spear

Two south-central Idaho men help tell martyr's story.

Borrow your keys?

Does it make sense to let a teenager get his or her own car?

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sky will be mainly cloudy to smog, then clouds will increase throughout the day. Highs, middle 50s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies with rain or snow showers developing. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies with morning snow showers, changing to rain later in the day. Highs, lower 50s.

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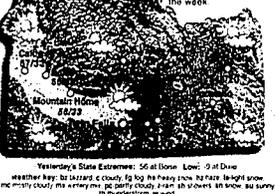
Today: Increasing clouds and rain or snow showers possible late. Highs in the middle 50s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a few rain or snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with rain and snow showers early then changing over to all rain. Highs in the upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be the last day for the dry weather. A series of Pacific frontal systems start to move through tomorrow bringing plenty of clouds and periods of snow showers throughout most of week. Boise: Enjoy today because it will be the last day of the pleasant and dry weather for a while. Graduated weather will prevail tomorrow and continue through most of the new week. Today Highs/Lows 51 to 66 / 33 to 38

NORTHERN UTAH High pressure will remain in control for one more day today before the clouds and precipitation return for the beginning of the week. Today Highs/Lows 51 to 66 / 33 to 38

Yielder's State Extremes: 56 at Boise; Low: 9 at Dewey. Weather key: to forecast cloudy, foggy or heavy rain, light snow or mostly cloudy the entire day or partly cloudy the rest of the day.



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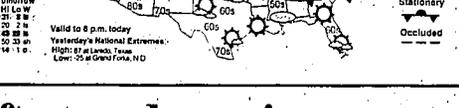
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Bird flu's swift spread worries experts

In last four months it sweeps across Europe and into Africa. GENEVA (AP) — For years after its appearance in 1997 Hong Kong, the bird flu virus seemed corralled in a few East Asian countries. But in the past four months, it has spread across Europe and into Africa, bringing to 31 the number of countries with sick birds. 'People have caught it in a quarter of the world, and just six people outside east Asia have died. The virus is still not easily caught by humans. Even so, its sudden sweep across continents on the wings of birds has stunned public health officials. And most say they cannot predict where or when this disturbing germ might mutate into a form that could unleash a deadly flu epidemic. 'Anywhere the virus lands,' said Dr. Mike Pebody of the World Health Organization.

I'm not an expert on migratory birds carrying human pathogens. I don't know who's. We're going beyond our experience,' said Dowell who heads CDC's global disease detection program. 'The closest analogy he could think of is West Nile virus, a bird-associated illness that began in Africa and landed on the East Coast of the United States in 1999. Within four years it had spread to the West Coast. As to where the virus has the best chance of morphing into a more serious human threat, Nigeria where many people live close to their chickens, poses a particular threat. Its 800 federal veterinarians lack the support they need to combat the disease, he said. Dr. Scott Dowell of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it's difficult to predict the spread of the disease in the next few months, because public health officials have little experience tracking a disease spread by migratory birds. 'What's missing there is the laboratory infrastructure, the field infrastructure that would allow them to get out in the field to get samples, simple things like enough vehicles to get around,' he said. Cowen, an associate professor at North Carolina State University in the United States, believes it may be time to change strategies: Abandon efforts to quarantine and kill poultry flocks and instead focus on vaccinating them. 'We should be giving that some very serious thought,' he said. Currently, each country decides what to do. 'We don't really have a truly global infrastructure to fight this potential pandemic,' he said. 'When an epidemic moves into a new territory it means a new frontier, says a WHO spokesman, who said a centrally coordinated disease control strategy that all countries follow, he said.

Crowds gather for Mardi Gras parades on last big weekend

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The last big weekend of the annual Carnival season drew heavily crowds to two Mardi Gras parades on Saturday, but a threat of evening showers pushed one of the city's biggest and glitziest processions back a day. 'Some had stayed overnight in tents or on sofas to claim prime turf to watch the parades staged by private clubs, called krewe. Alfred Washington, 50, a New Orleans native and a bassist in a local band, said the parades were good for the city ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. 'We have hurricanes down here all the time. Mardi Gras is going to go on. It's part of our culture. It is us,' Washington said as he led his band down St. Charles Avenue, with the Krewe of Tucks behind them. 'It kept our minds off our worries for a while. After this, we'll get back to work gutting houses and stuff,' he said. 'The celebrity-studded Krewe of Endymion's parade with elaborate floats through the Uptown area, which was relatively unscathed by Katrina's floods, was put off until today because of the threat of evening thunderstorms. It was rolled after the Krewe of Bacchus, another 'super krewe,' police said. Ed Muniz, Endymion's captain, told WVLT-TV that between 500-600 of his 2,200-member krewe live out of town post-Katrina and likely would miss today's parade because of the rain. 'Flights that leave before their start.

Clinic

Continued from A1 downtown second-hand store. Later, doctors Joseph Ippolito, Lisa Burgett and Jack Trotter added their names to the list of volunteer physicians. 'If we didn't have doctors donating their time and services to care for these people, we couldn't do it,' Sexton said. 'Others in the community also offered to help, and the clinic later moved to a medical building off Martin Street, where doctors now see patients a couple of evenings a week. The clinic might add another night or two down the road. 'The clinic's mission is to provide free care to the 'working underinsured,' people with limited financial resources who aren't covered by Medicaid or Medicare. 'This is just been the answer to a prayer — a dream that we could really help people,' Sexton said one afternoon last week as she stocked a cabinet with medication samples donated by local doctors. 'It's a reward just seeing that you're meeting people's needs.' Sexton said they didn't want to advertise the clinic until they had enough volunteers on board. Sandison said some of the more common problems he and the other doctors see at the clinic include diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol and depression, problems that, if treated early, can be controlled with medication. But studies have shown that by the time the uninsured seek medical care, they're often sicker and their health care ends up costing a lot more. The high blood pressure that could have been treated with medication early on ends up being a heart attack or a stroke. History has seen some of those patients in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's emergency room. 'A lot of people wait and show up when something horrible happens,' Burgett said Thursday, her first night volunteering at the clinic. Burgett's day began at 7 a.m. that morning seeing her regular patients at the hospital. She planned to go back to her office when the clinic closed at 9 p.m. to do some paperwork. It had been a long day, but Burgett was glad to volunteer her time. 'This community has done a lot for me,' Burgett said. 'It's nice to give something back to the community.'

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NATION/WORLD

Homeland Security objected at first to ports deal

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Homeland Security Department objected at first to a United Arab Emirates company's taking over significant operations at six U.S. ports. It was the lone protest among members of the government committee that eventually approved the deal while the DP World agreed to a series of security restrictions. The company indefinitely

has postponed its takeover to give President Bush time to convince Congress that the deal does not pose any increased risks to the U.S. from terrorism. Lawmakers have pressed for a new and intensive review. Despite persistent criticism from Republicans and Democrats, the president has defended his administration's approval of the ports deal and threatened to veto any measures in Congress that would block it. Hearings are to continue this week. A DP World executive said the company would agree to tougher security restrictions to

win congressional support only if the same restrictions applied to all U.S. port operators. The company earlier had struck a more conciliatory stance, saying it would do whatever Bush asked to salvage the agreement. "Security is everybody's business," senior vice president Michael Moore told the Associated Press. "We're going to have a very open mind to legitimate concerns. But anything we can do, any way to improve security, should apply to everybody equally." The administration approved the ports deal on Jan. 17 after DP World agreed during secret

negotiations to cooperate with law enforcement investigations in the future and make other concessions. Some lawmakers have challenged the adequacy of a classified intelligence assessment crucial to assuring the administration that the deal was proper. The report was assembled in November by analysts working for the director of national intelligence. The report concluded that U.S. spy agencies were "unable to locate any derogatory information on the company," according to a person familiar with the document.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Democrats weigh Clinton nostalgia vs. Clinton fatigue

By Steven Thomas
 Knight-Ridder News Service

MANCHESTER, N.H. — As they ponder how to win back the White House, many Democrats fear that the early front-runner for their party's 2008 presidential nomination, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, carries so much baggage that she'd drag the party down to defeat.



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., talks to the press Feb. 6 during her visit to the University Settlement in New York.

Many supporters, however, and even more admire her. Polls confirm that she has the early edge over other potential rivals. Party insiders think she'll enter the race shortly after her expected re-election as a New York senator later this year — with a \$50 million head start on fundraising toward 2008.

But ominous signs abound, and whether they suggest that her campaign would conjure a clash between the lure of Clinton nostalgia and the fear of Clinton fatigue.

One new poll shows that a majority of registered voters never would vote for her. Another shows that a majority don't even want her to run, including a majority of independent voters.

One veteran South Carolina Democratic strategist says she's so well-known — and polarizing — that it's hard to see how she could change any minds.

"She's earning high marks for her fund-raising, and Paul Begala and James Carville, the men who ran her husband's 1992 presidential campaign, sent letters to Democrats nationwide seeking yet more contributions. Federal law allows her to transfer any unused Senate-campaign cash to a presidential run. She's also raising money for other Democrats. "She's earning some chis she can redeploy later," said Mark Brewer, the Michigan state party chairman. "She starts out in an enormously powerful position," said Chris Lehane, a California-based strategist who worked for Al Gore in 2000. "Probably 40 percent of the party base is solidly behind her. She taps into an enormous national network."

Yet many in the party are asking whether she can win, even those who think she should. "I definitely have friends holding back," said a California Democratic fundraiser who likes Clinton and spoke on condition of anonymity in order to talk more freely. "I have a lot of friends, elite political types who normally would be racing to get involved with her but are holding back."

Another reason for her presumptive lead, of course, is the affection in the party for her husband and hope that she could replicate his victories.

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At a recent dinner in New Hampshire, traditionally the

Bush will seek nuclear deal, more economic ties with India

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will try to seal an elusive nuclear deal when he visits India this week but also will seek new funding with a burgeoning economic power feared by some Americans and embraced by others.

India as a threat to their jobs and are wary of the country's cheap labor markets. The Bush administration says U.S. jobs will be created if American companies stay competitive in the global economy.

With a stop in Pakistan, Bush joins Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon and Clinton as the only U.S. chief executives to visit both countries.

Last year, U.S. exports to India grew by more than 30 percent. While India's growth has not touched lower-income groups, India's middle class is buying air conditioners, kitchen appliances and washing machines — many of them from U.S. companies such as GE, Whirlpool and Westinghouse.

India, with more than 1 billion people, is the world's largest democracy and has the second largest population of Muslims, after Indonesia. U.S. businesses are eyeing India's fast-growing economy. Some estimates put its middle class at 300 million; the entire U.S. population is just over 280 million.

India could be a counterweight to the rising power of China, which the U.S. views as a potential rival. India, however, professes little interest in playing that role.

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U.S. envoy says aid to Palestinians will continue

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The United States will continue sending humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people even after a Hamas government is formed, a senior U.S. envoy told Palestinian leaders during the first high-level meeting between the two sides since Hamas' election victory.

State Department envoy David Welch said the U.S. continues "to be devoted to the humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people and we shall remain so."

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Welch told Palestinian officials that U.S. aid would be redirected, but Welch did not specify how.

Erekat noted that hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. aid flow directly into infrastructure projects every year, and not into Palestinian government coffers. "We urged the U.S. administration to continue helping the Palestinian people, as it did in previous years," Erekat said after the meeting. "They have never transferred a single dollar to the Palestinian Authority directly. The money was being transferred via non-governmental organizations."

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NATION

Creationism evolves to meet challenge

By Stephanie Simon
Los Angeles Times

WAYNE, N.J. — Evangelist Ken Ham smiled at the 2,300 elementary students packed into pews, their faces rapt. With puppets and cartoons, he was showing them how to reject geology, paleontology and evolutionary biology as a sinister tangle of lies.

If a teacher mentions evolution, or the Big Bang, or an era when dinosaurs ruled Earth, Ham said, "you put your hand up and you say, 'Excuse me, were you there? Can you remember that?'"

"The children meant they weren't," he said.

"Sometimes people will answer, 'No, but you weren't there either,'" Ham told them. "Then you say, 'No, I wasn't, but I know someone who was, and I have his book about the history of the world.'"

"He waved his Bible in the air. 'Whis the only one who's always been there?'" Ham asked. "God," the boys and girls shouted.

"Who's the only one who knows everything?"

"God."

"So who should you always trust, God or the scientist?"

The children answered with a thundering "God!"

A former high-school biology teacher, Ham travels the U.S., training kids as young as 5 to challenge scientific orthodoxy. He doesn't engage in the political and legal fights that have erupted over the teaching of evolution. His strategy is more subtle: He aims to give people who trust the biblical account of creation the confidence to defeat their views — aggressively.

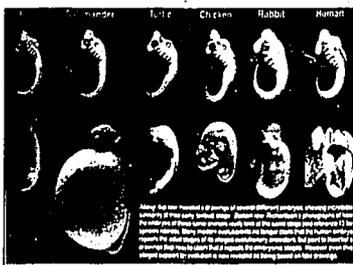
Ham's students offer creationist critiques of their textbooks, parents to take on science museum docents, professionals to raise the subject with colleagues. If Ham does his job well, his acolytes will ask enough questions — and spark enough arguments — to shake the evolution theory of Charles Darwin.

"We're going to arm you with Christian Patriot missiles," Ham, 51, recently told 1,200 adults gathered at Calvary temple here in a multi-day event. It was Friday night, the kickoff of a weekend conference sponsored by Ham's global ministry, Answers in Genesis.

In a burst of applause, Ham called, "Get out and change the world!"

Over the past two decades, "creation evangelism" has become a booming industry. Several hundred independent speakers promote biblical creation at churches, colleges, private schools, Rotary clubs. They lead tours to the Grand Canyon or museums to study the world through a creationist lens.

They churn out home-schooling material. A geology text devotes a chapter to Noah's flood, an astronomy book quotes Genesis on the origins of



Former high school biology teacher Ken Ham and a retired anatomy professor delivered six hour-long lectures at the recent conference in Wayne, N.J.

the universe: a science unit for second-graders features daily "evolution stumblers" that teach children to argue against the theory that is a cornerstone of modern science.

Answers in Genesis is the biggest of these ministries. Ham founded the nonprofit in his native Australia in 1979. The U.S. branch, funded by donations, has an annual budget of \$15 million and 160 employees who produce books and DVDs, maintain a Web site, and arrange more than 500 speeches a year for Ham and four other full-time evangelists.

With a pop-it-thumping passion, Ham insists the Bible be taken literally: God created the universe and all its creatures in six 24-hour days, roughly 6,000 years ago.

When pastors dismiss the creation account as a fable, he says, they give their flock license to disregard the Bible's moral teachings as well. He shows his audiences a graphic that places the theory of evolution at the root of all social ills: abortion, divorce, racism, gay marriage, store clerks who say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas."

The science Ham finds so dangerous holds that the first primitive scraps of genetic material appeared on Earth nearly

4 billion years ago. From these humble beginnings, a huge diversity of species evolved over the eons, through mutations and natural selection.

The majority of scientists find no credible evidence to dispute this account and a tremendous amount to support it. They've identified thousands of transitional fossils, such as a whale that lumbered on land, a primate bird with reptilian features and "Lucy," a remote cousin of modern humans who walked on two legs but swung from trees like a chimpanzee.

Still, millions of Americans find evolution preposterous. Polls consistently show that roughly half of Americans believe the biblical account instead.

In the 1970s, Ham taught evolution and creationism in Australian public schools. Raised in a Christian family, Ham trusted God's account over Darwin's, the more he studied Genesis, the more he felt moved to defend it. He quit teaching in 1979 to take up evangelism full time.

A father of five who bears an uncanny resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, Ham moved his family to the U.S. in 1987. He worked for the Institute for Creation Research near San Diego and in 1993 founded the U.S.

branch of Answers in Genesis in northern Kentucky. America sorely needed someone to stand up for the Bible, he reasoned. With its network of Christian radio and TV, the U.S. also offered Ham a launch pad to take his movement global.

The gamble paid off. Ham's daily 90-second broadcasts — on themes such as life in the Garden of Eden — are heard on more than 1,000 radio stations worldwide. He's building a \$25 million Creation Museum near the Cincinnati airport. He's produced dozens of books and videos for all ages, including a top-selling alphabet rhyme that begins: "A is for Adam, God made him from dust / He wasn't a monkey, he looked just like us."

At the heart of this ministry are the speaking tours — many booked three years in advance. Ham, who earns about \$120,000 a year, may address a few dozen men at a small-town service club, a packed family service at a suburban mega-church.

About 6,000 adults and children attended at least some of the conference in this suburb north of Newark. (Tickets cost \$25 per family, though several events were free.)

In six-hour-long lectures, Ham and his colleague David Menton, an anatomy professor retired from Washington University in St. Louis, laid out their best arguments for creationism.

Ham described the fossil record as "billions of dead things laid down by water" — proof, he said, of Noah's flood. Menton marveled at the mechanics of the human eye, far too intricate, he said, to have evolved by random mutation.

In two 90-minute workshops for children, Ham adapted a much lighter tone, mocking scientists who think birds evolved from dinosaurs ("If that were true, I'd be worried about my Thanksgiving turkey").

He showed the kids a photo of a fossilized bat found in a mine to prove it doesn't take millions of years to create ancient-looking artifacts. He pointed out cave drawings of a creature resembling a brachiosaurus, to make the case that humans lived alongside dinosaurs after God created land animals on Day 6.

Thieves take truckload of beer

WEST BEND, Wis. (AP) — Authorities are trying to find thieves who stole nearly \$26,000 in beer from a delivery truck, but first they have to hope the suspects didn't drink the evidence.

A semi trailer loaded with cans and bottles of Miller beer was stolen from a trucking company in Richfield, according to a Washington County Sheriff's Department report. The trailer was found four days later — sans beer — at an Oak Creek trucking firm. It had been dropped off at Mills Transfer

Co. sometime on Feb. 17 for delivery to a beer distributor in Menomonee, authorities said. Later that night, it was discovered missing.

Company officials did not report the loss immediately because they thought a driver had picked up the wrong load.

Officials said the thieves made off with 384 24-packs of Miller Genuine Draft cans, 500 10-packs of 12-ounce bottles, 990 10-packs of 12-ounce cans and 40 24-packs of Miller Lite 16-ounce plastic bottles.

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South Carolina teacher charged with having sex with 11-year-old student

LAWRENCE, S.C. (AP) — An elementary school teacher was arrested Friday on charges he had sex with one of her 11-year-old students, an official here said.



Schweikert

Wendell A. Schweikert, 36, was booked on two counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor after a parent of the boy accused the

teacher of having sex with him at school at least twice, Laurens Police Chief Robin Moore said.

Authorities said Schweikert remained in jail Friday afternoon and a bond hearing was set for Saturday. A message left at her home was not returned Friday evening.

Prosecutor Jerry Peace said more charges may be filed in the case.

He did not know who Schweikert's lawyer would be.

Police said Schweikert, who resigned from his job at E.B.

Moore Elementary School on Friday, had been an employee of the school district for nine years and had no criminal history or prior complaints against her.

Laurens is in northwestern South Carolina.

"This is an unfortunate situation that is being taken seriously," district Superintendent Edgar Taylor said in a news release.

"This type of behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in the district."

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Mistrial declared in case of baby's death

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Saturday in the murder trial of a woman accused of fatally cutting the arms off her 10-month-old daughter.

Police arrested Schlosser in the fourth day of deliberations in the case of Dena Schlosser, 37, who pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

"Any further deliberations would be pointless," the jury said in a note to Judge Chris Oldner after nearly nine hours of discussions Saturday.

Juries acquitted Schlosser in November 2004 after finding her baby Margaret, known as Maggie, dying in her crib, and Schlosser covered in blood, holding a knife and listening to a hymn.

The prosecution argued that she knew what she was doing, showing the jury grisly photos of the dead baby and emphasizing several witnesses' observations of Schlosser as a healthy, seemingly sane mother.

But psychiatrists testifying for the defense told jurors of multiple psychotic episodes Schlosser denied to them. One doctor said Schlosser told him she felt commanded by God to cut off Maggie's arms, followed by her own limbs and head. Schlosser had a deep cut on her shoulder when police found her.

The jury said on the second day of deliberations that it was deadlocked, but the judge ordered them to continue.

Juries requested numerous rereadings of testimony, with one juror even asking Oldner to define the term "deliberation" and the precise role of a juror. Attorneys on both sides said they have never heard of such requests.

Dr. William Itold had testified that people close to Schlosser had missed obvious signs of severe mental illness. Schlosser's husband, John Schlosser, said he wasn't alarmed when his wife said after church the day before the killing that she wanted to "give the baby to God."

Smart cameras, armed guards will protect new World Trade Center site

NEW YORK (AP) — Visitors to the complex that eventually will fill the World Trade Center site might have to submit to iris scans or thumb print analysis to get into buildings, while smart cameras try to match their faces to a photo database of known terrorists. Armed guards would be on patrol and sensors would test the air for lethal gases.

Preliminary details of a plan to make the redeveloped 16-acre site as terrorism-proof as possible were provided to The Associated Press this past week by former FBI agent James Kallstrom, Gov. George Pataki's senior counterterrorism adviser.

Kallstrom and city and federal officials are aiming for a higher standard of security than is currently in use for public spaces around the nation.

"This'll be reflective of the times we live in," Kallstrom said. "The consequences of attacking here could have more significance to the terrorists. It has a lot of symbolism. It's going to be extremely well protected."

Construction is set to begin this spring on a memorial to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the Freedom Tower, a 1,776-foot skyscraper that some say is having trouble attracting tenants because of security concerns.

The security officials — working with the firm that provided security at the Athens and Salt Lake City Olympics — also are trying to avoid embarrassing public disputes. Last spring, architects working for developer Larry Silverstein were forced to completely redesign the Freedom Tower after the Police

Department publicly aired concerns that the building might not withstand a truck bomb.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the site and has its own police force, could share responsibility for the site with city police and

highly trained, armed security guards.

"These will not be minimum-wage people," Kallstrom said. Deputy police commissioner Paul Browne would comment on how city law enforcement might be involved in the trade center site, saying only that a counterterrorism division team is reviewing "plans for potential vulnerabilities of new construction and existing structures" throughout New York.

Port Authority spokesman John McCarthy said the agency would likely follow Kallstrom's recommendations, which may not be complete for a year.

Some relatives of Sept. 11 victims have lobbied to redesign the memorial and underground museum, saying it would be safer above ground.

"I feel that this is a disaster waiting to happen," said Sally Regenhard, who founded the Skyscraper Safety Campaign after her firefighter son was killed at the trade center. "Putting something like this below the ground is a very, very bad idea."



Kallstrom

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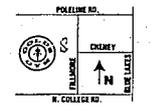
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Governors want assurances from Bush on drug costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Medicare drug benefit could erode states' finances if the Bush administration delays reinsurance, for stepping in during the program's troubled start, some governors say.

The federal pledge is one of the main issues governors plan to raise with the president at a White House meeting Monday.

Under the new prescription program, the federal government is relieving states of the cost of buying medicine for poor elderly people. In

exchange, states will make monthly payments to Washington to help cover the cost of the benefit.

Many states were upset they had to make this payment at all, some are suing to stop it. On top of that expense, states have bought medicine for hundreds of thousands of poor people who were not enrolled correctly when the program began Jan. 1. These people might have gone without their drugs without the states' help.

The federal government cannot have it both ways, asking states to make

their regular payment and cover the early glitches, said Maine Gov. John Baldacci, a Democrat. So far, Maine has paid for 115,000 prescriptions that were supposed to be covered through the program.

"We've put out \$5.9 million, and for a small state like Maine, that's a lot," Baldacci said in an interview while attending the National Governors' Association's winter meeting.

"We can't be expected to pay back what we haven't saved. So we want partnerships developed. We're all tied

in this together."

Many members of Congress have demanded reimbursement for states that are paying for drugs on an emergency basis.

The administration has opposed legislative fixes, saying it can handle the matter more quickly. The Health and Human Services Department has said the government will reimburse states for administrative costs as well as any difference between drug costs and payments from private drug plans.

The bill for some states could be

substantial.

California said it will seek reimbursement for \$150 million. New York has paid an estimated \$115 million to help older people get medicine. Some states, however, are not seeking a penny because they had little extra expense.

Gov. Mike Huckabee, R-Ark., and the association's chairman, said he gets the sense the drug program is working more smoothly, though Arkansas had spent \$6 million it had anticipated and is requesting reimbursement.

Rice's trip casts doubts about U.S. influence

By Barry Schwid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It was probably Condoleezza Rice's unhappiest week as secretary of state, one so disappointing that it raises questions about the Bush administration's ability to shape Middle East events in the near term.

During her three days in the region, Egyptian and Saudi Arabian leaders — who are awkwardly at their side before the news media — refused to support the U.S. financial boycott of the Iranian group Hamas as it takes control of the Palestinian parliament.

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Actor Darren McGavin dies at 83

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Darren McGavin, the husky tough-talking actor who starred in the TV series "Mike Hammer," played a grouchy dad in the holiday classic "A Christmas Story" and had other strong roles in such films as "The Man with the Golden Arm" and "The Natural," has died. He was 83.

McGavin died of natural causes at a Los Angeles-area hospital with his family at his side, said his son Bogart McGavin. McGavin made his film debut in 1945 when he switched from painter of movie sets to bit actor in "I Was Born to Rebel." After a decade of learning his craft in

New York, he returned to Hollywood and became one of the busiest actors in television and film. He starred in five series and became a prolific actor in TV movies. Among his memorable portrayals was Gen. George Patton in the 1979 TV biography "Ike."

CSI

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For others, the choice is more complicated. Last month, CSI President Jerry Beck told members of the budget-setting committee at the Legislature that the local property tax component of the college's funds provides CSI with a great deal of local control and flexibility. In the past, due to the property tax element, the college has been able to move quickly to meet the needs of companies like Jayco and Dell by providing tailored training programs for future employees. Beck isn't sure that CSI could respond the same way under Iyadchik's plan.

In the CSI's early days, a higher percentage of CSI's operating budget came from property taxes, Beck said. In 2006, roughly 14.8 percent of CSI's total funding comes from property tax, the state, payments from other counties as well as tuition from students comprise remainder. The property tax component of the community college's budget in recent years ranged as high as 25.7 percent in 1991.

The state's four-year universities don't rely on property tax for school funding. And, under both Iyadchik's plan and one being proposed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, neither would new community colleges — or, at least not initially, under the governor's proposal.

Kempthorne is asking for \$5 million in "seed money" to be distributed in each of six regions in the state, based on proposals and money submitted by local institutions. Eventually, if residents in the areas want a local campus, they'll likely have to use property tax to do so, Beck supports the governor's proposal.

Williams called the idea of using state dollars to fund community colleges enlightening. By not funding community colleges in the same way that it funds four-year universities, the state makes community college students less important, he said.

In 2001, Rep. Madine Bell, R-Jerome, helped sponsor legislation that provided property tax relief for Jerome County residents. Bell wants to see the Idaho State Board of Education work with Iyadchik and Kempthorne to come up with an economical solution that's fair to the existing community colleges.

"I hope the State Board can come up with a long-range plan that simply does no harm to the system we have," she said.

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1991	0.001673	\$1,898,065	\$591,935	\$591,935	\$2,490,000			
1992	0.001680	\$2,026,279	\$598,239	\$598,239	\$2,614,614			
1993	0.001678	\$2,175,462	\$621,192	\$621,192	\$2,806,598			
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1996	0.001614	\$2,649,744	\$856,156	\$856,156	\$3,705,900			
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2003	0.000861	\$2,232,659	\$644,126	\$644,126	\$2,876,785			
2004	0.000881	\$2,354,539	\$670,730	\$670,730	\$3,025,269			
2005	0.000912	\$2,507,161	\$698,408	\$698,408	\$3,205,569			
Total			\$61,358,861					

NOTE: Property tax makes up only part of CSI's funding. The percentage of CSI's budget that comes from property tax has varied over time. In 1991, property taxes comprised 25.7 percent of CSI's budget; in 2001, 22.3 percent and in 2006, 14.8 percent.

Comparing the community college proposals

Community college system proposals in the 2006 Legislature
Both Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Rep. Ann Rydchik, R-Idaho Falls, have community college system proposals before the state Legislature. Kempthorne's proposal is House Bill 725; Rydchik's, House Bill 699. To track their bills, log on to the Legislature's Web site at <http://www3.state.id.us/legisl/legtrack.html>.

Anticipated FY2006-2007 budget request

- Rydchik's proposal: \$43.9 million in fiscal 2007, but that includes the roughly \$30 million the state already allocates to the existing community colleges.
- Governor's bill: \$5 million above any funding the state gives to the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College.

Funding sources

- Rydchik's proposal: Would eliminate property tax from community college funding. Counties that don't pay property taxes to the community colleges would no longer have to pay up to \$500 per semester for each student from the county who attends community college. Rydchik would earmark 4.25 percent of sales tax dollars to the statewide community college network.
- Governor's bill: The governor's bill would not change the fundamentals of funding community colleges in the state. He is asking for an ongoing amount of \$3.5 million to come out of the state's general fund and a \$1.5 million one-time allocation.

What would happen to CSI?

- Rydchik's proposal: Residents in Jerome and Twin Falls counties would decide whether the college would opt into the statewide system. If voters decide CSI should not opt in, its funding and governance would remain the same. If CSI is opted in, the college would see an increase in its base of trustees from five members to 17. CSI President Jerry Beck fears that Rydchik's plan would threaten the college's local control, thus lessening its ability to respond quickly to the needs of businesses moving into the area.
- Governor's bill: CSI could submit a proposal for additional funds for new programs. The gov-

ernor says this is not a "bricks and mortar" approach to building community colleges.

Regions

- Rydchik's proposal: Five regions comprise Rydchik's community college system. Area one, North Idaho College: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone counties. Area two, Lewis-Clark State College: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis and Nez Perce counties. Area three, Southwestern Idaho Community College: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Poyette, Valley and Washington counties. Area four, College of Southern Idaho: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties. Area five, Eastern Idaho Community College: Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power and Blingham, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton counties.
- Governor's bill: Six regions make up Kempthorne's proposal. Area one: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone counties. Area two: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis and Nez Perce counties. Area three: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Valley, Washington, portions of Elmore and Owyhee counties. Area four: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and the portions of Elmore and Owyhee counties not included in area three. Area five: Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power counties and a portion of Blingham County. Area six: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton counties and the remaining portion of Blingham county not included in area five.

U.S. steps up efforts to calm chaos in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Bombs and gunfire killed about 60 people as another daytime curfew Saturday failed to halt violence that has claimed nearly 200 lives since the destruction of a Shiite shrine set off a wave of retribution against Sunnis and pushed Iraq toward civil war.

In an unusual round of telephone diplomacy, President Bush spoke with seven leaders of Shiite Sunni Arab and Kurdish political parties in a bid to defuse the sectarian crisis unleashed by the bombing of the Shiites' Askariya shrine in Samarra.

Bush "encouraged them to continue to work together to thwart the efforts of the perpetrators of the violence to sow discord among Iraq's communities," said Frederick Jones, a spokesman for the White House's National Security Council.

The U.S. president's personal intervention appeared to ease Sunni fears and give new impetus to political moves to resolve the crisis. During a late night meeting at Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's residence, representatives of Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish parties agreed to renew efforts to form a national unity government.

"I am very happy and very optimistic," al-Jaafari said. "Our people are very far from civil war and everyone asserted that the first enemy of Iraq is terrorism and there isn't a Shiite who is against a Sunni who is against a Sunni."

Sunni leaders did not explicitly say they would end their boycott of coalition troops, announced Thursday after a wave of Shiite reprisal attacks on Sunni mosques. But a Sunni leader, Tariq al-Hashimi, said all sides agreed that one of the solutions to the sectarian crisis "is to form the government as soon as possible."

"(Friday) they were fighting each other," Kurdish politician Mahmoud Othman told The Associated Press. "Until noon (Saturday) there were no improvements but suddenly after



An Iraqi boy tries to lift a dead sheep killed in a car bomb explosion Saturday in Karbala. The blast killed at least six people.

Bush called them, they all went to the meeting. There is strong American pressure because they are very much concerned about Iraq."

Reprisal attacks that followed the Wednesday blast in Samarra had derailed talks on forming a new Iraqi government and threatened Washington's goal of building up a self-sufficient Iraq free of U.S. military involvement.

A second straight day of curfew in Baghdad and three surrounding provinces kept the city relatively calm, raising hopes the worst of the crisis was past. Authorities lifted the curfew in the areas outside Baghdad but Sunday an all-day vehicle ban followed for the capital and its suburbs.

"I think the danger of civil war as a result of this attack has di-

minished, although I do not believe we are completely out of danger yet," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told reporters Saturday night.

Nevertheless, bloodshed continued. A car bomb exploded in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, killing at least six people, hospital officials said. Gunmen broke into a Shiite home northeast of Baghdad and massacred 13 male members, police said.

Bodies of 14 Iraqi police commandos were found near their three burned vehicles near a Sunni mosque in southwestern Baghdad, police Maj. Fadh al-Mohammedawi said. Two rockets slammed into Baghdad's Shiite slum, Sadr City, killing three people, including a child, and wounding seven, police said.

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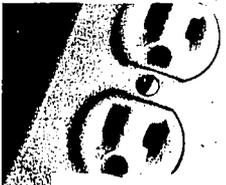
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Because the moratorium cannot last longer than six (6) months, and because any new ordinance provision must make its way through at least one public hearing before the planning and zoning commission and then before the commissioners, **possible ideas must become firm proposals no later than March 15, 2006, in order to allow sufficient time for public discussion and possible modifications.** Residents with constructive suggestions concerning how to approach commercial and industrial siting in rural areas, both through the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance, should submit those suggestions in writing to:

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Cassia County schools may start random drug testing

High school athletes competing for Cassia County schools will have to consent to random drug testing if the board of trustees agrees to a proposal suggested by a committee of administrators, athletic directors, coaches, residents and students.

If the policy is approved, athletes who don't consent to random testing won't be allowed to participate in the district's athletic program. The proposed policy calls for random testing of athletes. For anonymity, the athletes will be assigned a number and that list will be safeguarded.

If the board of trustees approves the proposed testing policy, it would go into effect July 1. The board is scheduled to hear the matter March 14.

Burley schools may face restructuring options

For the past five years, Burley's junior high and high schools haven't met the standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind education program for students in the economically disadvantaged and Hispanic populations.

If they don't meet standards next year, they face restructuring options which include replacing all or most of the schools' staff, contracting with a private management company to operate the schools, having the state take over the schools' operations, reorganizing the schools as charter schools or some other reconfiguration of the schools' governance.

The district is able to apply for two grants that would help pay for the teacher in the credit recovery computer lab, construction of the lab and teachers' professional development.

California business will move to new Burley site

City Administrator Mark Milton told Burley City Council members that Larry Mulholland, owner of Mulholland Positioning Systems, picked a Burley site to relocate his manufacturing business because of the low cost of doing business in California.

He said some key staffers will come with the business, but most of the employees will be hired from the local labor pool. Cassia Regional Technical Center played an important role in assisting Mulholland, he would be able to hire educated and trained staff locally, Milton said.

The 35-year-old company manufactures postural support seating, standing and walking systems for children and adults with cerebral palsy, spina bifida and other types of motor development disorders, according to a press release from the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

Minidoka County School Board OKs boundary adjustments

The Minidoka County School Board approved proposed attendance boundary adjustments that will shift about 300 students throughout the district and allow a more even distribution of students at the district's two middle schools. The shift will help the district's four elementary schools absorb the students who will be moved from the Memorial campus, which will be transferred into the Mt. Harrison High School.

The board approved a resolution setting May 15 as the date for the trustee elections for zones one and four. Board Chairman Brian Duncan and Trustee George McDonald now represent those zones. The board tabled a proposal to renew the supplemental levy for school repairs.

The levy, which must be renewed by voter approval every two years, is now \$987,500.

Kidnapping threat keeps Heyburn students inside

A reported threat of kidnapping led Heyburn Elementary School and Heyburn Police Department officials to keep students inside classrooms during recess Thursday, a police spokesman said.

Police say a man who had been before them in a child and traveled to Mexico allegedly threatened to take the child, a student at the school, again.

Teachers were asked to keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior around school property, but police say there is no danger to the students or faculty.

Council approves donation to Buhl High school track

Burley's City Council approved a \$7,500 conditional donation to the Buhl High School track renovation, but the school will get the money only if Cassia County Commissioners agree to match the donation.

Track supporters will bring the council Tuesday, asking them to donate \$15,000 toward the \$120,000 effort. Brian Tibbets, the city's community development director, said if the community passes a proposed recreation district, there would be about \$200,000 annually that could be used for projects such as the track.

The council opted to provide \$7,500 if the county will match the funds. Superintendent Mike Chevely said Wednesday that he plans to ask the board to match the city-county donation of \$15,000 if the county comes through with its portion of the funds.

— compiled by Jani Whitford from the South Idaho Press

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES



Tarole Hull and her daughters Tristina, 7, right, and Teanna, 9, take their dogs Skittles, Ient, and Sparky for a stroll along the Snake River Trail near the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. More opportunities to take advantage of Snake River scenery and community recreation activities fuel the effort to pass a recreation district in Northern Cassia County.

Signature drive has rec district headed toward ballot

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — They did it. Volunteers used old-fashioned shoe leather to gather the 1,200 signatures — plus one extra — needed to put a proposed recreation district in northern Cassia County on the May 23 ballot.

"To me it's saying we value our recreation and we value our community and making it look good," said Kim Seely, chairwoman of the volunteer Burley Area Action Team that led the signature drive.

The team plans to deliver its petition to Cassia County commissioners Monday morning. The three-member commission must review the measure before it officially makes the ballot.

It would give voters the chance again to decide whether they want to pay a \$3-a-month household tax to support public projects such as upgrades to the city's pool and tennis courts and even a Snake River trail south of the river between the two Burley bridges.

Last time the proposed Oregon Trail Recreation District was on the ballot it passed easily with 59 percent of the vote. That was in 1998, but the district was disbanded less than a year later by a court decision, because it had inadvertently overlapped with the Oakley Recreation District.

NewsTracker

- **Last we know:** Local volunteers were collecting signatures to put a proposed recreation district in northern Cassia County on the May 23 ballot.
- **The latest:** Volunteers plan to turn in their petition with 1,201 signatures to Cassia County commissioners at 9 a.m. Monday in the county courthouse.
- **What's next:** Commissioners must review the petition and officially approve it.

Once again a simple majority is needed for the measure to pass. Approval would mean a flat tax of \$36 annually per housing unit within the proposed boundaries that include the city of Burley south of the Snake River, and the surrounding voting precincts of Starrs Ferry, Unity, Grandview and Springdale. Some farmland is included in the proposed district, but the boundary lines mostly encompass residential areas.

The district would raise about \$154,000 a year, said Brian Tibbets, the city's development director and Action Team secretary. That money alone won't accomplish all of the potential projects. But

creation of a recreation district would allow the area to leverage local funds and compete for grant money, he said.

A three-member commission appointed by the governor would oversee the district.

Seely, a mother of three, looks at it as a small investment that could bring big payoffs in 20 years.

"That's a dollar a month investment per child. That would be a wise investment for my family," she said.

Most of the people Seely met during signature gathering supported the effort, she said. The main concern came from senior citizens worried about making ends meet.

Offering more recreation opportunities can be a potential draw not only for visitors but also prospective employers looking for communities to do business, said Matthew Flygare, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

And judging by the popularity of the short river-side trail in Heyburn next to the Chamber of Commerce building, people are looking for easily accessible opportunities.

"We have walkers every day of the year regardless of how nasty it might be outside," Flygare said.

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Teen's positive attitude made good impression

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

BURLEY — James Seech was an outgoing and energetic young man who loved being outdoors and snowboarding at every opportunity and was leaning to skateboarding.

James' was tragically cut short as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Saturday, Feb. 11.

With his good-natured attitude he always wore a smile. "Even if he was having a bad day you never knew it," his mother Lori Ennis said.

Not only did James maintain a good attitude, he did his best to make those around him feel good as well. "He could always make me laugh," said Layla Relford, a close friend of James. "If he thought you were having a bad day he would pull faces or do stupid things to make you laugh. He was always fun to be around."

James attended West Minico Middle School and Burley Junior High School. No matter where he was, though, he was surrounded by friends.

"He always got along with everybody," said Jeff Peterson, one of James' many friends. "I never saw him mad. He was the coolest."

According to Bev Ramsey, a counselor at Burley Junior High, "The students at Burley Junior High School realize that James was very positive and lived life to the fullest. They are trying to honor him by doing the same."

He participated in Christian, Ed and the Ag program at school. Although he didn't get the best grades (he preferred visiting with his classmates), he was very talented. He loved to draw and was a great cook. He frequently helped his stepfather Randy Ennis do bodywork on cars. James was always willing to help anyone at any time.



James Seech, right, and his twin brother Justin, left, were inseparable, best friends since birth. The two spent a lot of time together and shared a special bond.

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Everyday for us is second for him
It won't be long till we're all with him.
I know there's one person who feels worse, just one.
In life a brother, unknowing best friend, that can't face the fact that his brother is gone.
All we got is to reminisce about the good times,
And although it's hard just remember, he's only gone for tonight.

By Nick Rich, longtime friend of James Seech

As testament to his giving nature, James' eyes, liver, pancreas, heart and kidneys have been donated and are helping others to live. James and

his mother had discussed organ donation since she is a registered organ donor. James had expressed clearly that he would want his organs to be

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used to help someone else if he were ever injured to that point. "James is not gone," his mother said. "He's living on in others."

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Saving salmon

One out of every four endangered species dollars goes to Northwest salmon

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Northwest populations of Pacific salmon accounted for one of every four state and federal dollars spent on saving endangered or threatened species during 2004, according to a new report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Government agencies spent \$393 million on helping the five Pacific salmon species protected by the Endangered Species Act — chinook, steelhead, coho, sockeye and chum. Total government spending for 1,938 listed species was \$1.4 billion, the report said.

And the cost promises to rise. The Bush administration says it will spend \$6 billion over the next 10 years to modify eight federally owned hydroelectric dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers to make them less lethal to salmon.

Cost is increasingly becoming a factor in the debate over how best to restore struggling salmon runs. "Virtually everyone in the region supports recovery," said Bob Lohm, Northwest regional director of NOAA Fisheries, the federal agency responsible for restoring salmon. "The debate is about the most effective way to get there and whether it can be done as effectively at a lower cost."

"The ESA plainly makes the value decision that not only is it worth it, but we've got to do it," he added. "That decision is made for us."

Salmon compete for water and habitat with hydroelectric dams, irrigation withdrawals, barge transportation, shipping channels, logging, livestock grazing and urban development. And federal plans to minimize the harm from those competing interests in the Columbia Basin — particularly the dams — have yet to get approval from a federal judge making sure they measure up to the demands of the Endangered Species Act.

Reps. Greg Walden, R-Ore., Brent Hand, D-Wash., and Norm Dicks, D-Wash., have held a series of hearings putting more pressure on sport and commercial fishing and hatcheries to contribute.

"Right now it seems like some of this is on autopilot in the region and we're paying a pretty heavy cost," said Walden. "When you add up the costs to the region in cash, jobs, in environ-

tion, we should be making sure we get these little fish out, and when they come back as adults minimize the impediments to reproducing in streams. That includes passage through the hydro system, access to the habitat, and can they swim past the nets and the hooks."

The Bush administration has backed them up with a proposal to reduce the impacts on protected fish from fishing and has started a comprehensive review of hatcheries — shutting some down if necessary — to be sure they no longer harm protected fish. Scientists have long blamed hatcheries for producing salmon that dilute the gene pool, spread disease, and compete for food and habitat, while being less fit to survive in the wild.

Property rights advocates are suing to delist the 26 separate populations of the five Pacific salmon species, arguing there is no reason to focus recovery efforts on wild fish that spawn in rivers, rather than just replacing them with fish spawned in hatcheries.

"It should raise some questions concerning whether this is the way the American public wants their limited resources directed," said Russell Brooks, an attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation, which is handling the lawsuits. "Instead, we just keep throwing money hand over fist to protect the salmon that we like, or some people like."

Noting that dams are responsible for killing as much as 80 percent of the young fish migrating to the ocean, salmon advocates argue that efforts to reduce harvests are intended to divert attention from the dams — particularly their proposal to remove four dams on the lower Snake River in Eastern Washington.

They note that NOAA Fisheries said in a 2000 plan that cutting out all fishing would have little effect on listed runs.

American Rivers, a conservation group, estimates that breaching the four dams on the Snake would cost up to \$1 billion over the next 10 years, compared to the \$6 billion the Bush administration is spending on modifications to help juvenile fish get around the dams.

The \$2 billion saved could go to upgrading railroads to take the place of barges that load grain to Portland, and developing wind power and energy conservation to replace the

The cost

Ranked by spending to restore them, Northwest populations of Pacific salmon account for eight of the top 10 threatened and endangered species in the country. The combined populations of Pacific salmon protected by the Endangered Species Act accounted for \$393 million of the \$1.4 billion spent on threatened and endangered species by state and federal governments in fiscal 2004.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1,200 megawatts produced by the dams, said American Rivers spokesman Michael Garrity.

The first salmon on the endangered list was the Snake River sockeye in 1991, which has dwindled to a few fish returning each year. A few more runs were protected in the early 1990s, then the floodgates opened in the late 1990s. One, Oregon coastal coho, has been taken off the list by court action, and NOAA Fisheries decided against putting it back based on Oregon's protection efforts.

Now, six of the eight most expensive salmon efforts are in the Columbia Basin in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. They are Snake River spring/summer chinook, Snake River steelhead, middle Columbia River steelhead, Snake River fall chinook, upper Columbia River spring chinook, and Snake River sockeye. The other two are Puget Sound chinook and coho in the Klamath Mountains of southern Oregon and Northern California.

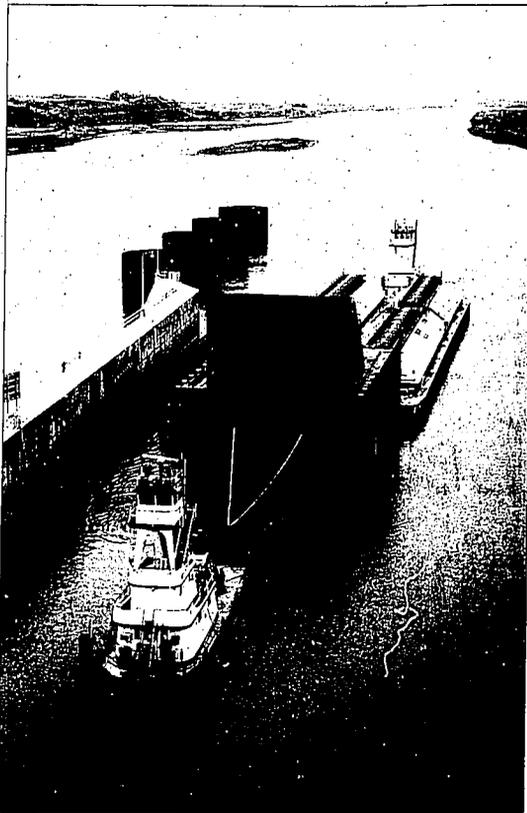
In 2001, accounting methods were changed to include as a salmon cost the electrical power sales lost to the Bonneville Power Administration because it spilled water rather than killing young salmon by running them through turbines. With the accounting change, the calculated amount spent on salmon leaped 20 percent, from \$240.8 million in 2000 to \$306.3 million in 2001.

Salmon advocates argue that the accounting change paints a biased picture, assuming that BPA owns all the water in the river and can do what it likes with it.

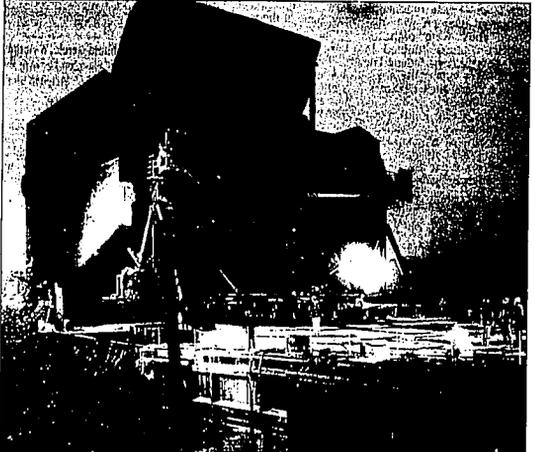
"It misleads the public, it misleads Congress, and it's part of their annual ritual of underestimating the need and overestimating the expenses," said Charles Hudson, spokesman for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

But Lohm said including the forgone hydroelectric revenue helps the public and Congress choose how it wants its money spent.

"It would be simple if it was just about the salmon," said Walden, "but it's not."



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ABOVE: A five-story-tall, 1.7 million-pound, salmon-passage spillway weir is guided into the navigation lock at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River on Feb. 18. It's headed upstream to be installed at Ice Harbor Dam on the lower Snake River.
BELOW: Thompson Metal Fabrication workers at Swan Island near Portland, Ore., prepare the salmon-passage spillway weir on Feb. 16 for movement up the Columbia River.



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Researcher says study should not kill salvage logging bill

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

MEDFORD, Ore. — A graduate student whose research questioned the value of salvage logging said Friday that his results should not affect a proposed bill to speed up decisions on whether to log burned trees.

Daniel Donato, an Oregon State University forestry researcher, was the lead author of a study published last month in the journal *Science* that concluded logging after fires kills naturally regenerated seedlings and leaves more wood on the ground as fuel for new wildfires.

The results generated national controversy and contradicted an earlier report by some prominent Oregon State forestry professors who said huge volumes of timber could

be salvaged from the 2002 Biscuit fire in southwestern Oregon if it was done quickly.

Donato was grilled Friday by congressmen who are crafting a bill to speed up decisions on whether to log national forests after wildfires.

After the U.S. Forest Service took three years to start selling timber killed by the 500,000-acre Biscuit fire, Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., and Rep. Brian Baird, D-Wash., and others sponsored the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act to speed up the process and increase scientific research into regenerating forests after wildfires.

Donato told them his study dealt with limited circumstances on a single fire, and should not be extended to conclude the bill still pending in the

“ I don't think this study is a wholesale threat to this bill. ”

— Daniel Donato, forestry researcher

House is flawed.

“I don't think this study is a wholesale threat to this bill,” Donato said.

Environmentalists are fighting the bill, arguing that cutting large old trees and planting new ones results in forests that are more vulnerable to new fires

and less valuable as habitat for fish and wildlife. They say it is better to leave forests to come back on their own.

Questioned by Walden, Donato acknowledged that if loggers were allowed to harvest dead trees quickly, rather than three years later, far fewer young seedlings would be killed than he saw in his study.

Donato also said it was possible to devise logging methods that killed fewer seedlings.

Walden called the hearing, held before the House subcommittee on forests and forest health, after some Oregon State faculty who favor salvage logging tried to delay publication of the Donato study.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management briefly withheld university funding while the Bush administration sorted out

whether the study violated a prohibition against lobbying Congress. The funding has since been restored after criticism by Democratic lawmakers.

Those actions raised questions by conservation groups and some Democrats about academic freedom and whether the Bush administration was trying to kill science that went against its policies.

Walden said in opening remarks there is limited research available on how best to treat forests after wildfires, and science is often filtered through a haze of “political smoke.”

He added that it was crucial to maintain the academic freedom of scientists, but that ultimately “science is not the final arbiter,” and decisions about how to manage the national forests had to be based on

what society wants.

Rep. Brian Baird, D-Wash., a former Pacific Lutheran University psychology professor, sharply questioned Donato over the statistical methods used to analyze the data, saying they left room for conclusions that were misleading.

Donato disagreed, noting that scientists who reviewed the study for publication in *Science* agreed with his methods.

Rep. Jay Insure, D-Wash., noted that the old Smokey Bear dictum of putting out all forest fires has been found to be a mistake, leading to huge buildups of fuel that produce huge, hot fires that destroy wildlife habitat and timber.

Insure added he feared the bill before the House would reduce the amount of science going into salvage logging decisions.

Leaving abusers en route

More immigrants reporting domestic violence since law gave them more options

By Anabelle Gary
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — The number of immigrant women who disclosed they were domestic violence victims doubled in four years under a federal law letting them report the abuse without losing their chance to gain legal status.

Women whose immigration status hinged on their marriage to a U.S. citizen or legal resident can apply for immigrant visas on their own through provisions in the Violence Against Women Act. The law also applies to children who were abused by a parent.

Figures from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services show that in fiscal year 2004, immigration authorities received 3,393 petitions under the domestic violence law and approved 2,968 of them. The latest figures available show 5,877 people filed petitions in 2004, with 5,076 of them approved.

“Sadly, they've been growing each year,” said Vanna Slaughter, director of immigration and legal services at Catholic Charities of Dallas, of the petitions. “The more outreach we do, the more cases we get.”

Better understanding of abuse by the victims and awareness of the available help has led to more cases, say representatives of Catholic Charities and Mosaic Family Services Inc., two agencies that work with immigrants in North Texas.

Often, those seeking help end the abuse initially aren't

aware of the law that will help them remain in the country legally without having to stay with the abuser, caseworkers say. Some of the women don't speak English, don't drive and have been kept isolated.

“I didn't know about the law, ... I would tell myself that I had to put up with it,” said 41-year-old Maria Garcia, speaking of violence and threats she said she endured from her husband. “In that moment, I was shut off from the world.”

First approved by Congress in 1994, the Violence Against Women Act takes aim at abusers who threaten reporting their victims to immigration authorities or not filing paperwork to obtain legal status for them. A parent or child of a petitioning victim also can derive legal status through them.

The law underwent changes in December 2005 that will allow more immigrants to benefit. The changes extend the self-petitioning ability to parents of a U.S. citizen who were abused by that son or daughter. They let some people who are now over 21, but were victimized while under that age, to petition for legalization. Modifications also clarify that regions to open a case can be filed for victims who were ordered deported, whether the person attended the immigration hearing or not.

Mosaic tries to inform people of the protections and services available to domestic violence victims by sending brochures in various languages to coin-operated laundries, grocery stores and other places frequented by immigrants.

Mosaic also provides domestic violence information to agencies that resettle immi-



Immigrant Maria Garcia, a victim of domestic violence, is shown Friday in Dallas. Garcia, whose immigration status hinged on her marriage, can apply for visas on her own through provisions because of the Violence Against Women Act. The number of immigrant women who disclosed they were domestic violence victims doubled in four years under the federal law, which lets them report the abuse without losing their chance to gain legal status.

grants and refugees. Some shelters also refer their clients to anonymous meetings Catholic Charities holds each week to describe how the law works and what is needed to qualify. Word of mouth from women who've already benefited from the domestic violence law also has helped reach out within the immigrant community, caseworkers say.

“They very fast learn to know who to call,” said Mirjana

Omereg, program director at Mosaic, in Dallas. “They know we speak their language.”

Still, making the cases referable proof that can be hard to obtain. Abusers may have kept their spouse and children's legal documents, such as their Social Security card and immigration documents. Other times, friends or family who witnessed the abuse are reluctant to give their testimony for cases, caseworkers say.

“A lot of them might not have a lot of the proof required. It's a situation where it's sometimes difficult to prove,” said UCIS spokeswoman Maria Elena Garcia-Upton.

Once a case is approved, the petitioner gains the ability to legally live and work in the country and is on the way to receiving permanent legal status. Once they begin the process, many become very self-sufficient by finding jobs, learning to

drive or getting involved in their community, caseworkers say.

“It was something that I thought I would never get out of. ... Now I'm showing him, I'm showing him I can make it on my own,” Garcia said.

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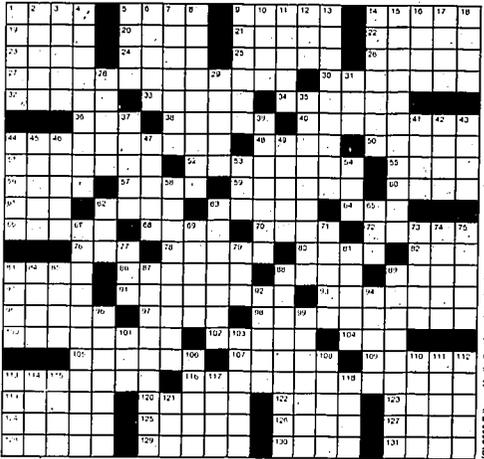
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USES plans more competitive bidding in wildfire contracts

By Becky Bohrer
 Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — The U.S. Forest Service is planning to implement competitive bidding for some private firefighting equipment and services following an audit that criticized current practices.

The 2005 audit from the agency's inspector general said the Forest Service practice of setting a single standard rate for contract equipment in advance "neither gives the agency the best value nor the best vendor for its dollar."

A regional agency official, Susan Prentiss, said the agency will implement so-called "best value" practices for select equipment in at least three of the agency's Western regions this year.

Prentiss said the new contracts will take into account the price offered by contractors, as well as factors such as the condition of equipment and, eventually, past performance of both the equipment and the contract firefighters operating them.

Missoula, Mont. were being used to line up resources in preparation for fire season. The move to best value shouldn't interfere with getting needed resources to fire lines in a pinch, she said.

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Council considers ban on salmon fishing

By Jordan Robertson
 Associated Press writer

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Researchers seek to protect sea creatures from ocean noise

By Tara Godwin
 Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — Rain falling on the surface of the ocean can be heard more than a mile deep, and at some frequencies it's louder than passing ships, according to oceanographer Jeff Nystuen.

Nystuen, of the Applied Physics Laboratory at the University of Washington, is one among scientists studying how sound travels through the ocean, to better understand how loud, man-made noises might affect marine creatures.

"We don't really know what is too loud underwater, and we need to know what the baseline is," Nystuen said.

Underwater noises, particularly U.S. Navy sonar, have long been blamed by environmentalists for the fatal beachings of whales.

The Natural Resources De-

fense Council and other plaintiffs, alleged in a federal lawsuit last fall that the Navy's mid-frequency sonar used for detecting enemy submarines disturbs and sometimes kills whales and dolphins.

The Navy issued a similar lawsuit three years ago by agreeing to limit its peacetime use of experimental low-frequency sonar.

To find out what sounds sea creatures are exposed to, Nystuen moored microphones at spots around the world, from the Mediterranean to the South China Sea, to collect a year's worth of sound. He spoke Thursday during the biannual ocean sciences meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

Building up his inventory of sounds since 1999, Nystuen is looking for long-term patterns of relative loudness.

His findings show that among higher pitched sounds, min is the loudest, far louder than pass-

ing ships. Among lower-pitched sounds, shipping is the loudest sound, followed by rain.

Nystuen's recordings haven't yet been able to account for the creatures' behavior in response to noise.

"If you came to see me in Seattle and said, 'I want to see some killer whales,' I would take you to Haro Strait, which is the noisiest environment that I've ever made measurements in," he said. Haro Strait lies between the U.S. and Canada.

Nystuen said his listening devices could be used to make sure animals aren't nearby before setting off a blast or testing sonar.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spent three years figuring out how best not to harm protected species during a project completed this summer at the port of Miami that required the agency to blast solid rock out of the harbor, said Terri Jordan, a biologist with the corps.

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EDITORIAL

Keep college system plan that follows CSI's model

State politics seem to have put the College of Southern Idaho in a difficult bind with plans for a community college system.

It's as if state leaders are echoing the old Yogi Berra line, "If you come to a fork in the road, take it."

Neither the plan from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, to start seed money in satellite community college programs, nor a proposal from Rep. Ann Reich, R-Idaho Falls, to go along with local property taxes for community colleges, will put CSI on a completely clear road to the future.

Our view: Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's \$5 million community college plan is better than an alternative to reform the system.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

So basically, it comes down to choosing the lesser of two evils. And in this case, Kempthorne's plan poses the lesser threat to CSI.

CSI President Jerry Beck left his official support to Gov. Kempthorne's community college plan last week. That endorsement came after State Board of Education President Rod Lewis urged the Legislature to pick a proposal this year, before out-of-state competition moves in to the Treasure Valley.

Kempthorne wants to spend \$5 million for the creation of a community college system, without new buildings or facilities. The general fund would provide \$3.5 million of that total and would continue annually. The remaining \$1.5 million would be a one-time appropriation to start the system.

Idaho universities and colleges would make requests for proposal to use the funds.

The biggest player in this deal, Boise State University, is all smiles with the governor's start-up plan. As the State Board disperses the \$5 million, BSU stands to gain the most with its proximity to the greatest area of need.

Kempthorne's plan doesn't change any funding formulas for existing community colleges, but it leaves open the issue of long-term governance for the new system and programs it would create.

Still, that's not as bad as the problems with HB 699. Rydahl's bill would create a five-region system, including a new Southwestern Idaho Community College and Eastern Idaho Community College. The system would be supported by sales taxes and do away with local property tax requirements on new schools.

As for CSI and North Idaho College, the Rydahl bill would allow property taxpayers in Jerome, Twin Falls, and Kootenai counties to vote next fall on retraining local property tax support for colleges.

No wonder Beck is disturbed by the bill. How many taxpayers do you know who would say no to a property tax decrease?

As little as Kempthorne's bill says about community college governance, the alternative is far worse. Local control of community college programs is being undermined by the Rydahl bill. Seeing so much state money go toward other colleges won't sit well with homeowners in NIC and CSI taxing districts.

The bogging part of these community college reforms is how state leaders talk out of both sides of the mouth. They continue to applaud CSI and NIC as affordable and flexible community college institutions that are worth duplicating. And then, they try to change the very system of local control that has made those schools so successful.

Rydahl's bill would even create a 15-member community college board of trustees to continue local control. But those boards would remain under the direction of the state system. Does that sound like flexible bureaucracy to you?

Legislators and State Board members should look closely, again, at what has made Idaho's two community colleges so vital to their surrounding areas. Are they really comfortable changing that model as they expand community colleges elsewhere in Idaho?

It's enough to make you nostalgic for those gnarly union stewards in "On the Waterfront." The ones who hung up rats on hooks and took away Marlon Brando's chance to be a contend-ah.

Maybe it's corporate racial profiling, but I don't want foreign companies, particularly ones with links to Sept. 11, running American ports.



Maureen Dowd

What kind of empire are we if we have to outsource our coastline to a group of sheiks who don't recognize Israel, in a country where money was laundered for the Sept. 11 attacks? And that let AQ, Khan, the Pakistani nuclear scientist, smuggle nuclear components through its port to Libya, North Korea and Iran?

It's mind-boggling that President Bush ever agreed to let an alliance of seven enemies be in charge of six of our ports. Although, as usual, Incertus George didn't even know about it until after the fact. (Neither did Romney, even though he needed to attack agents that green-lighted the deal.)

Some odd pattern? A stupid and counterproductive national security decision is made in a meeting of chits and balances, and the president's out of the loop.

Was W, too busy not calling Dick Cheney to find out why he needed to attack agents that green-lighted the deal?

Our ports are already nearly naked in terms of security. Only a fraction of the container cranes in the country are checked. And when the White House assures us that the Homeland Security Department will be overseeing security at the ports, is that supposed to make us sleep bet-



ter? Not after the chucklehead Chertoff-and-Brownie show on Capitol Hill.

"Our borders are wide open," said Jon Gaidel of B11 Families for a Secure America. "We don't know who's in our country right now, not a clue. And now they're giving away our ports."

The "not us" routine of W and Dick Cheney is threadbare. The more W warned that he would veto legislation stopping this deal, the more lawmakers held press conferences to oppose it — even conservatives who had formerly supported W on Iraq, the Patriot Act, torture and warrantless snooping.

Bush is hoist on his own petard. For four years, the White House has accused anyone in Congress or the press who defended civil liberties or questioned anything about the Iraq war of being soft on terrorism.

Now, as Congress and the press turn that accusation back on the White House, Bush acts mystified by the onyx of xenophobia.

Lawmakers, many up for reelection, have learned well from Karl Rove. Playing the terror card works.

A brisly Bush said Tuesday that scorching the deal would send "a terrible signal" to a worthy ally. He equated the "Great British" with the UAE. Well, maybe Britain in the 12th century.

Besides, the American people can be forgiven if they're confused about what it means in the Arab world that he is an ally. It's a nation that helps us security assets to them as well as our own.

Just because the wealthy foreigners who own our debt can blackmail us with their economic leverage, does that mean we should expose our security assets to them as well?

As part of the Lunatic White House defense, Dan Bartlett argued that "people are trying to drive wedges and make this to be a political issue." But as the New Republic editor Peter Beinart pointed out in a recent column, W has made the war on terror "one vast wedge issue" to divide the country.

One of the real problems here is that this administration has run up such huge trade and tax-cut-and-spend budget deficits that we're hooked to the Arabs and the Chinese to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars.

If they just converted their bonds into cash, they would own our ports and not have to mercy rent them.

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Now, however, the president has pulled us together. We all pretty much agree: Mitts off our ports.

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Action needed, and soon, on recharge

Perhaps, the most important socio-economic issue facing Idaho in the 21st century is the condition of the state's water resource — in particular, our groundwater resources, which are, by the estimates of our aquifers, at a "crisis" condition statewide.

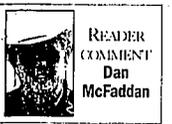
Because we depend on them for roughly 98 percent of our drinking water, the declining health of our aquifers should rank among the highest priorities of the state's lawmakers.

The huge 10,000-square-mile Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is of particular concern because of its tremendous importance to the entire state.

Over the past several decades, our failure to implement timely remedial efforts to deal with the developing situation has been seriously hampered by a pervasive sense of denial and indifference by both citizens and lawmakers.

In their current efforts, the Legislature indicate that this is no longer so much the case. Water interests throughout the state have demonstrated their willingness to assist in solving our water "crisis."

Along with the extended drought we have experienced



READER COMMENT
Dan McFadden

over the last several years, one of the most egregious reasons for the declining health of our aquifers has been the lack of recharge, either managed or natural.

Eastern Snake Plain water managers tell us they are diverting, on average, nearly 1 million acre feet less irrigation water from the Snake River today than was diverted in 1970. Hydrologists say that water is now going down the river instead of out on Snake Plain farmlands where it once provided invaluable incidental aquifer recharge. Hydrographs of wells, streams and springs from Bliss to Ashton prove their thinking.

Institutional water issues with other water interests, e.g., federal agencies, regulators and contractors such as the Palisades Agreement, have largely prevented meaningful managed aquifer recharge.

Arguably, there are also is-

suues with other large hydropower interests who may feel they are entitled to all the water resulting from a spring flush such as experienced in 1997. Others would debate that if the run-off occurs at a rate in excess of generating capacity, part of that water should go into recharge, most of which will reach the river anyway through spring discharge.

The primary reason these obstacles haven't been addressed is because no one has taken the initiative to talk to these interests to see if there are cooperative ways to address the problem. Evidence supporting this contention is the fact that no plans are in place to take advantage of a seldom-seen run-off prospect presented by our present snow pack.

All of these things, plus the ongoing litigation between surface water and groundwater users are undeniable evidence that our system of water governance in Idaho has not met the needs of a healthy water resource. We have tried unsuccessfully to combine the jobs of water administration with water rights and use with water management (water supply and distribution).

Although interrelated, these

two tasks are very different, extremely complex jobs. The Legislature should be looking closely at these symptoms of failure with the objective of curing the disease, not just treating the symptoms.

We didn't get where we are with our water problems overnight and "quick fixes" are not the answer. Correction will be an expensive process supported by everyone who uses water.

No one is suggesting subversion of the priority doctrine — first in time is first in right. What is being said is that to continue to do nothing to improve our system of water governance and management is an unacceptable alternative that will ultimately dampen progress and new economic development in Idaho.

The bottom line is that 19th and 20th century water management and administration is not meeting 21st century water demands.

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Election policy shows need for real change

It seems that our ever-increasing self-serving county commission has, by a 2-to-1 vote, come up with a new policy to assure their own re-election at the extreme expense of the public. I refer to the new policy that requires county employees to resign upon announcing their intention of running for public office, unless, of course, you are an incumbent. They say you get no incentive for giving up your means of supporting your family while campaigning but are allowed to campaign while on the clock. Their claim is that they have taken this action to assure that county functions continue to

run smoothly during election seasons. If there is anyone out there that buys that, I have a pineapple plantation just north of the Perrine Bridge that I would like to sell you. Much more likely is the commission's wish to protect their own jobs. Incumbency already has a great advantage simply from the fact of visibility. Now the commission wants to block out the very best and most qualified candidates from challenging them.

It is that the most qualified person to challenge any incumbent is the person under their charge, and the commissioners are well aware of this fact. During the last elections, Sheriff Wayne Tinsley investigated this policy by phoning

his opponent on unpaid leave for daring to challenge him.

This cost the county an able and qualified deputy and he quipped it to hire and train another of great cost to the taxpayer, both in money in terms of cost to search out and train the replacement and also in decreased capability while he was being hired and trained. How can anyone claim that assured smooth operations?

I voted for Sheriff Tinsley until the last election. I did not and will not in the future. The Commissioners Brockman and Grindstaff will never receive my vote again, either. Contrary to their apparent belief, none of these men have a divine right to their positions.

Democrats, now is your

chance. Please come up with some good commission candidates in the next two elections. I can guarantee you at least two long-standing Republicans who will cross over if you do. Otherwise there will be some write-ins. And both parties should get some qualified candidates to run for sheriff next year.

A. WAYNE FRANDSEN
Twin Falls

Dog shooting happened inside Hollister city limits

I live in Hollister, and on Feb. 10, a dog that belonged to a friend of mine was shot inside the city limits.

The dog died long for five days before it finally died a slow

and painful death.

The bullet went all the way through. My question is where did the bullet go? What child could it have hit? What was this person thinking when he was shooting inside the city limits of Hollister?

RYLA LINDGREN
Hollister

Bring in the T-Rex to 'circle of natural life'

This letter is in reply to that of Ben Schepers and Helen Stone which appeared in *The Times-News* on Feb. 22.

Rumors have it that the last of T-Rex was slain by a cave man a few million years past. T-Rex, like wolves, belong in the circle of natural life.

A friend of mine, a geneticist, has recently done some DNA from a couple of T-Rex eggs found in the Wood River Valley. It is our plan to clone a few of these beauties and return them to the "circle of natural life."

The idea is to start planting some breeding stock in the Wood River Valley. Then, of course, La Brea Tar Pits, in development in Idaho. Once they have started reproducing and spreading out in the "valley," I trust you will give us down here, where we try to make a living raising livestock among ravenous wolves, a full report on our breeding program and reintroduction of the T-Rex species to its natural habitat.

JOHN A. DOBER
Twin Falls

LETTERS

OPINION

Tax-cut critics ignore the real prosperity

In answer to Adam Metcalf's letter of Feb. 18, I would like to refute some of his misguided liberal letter. It is merely a rehash of the same whining we have heard for the last five years.

In the first place, many of the so-called "tax cuts" were timed and only kicked in over several years. And even at the beginning, the tax cuts were supposed to be "revenue neutral." All this meant was that the state took from one and gave to another. Actually, however, I recently read that in 2005, the government collected more tax revenue than in any other year in history. So much for "tax cuts."

Actually, the one tax cut that was unnoticed at first and one that has spurred one of the greatest economic booms in the history of the United States is the one that said that if you had lived in your home for more than two years and sold it for a gain, that gain was not taxable. At first, it was good only for a lifetime limit of \$250,000 per person but later, this limitation was removed.

This tax cut has spurred that growth from that has reverberated throughout America. The couple that bought a home in California in 1975 for, say, \$75,000, found that they could sell for \$500,000 and pay no tax. So they noticed the place, came to Idaho perhaps, and found that they could buy or build a new place (maybe even larger than the old one) for \$200,000 with \$20,000 or less down. So they buy the new place and retire — no tax. There is only one way to treat taxes, and that is to expand the tax base and lower the rate. Also, get away from the Communist Manifesto-recommended income tax and put our system on a basis of spending rather than on income. There is no problem of definition when you spend something, but income can vary tremendously, depending on who is doing the definition.

Power needs require us to take a look at coal

There seems to be a great deal of one-sided opposition to the proposed coal-burning power plant in Jerome County. I like up a new if alternative sources of power are going to be available when needed or if they wouldn't be a worse problem.

I lived and grew up in Port Huron, Mich. (1918-1950), a city with relatively the population of Twin Falls. Our electric power was supplied by a coal-burning plant operated by the Detroit Edison Co. This plant was located on the banks of the St. Clair River midway between Port Huron and a smaller city of Marysville. It was less than 10 miles in any direction to a residential area. Coal was supplied by ship — 6,000 to 7,500 tons at a time — as well as by railroad.

Our power was reliable, reasonable in cost, and Detroit Edison seemed to be a community player. It is true that some air pollution did occur, but no severe problems are remembered.

Blowing winds took much smoke out over the St. Clair River and into Canada. About 1950-1960, many fish from the St. Clair River were found to be contaminated with mercury, although the cause was attributed to new chemical plants and an oil refinery on the Canadian side.

However does not seem capable of providing our ever-growing needs. The president spoke recently of an "expectant breakthrough in energy development" sounds good and it will happen, but construction of distribution facilities takes a long time.

Nuke power is currently being touted as the way to go. New science and technology should be looked at. However, we have not learned much about storage of nuke waste, which can contaminate for 10,000 years. Our Idaho National Laboratory here in Idaho

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is a good example, and the Yucca Mountain storage facility is worse. The latter has been under consideration and construction for 40 to 50 years, and with expenditures of millions of dollars, we still do not have an acceptable storage area.

A power shortage will certainly occur as our state and community grows. Coal-burning plants with modern technology and close government oversight may be the best interim power source until a cheap and nonpolluting other source is developed.

Coal shipments could turn us into Appalachia

Recently, I watched on public television, a nonfiction three-part series about "Two Country Boys" filmed in the Kentucky Appalachians. During the viewing were often seen many long, noisy coal trains creakily-clacking through the community.

If I could help but imagine a similar experience for some Idahoans if coal-fired plants were allowed. Not only would trains with multiple coal-loaded cars be an added disturbance of needed peace and quiet but also extra danger at railroad crossings. Families living permanently near the railroad would eventually have to accept their lifestyle change but would much prefer otherwise. As the saying goes, "We bloom where we are planted." In regard to that, I would add, "If that's all right."

In pondering about coal, Tennessee Ernie Ford's old song comes to my mind. "Sixteen tons, what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt. 'Til I dust that coal in my eye, what would happen if Idahoans choose to stick their heads in the dust? That would allow weekly transportation of approximately four train loads of 120 carloads of filthy coal winding across our state all the way to Jerome County.

Just picture the future after 30 to 40 years with Sempra's coal-fired power operation and possibly several others to boot. How much coal dust would trickle along the rails, filtering into streets, yards and homes? I think about this because I talked with a man who saw this happen. On the positive economic side, people could settle up a new if alternative sources of power are going to be available when needed or if they wouldn't be a worse problem.

When public gatherings would be interrupted by noisy, long, coal trains passing through, citizens would have to create and sing more verses to "I've Been Working on the Railroad." More interruption would happen during redoes, church, weddings, funerals, graduations, reunions and drama entertainment. At least you would have time to stand and stretch and think about how thankful Las Vegas and other profiting communities would be for their added electricity — compliments of Idahoans at our expense of health and well-being.

Thank you for digesting this "food for thought." Please look for and sign local petitions

against large coal-fired power plants so that our coalition can have strong support for legislative action.

Remember, "Idaho is too great to pollute!" "Help Keep Idaho 'The Wilderness State' and keep the spick potatoes off the couch."

PATSY BANNING
Hogerman
(Editor's note: Patsy Banning is a member of the Coalition for Healthy Idaho Communities.)

Voters must improve on dismal library vote

Per *The Times-News* on Feb. 8, there are 17,768 registered voters in Twin Falls County. 2,464 of us took the time to vote on the library expansion bond issue.

What a pitiful, pitiful state of affairs. We have the ability to do something that most of the world is lazy to, literally, and yet are too lazy to go to the polls.

The bond issue was for the library, folks! The library. The place where your children learned to read, remember? If you think the Internet will ever replace a library, you are seriously mistaken. There is nothing that compares to a library organizational system or roaming through rows and rows of "finger" knowledge. The price is always there. The library is the core asset of any community. It defines community. It builds confidence and teaches life skills. If a child does not learn to read, they are doomed for a lifetime. If you don't believe me, ask those adults who never learned.

We have lost our place in the world. Our children are not continuing in math and science because it is "hard." Educators have been warning us that kids don't even attend school, let alone hand in as-

signments or excel at difficult subjects. Should we blame the school? Maybe, but a more valid assessment is at the home. We don't parent any more. How many of you choose your high school student's curriculum? How many of you let your kids' releases because they have sufficient credits to graduate? How many of you discuss homework topics with your kids? Look at the trade deficit folks. It is at an all-time high. We are depending on everyone except ourselves because we are choosing ignorance!

The next bond issue is for a new high school. Invest in our kids. Invest in our future. Build another school. For goodness sake, go vote.

KATE LOPEZ
Twin Falls

Fewer jumps on front pages is appealing

We have noticed on Feb. 20 and Feb. 21 that most front-page articles in *The Times-News* have been wholly contained on the front page. Only one article out of the five headlines was continued to an inside page.

We like that it makes for more enjoyable reading.

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Ask A.N.G.U.S.
The Ask A.N.G.U.S. columns are fictitious questions, with answers and statements posed to a very sickly cow named Angus. Angus, born and raised in Southern California, has sadly suffered from the effects of breathing in toxic-rancid air and grazing on mercury-polluted lands. Angus has stepped forward in order to unite us against the devastation of a coal-burning plant smack in the middle of Jerome County.

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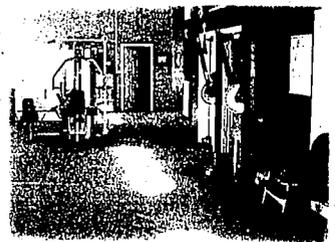
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I've never run into Tonya

There are two kinds of people in the world: Folks who've lived (or now live) in trailers — and those who haven't.

I fall emphatically into the first category, which is just about as much as most folks want to know. Trailer-dwelling, after all, evokes Tonya Harding, Wal-Mart, velvet Elvis paintings, indoor-outdoor campfires, Velveeta, Keystone beer, Neutrogena, old husbands, junkyard dogs and Conway Twitty.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

And, of course, jokes. You know you're a trailer-park redneck if:

- Anyone in your family ever died after saying "I love you."
- You have to go outside to get something out of the fridge.
- Your wife's hand has ever been destroyed by a ceiling fan.

All of which is true, of course. Perfectly respectable people live in mobile homes.

And then there are people like me. I was a trailer-dweller from the time I was 8 until I graduated from high school, and for a time I was the Bart Simpson of Green Ash Mobile Home Estates.

My friends and I set off cherry bombs under trailers. We moved parties in the middle of the night, so folks had to crawl out their front doors in the morning. We stole trash-can lids, strung them together with twine and tied them to the back of pickups. Until, of course, we got caught. My mother grounded me for the rest of the Kennedy administration.

After which, I was a reformed kid — mostly thanks to our neighbor Mr. Sanchez. Our water heater gave out one winter day and my mother, who was a widow and schoolteacher, couldn't afford to have it replaced right away.

By the next morning, neighbors were knocking on our front door offering to do our laundry in their own washing machines. That evening, they showed up again, carted away our dirty dishes, washed and returned them.

And the following Saturday morning, Mr. Sanchez knocked on the front door. Mr. Sanchez was a Cuban who had come to Pocatello to play minor-league baseball in the 1950s. He met a local girl, fell in love, married and stayed on.

Because he was Cuban — this was 1962, the year of the Cuban Missile Crisis — the girl's family effectively disowned her. Mr. Sanchez worked the graveyard shift at a local phosphate plant, which wasn't much of a job for a family with four children. So they lived next to us in the Green Ash Mobile Home Estates.

Mr. Sanchez pointed to the back of his pickup, which was parked nearby. It had a water heater in the back — the same water heater that until 15 minutes earlier had been in *his* trailer house.

"You'd just as well have it," he explained to my mother. "I need to get to a new one anyway."

A near-stranger had effectively just paid to get us a water heater. And I'm sure that the Sanchezes went without something so that we could have hot water.

I've never witnessed generosity of that magnitude from a house-dweller. So if there's such a thing as a trailer-park redneck, count me in.

Besides, I'm qualified: The Blue Book value of my rig keeps going up and down, depending how much gas is in it.

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

Open house will try to clarify bond issue

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In less than three weeks, the community will be asked to approve a \$49.7 million bond levy for the Twin Falls School District.

So the next question is, how much would it cost you?

The Twin Falls School District Long-range Planning Committee will host an open

Any questions?

What: Bond levy election open house
When: Three sessions, at 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. Monday
Where: Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd.

house on Monday to answer that question — as well as

many others the community may have. The event will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School auditorium.

"What we would like to do is have an opportunity for people to see our presentations," said Willey Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent. "The presentations come from a 175-page document that we have paired down into an under-

standable presentation, which we hope will answer questions that people may have."

Dobbs also said a representative of the planning committee will be available to calculate the estimated increase in individual property taxes based on assessed home value, so the public is invited to bring tax stubs or other information that we have paired down into an under-

The open house will include three formal presentations at 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. In addition, planning committee representatives will be available throughout the day to answer questions. Members of the school board also will be available to answer questions.

"We hope to field as many questions as we possibly can," Dobbs said. "And we hope this will provide that opportunity."

A GRAND OLD PARTY



Photo by DOUG GARRETT/The Times-News

Twin Falls High School student Tawny Lynn Oliver shakes hands with Sen. Larry Craig after receiving a Congressional medal Saturday in the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium. Looking on are Bridget Barrus, executive director of the Idaho Congressional Awards Program, second right; and from left, Vicki Risch, wife of Lt. Gov. Jim Risch; Lt. Gov. Jim Risch; and Sen. Mike Crapo.



Members of the Idaho Army National Guard 1-116th Brigade Combat Team of Twin Falls meet Sen. Mike Crapo Saturday at the Turf Club during the Twin Falls County Republican Lincoln Day Banquet. The soldiers returned home in November from Iraq. They are, from left: Sgt. James Van Meter, Sgt. Val Hobson and Spc. Alisha Corider.

More than 40 students receive awards for great public service

By Bob Kirkpatrick Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kids and young adults from the Magic and Wood River valleys received more bronze, silver and gold medals at the Idaho Congressional Awards Ceremony Saturday afternoon that in the entire American team received at the Olympics in Turin, Italy. The event — held inside the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium — recognized over 40 students for outstanding self-improvement and dedication to their communities.

The awards are based on the number of hours each student commits to service performed in the areas of public service, personal development, physical activity and exploration.

Several state and local dignitaries were on hand to speak and present the awards, including Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, and U.S. Sens. Mike Crapo and Larry Craig.

"On a per capita basis, Idaho gives out the most awards in the nation," Sen. Crapo said. "It is an example

Award criteria

The Congressional Awards Program was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1979.

Bronze medal winners must put in a minimum of 200 hours

Silver medal winners must put in a minimum of 400 hours

Gold medal winners must put in at least 800 hours.

of the tremendous youth we have in this state."

According to Bridget Barrus, executive director of the Idaho Congressional Awards Program, over 2,000 young people ages 14-24 participate statewide. One of those participants is gold medalist and national president of the Boy Scouts co-ed division, Amy DiFrancesco.

"It's really exciting to be recognized for this award," DiFrancesco said. "It makes all the time and hard work I put in worth it."

But that is just the beginning of DiFrancesco's excitement. She will be traveling

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Lincoln Day fundraiser helps Republican ticket

By Bob Kirkpatrick Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Members of the IHC 2-116th Brigade Combat Team from the Idaho Army National Guard were on hand for the presentation of the colors at the Twin Falls County Republican Lincoln Day Banquet Saturday night.

The event, held at the Turf Club, drew nearly 200 constituents and candidates during the annual Twin Falls GOP fundraiser. Several U.S. senators, congressmen and representatives also made an appearance to lend their support.

"We have 20 Lincoln Day

banquets across the state," U.S. Sen. Larry Craig said. "I believe it is important for me to show up at these type of events because it helps to raise money and to keep things organized."

Craig said he has also received a lot of support from the party during past election years and that it was the least he could do to support local republicans party members.

Co-chairwoman and coordinator of the event, Jennifer Gose-Jellis, said the Lincoln Day Banquet is the biggest fundraiser of the year.

"The proceeds from the \$30 per plate dinner and auction serves several purposes," Gose-Jellis said.

State tries to keep weed seed out of bird feed

2 Magic Valley manufacturers under scrutiny

The Associated Press

BOISE — The state Department of Agriculture has ordered two dozen companies — including two Magic Valley manufacturers — to stop selling bird seed and other animal feeds that contain noxious weed seeds.

The stop-sale orders were discovered after a routine sampling of animal feed products showed that several manufacturers had been distributing feed contaminated with noxious weed seed to stores throughout Idaho.

Subsequent tests by the Idaho State Seed Lab revealed that 54 feeds from 24 bird seed manufacturers contained seeds from plants on the state's list of noxious weeds.

Banned plants found in those tests included buffalobur, jointed goatgrass, field bindweed, Johnsongrass, Canada thistle and Hoary crest, six of the 36 plants of the state's list of noxious weeds.

The state did not release a list of companies affected by the stop-sale orders when it announced them Friday.

On Saturday, the Lewiston Tribune reported that three Idaho companies had received the stop-sale orders: Black Cat Pellet Mill of Gooding, Wendell Elevator of Wendell and Zampore of Nampa. The newspaper said all the other companies were in other states.

Retail stores that stock seeds and feed from the companies whose products had noxious weed seeds have also been warned to remove the products from their shelves.

Idaho law allows the Department of Agriculture to issue warnings or assess civil penalties against companies. Officials say the department is working with the companies to help eliminate the material from their feeds and determine if any further action is necessary.

Several companies have already begun work on cleaning up their products to fix out noxious weeds from their marketable products in the future, the Lewiston Tribune reported.

The state has spent millions to combat some three dozen types of noxious weeds — alien plants that choke out native vegetation and wildlife. Plants can also be considered noxious weeds if they poison humans and animals, create fire hazards or spoil recreational areas.

The department's bureau chief of plant industries, Michael E. Cooper, said he is frustrated that companies are careless enough to import the noxious weeds after the state and private companies spend so much money to eliminate them.

He said the noxious weeds contained in the products probably come from the fields where other seeds are grown, and that the seeds probably weren't well screened before packaging.

"It's not unusual to pick up normal weed seed," Cooper told the Lewiston Tribune. "But these are not just weeds, they're noxious weeds."

Snowpack levels

Watershed	Incl. %	1999-2000
Salmon	113%	87%
Big Wood	125%	96%
Upper Snake Basin	118%	106%
Big Lost	113%	83%
Little Lost	99%	72%
Henny Fork/Teton	117%	91%
Upper Snake Basin	118%	106%
Oakley	145%	116%
Salmon Falls	100%	103%

As of Feb. 25

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the next snow season, which peaks in late March.

Award recipients

GOLD	Shelley Christensen, Idaho State University	SILVER	Aubrey Brown, Twin Falls HS	Allison Tucker, Twin Falls HS	Ryan Seastrom, O'Leary JHS
Stephanie Ward, Twin Falls HS	Alice Coval, Twin Falls HS	Marjanne Barratt, Kimberly HS	Elizabeth Coval, Twin Falls HS	Joeh Bel Lim Flores, Gooding	Kelly Stout, Kimberly HS
Kirsten Wright, Twin Falls HS	Timberl Essma, Twin Falls HS	Yajna Matsuoaka, Twin Falls HS	Whitney Browning, Twin Falls HS	Samantha Roper, Twin Falls HS	Julie Warner, Robert JHS
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Lenny Lork/Teton Upper Snake Basin	Alex Kraat, Twin Falls HS	Robert Stuart JHS	Kara Lundy, Kimberly HS	Lindsay Maughan, Robert Stuart JHS	Jordan Cider, O'Leary JHS
Salmon Falls	Dajana Kurbogovic, Twin Falls HS	Amy McNey, Robert Stuart JHS	Tawny Lynn Oliver, Twin Falls HS	Abby McNey, Robert Stuart JHS	Maxwell Durtisch, Blaine
As of Feb. 25	Anneka Preston, Wood River HS	Amber Peterson, O'Leary JHS	Sara Marie Showet, Kimberly HS	David Seppol, O'Leary JHS	Abigail Falman, Blaine
					Tyler Hash, O'Leary JHS
					Katie Krumm, O'Leary JHS
					Emma Ward, O'Leary JHS

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Carol Poulton Gordon



BURLEY — Carol Poulton Gordon, born April 7, 1932, in Burley, passed away Feb. 23, 2006, at the age of 73, at Portneuf Medical Center's East Campus in Pocatello, due to a lengthy illness.

Carol is the wife of Gerald Frank Gordon of Burley. Preceding her in death are her parents, Joseph Horton "Petie" and Beatrice Earene Cutler Poulton. Carol was the only child of Petie and Beatrice.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Frank Gordon of Burley, her children, Mary Gordon of Burley, Jerrie Gordon Boyce of Pueblo, Colo., Daniel Gordon of Santa Rosa, Calif., Diana (Dennis) Rose of Burley and Joseph (Christina) Gordon of Hillsboro, Ore.; eight grandchildren, Frank "Scouter," Carol, Andrew, William "Billy," Matthew, John "Ben," Joshua and Jessica; and six great-grandchildren, Ashleyann, Brian, Dylan, Emily, Dustin and Jarena.

Carol never met a stranger. She spent her life and love as a mother and homemaker with endless hours of her own sacrifice for her family and friends. Her outgoing personality, genuine concerns for others, her infectious laughter, joy for life and big heart will live on forever, although greatly missed by all. She freely gave of herself and



gave more than she took from this world.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop P. Scott Bray officiating. Burial will be in Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Robert D. 'Bob' Slagel



TWIN FALLS — A giant finally fell on Friday, Feb. 24, 2006. Born Bobby Dean in Lucas, S.D., in 1930 to Wilbur "Boon" Slagel and Verena (nee LaFave) Slagel, Bob was the second son in a family that would grow to include six boys and two girls, and spent his early years working hard alongside his family on various farms throughout South Dakota. The family relocated in 1942 to Eden, Idaho, and eventually settled in Gooding in 1946, from where Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps (later U.S. Air Force) in 1950. Rising quickly to the rank of staff sergeant, he was a communications specialist on B-29s during the Korean War. He was very proud of his service and many of his favorite relationships and memories were from this time.

After the war, Bob returned home where he married a lovely girl from an early Idaho family, Cleo Umphenour. He and the darling of all his days were married 51 years and had three children, Teresa May (born in 1955), Robin Dean (born in 1957) and Rhonda (born in 1959).

Bob was well-known in southern Idaho and spent many years managing various stores for the Old Greenawald chain, (particularly in Gooding), before moving back to Burley, where he became a member of the Assembly of God Church for six years. Always involved in many business ventures, Bob built

the Green Acres Nursing Home there, beginning with a personal bank loan of only \$1500.00. Seizing opportunity, Bob moved his family to California and over a 30 year career, held several positions from national sales manager to vice president of marketing for many large corporations. During this time, he also continued his pastoral work in particular, spending 15 years as a singles minister in the California Bay Area. Upon a forced retirement due to health issues, Bob returned home with Cleo to his beloved Idaho, where they resided in Twin Falls until his death.

Bob's work ethic was legendary, his sales skills on a par with the greatest, and his generosity touched many. He was a tender and loving pastor, a fierce and talented competitor in business, and any athletic sport. He was a true "man's man," "larger than life" and always at the center of whatever he did. He spoiled his family, defended the underdog and was loyal to his many friends. A great American, a gracious and classy man, a magnificently wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Bob will be achingly missed by all his family, friends and associates.

Bob was beaten to heaven by his parents, Wilbur and Verena; two brothers, Leo and Warren; and his sister, Susie. He is survived by his wife; two daughters and son; his grandchildren, Tausha, Brandee, Eric and Destiny; his great-grandson, Zachary; and his many friends. A Wally Young of Twin Falls. Also, brothers, Sheldon, Albert and Steve, and sister, Janet, along with countless in-laws, nephews and nieces.

Any who knew him for all of his life or who met him only once, would tell you that there will never again be one like Bob Slagel.

All who knew Bob are warmly invited to remember and to celebrate Bob during a service to be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at Twin Falls First Assembly of God Church. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Inurnment will take place at a later time in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding, Idaho.

Sondra L. Mulligan Lee



NAMPA — Sondra L. Mulligan Lee, 66, of Nampa, Idaho, and formerly of Rupert, passed away Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Sondra was born Sept. 12, 1939, in Holdrege, Neb., to Gustie Lee and Leona Lucille Mohr Bjorklund. She lived in Idaho the majority of her life. She worked at the Stinker Station in Heyburn for many years and moved to Las Vegas, Nev., where she worked until her retirement. Sondra was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. She enjoyed fishing, the poker machines in Las Vegas, and being with her children and grandchildren. She

had a great sense of humor throughout her life and up until the very end.

Sondra is survived by her children, Lisa (Raymond) Farr, Steve Mulligan, Nick (Lisa) Mulligan, Wade Mulligan and Travis (Dobbie) Mulligan; numerous grandchildren; one great-grandchild; mother, Leona Lucille Anderson; brothers, Lonnie Anderson and John Anderson; and sisters, Vickie Reardon, Diana Smith and Patty Wainwright. She was preceded in death by her father, Gustie Lee Bjorklund; and stepfather, Jake Anderson.

A memorial service will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2006, at the Freeman home, 501 S. 1st. In Rupert. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Sandra Cruz Edwards
BURLEY — Sandra Cruz Edwards, 66, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Minnie Benton
HOME — Minnie Benton, 94, of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

William W. Freeman RUPERT — William W. Freeman, 84, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at his home.
A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2006, at the Freeman home, 501 S. 1st. In Rupert. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Ella Sauer
JEROME — Ella Sauer, 83, of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Center.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Darrell DeWayne Olmstead of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Kathleen Rose Lovell of Halley, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel).

Erma L. Lowry of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at

Estelle Noreen Iverson of Caldwell, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Lienker Funeral Home, 1001 N. Nyssa. Ore. friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Estelle Noreen Iverson of Caldwell, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Lienker Funeral Home, 1001 N. Nyssa. Ore. friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

SERVICES

Gilbert F. Williams
JEROME — Gilbert F. Williams, 86, of Jerome, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2006, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the

Erma L. Lowry of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at

Erma L. Lowry of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at

Dr. James R. Kircher



BURLEY — James R. Kircher, M.D., passed away at home on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006.

He was born Jan. 2, 1919, in Highland, Ill., to Albert Louis and Ruby Wilhauck Kircher, the third of four children. He grew up in Belleville, Wis. The family moved to Buhl, Idaho, and he graduated from Buhl High School in 1936. He graduated from the University of Idaho in pre-medicine and graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 1945, where he met and married Florence Mary Lincoln (deceased).

He was a medical officer in the U.S. Army from 1945-47, holding rank of captain at the time of his discharge. He began his solo medical practice at Albion, Idaho, in 1947, where he was college physician at the Albion Normal School from 1947-51. During this time, their first child, Meg, was born. In 1948, he moved to Burley and established his practice, retiring in 1984. During this time, their second child, Mark, was born. In 1956, he married Rachel Schoester. He was on staff at the Cottage Hospital, Burley, from 1947-68, when Cassia Memorial Hospital was built. He was chief-of-staff from 1960-62 and 1970-74, was on the Board of Governors from 1970-76 and staff consultant from 1985-present. He was Cassia County's physician from 1951-61.

His life is best described by his commitment, passion and enthusiasm for his patients and lives. The art of medical healing

was his occupation.

His memberships included the South Central Medical Society - president 1957; Mini-Cassia Medical Society - president 1963-64; American Medical Association, to which he served as Idaho delegate twice; and Idaho Medical Association, in which he served in every office except treasurer. He also served as the Medical Advisory Board member, Sears Roebuck foundation from 1967-71; a board member of the Cassia Health Care Foundation from 1984-91; Masons and Shriner; and was a member and elder of the Burley First Presbyterian Church. Other activities include Idaho Physicians People-to-People Tour in 1969, to Sweden, USSR, Poland, Berlin and Czechoslovakia. He was published in "Northwest Medicine."

He enjoyed golf, fishing, gardening, bird hunting, racquetball, snow skiing and had been an instructor at Pomerelle Ski Area.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel of Burley; his daughter, Meg of Challis; his son, Mark (Barbara) of Boise; grandsons, Matthew Mahrt of Corvallis, Ore., and Brian Mahrt (Shawna) of Boise; one brother, Robert of Forest Grove, Ore.; and his nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Florence; a brother, Kenneth; and a sister, Marion.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Nima Lashari officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Burley First Presbyterian Church or to a charity of choice.

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A special thanks to the Burley Fire Department and to Payne Mortuary and their staff for all their special help. We would also like to thank Bishop Gary Johnson and the 11th Ward Relief Society. We were very touched and impressed by the veterans for their excellent military service.

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Douglas Burton Egbert

TWIN FALLS — Douglas Burton Egbert, 87, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 29, 1919, in Lataha, Utah, to Loyal Douglas Egbert and Ethel Burton Egbert. He married Dorothy Furjerson on July 14, 1949, in Elko, Nev., and later divorced in 1951. He married Velma Goodman on Jan. 30, 1953, in Twin Falls. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in November 1962.

He served his country in the United States Navy as well as the United States Air Force. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He worked in the coal mines in Utah, as a law enforcement officer for the city of Twin Falls and Twin Falls County. He worked construction and worked sever-



al years as a custodian for the LDS Church.

He is survived by his wife, Velma Egbert, wife of Bill; his children, Janie Watkins of Fullerton, Calif.; and his grandchildren, Charla (Jay) Thurber of Good-

ing, John (Sally) Egbert of Sandy, Utah; Paul (Connie) Egbert of Redding, Sandria (Steve) Davis of Meridian; Wayne (Mary) Egbert of Battle Ground, Wash.; and Clark (Lana) Egbert of Twin Falls; his brothers, Robert (Jean) Egbert and Donald (Mary Beth) Egbert, both of Twin Falls; and his sisters, Shirley Martin and Nancy Nelson, both of Twin Falls. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, in the LDS 9th Ward building at 3155 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls. Viewing will be one hour prior to service.

Iro Carlton Kuykendall



TWIN FALLS — Iro Kuykendall passed away Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, in his home at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was 89 years old.

Iro was born on April 28, 1916, in Anthony, Kan. In 1922, his parents and three brothers moved to Twin Falls and bought a farm on Addison Avenue East. On Oct. 10, 1940, Iro married the love of his life, Wilma Eslinger. They celebrated 64 years of marriage and happiness before Wilma passed away Feb. 19, 2005. They were blessed with three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Iro farmed until 1960, when he started working at Amalgamated Sugar Company. He retired in 1980. Iro was a member of the Twin Falls First Christian Church, where he served as youth group leader and youth choir director. As a young man, he played the clarinet in the city band.

Iro is survived by his son, Jerry (Chinami) Kuykendall of West Linn, Ore.; his daughter, Peggy (Tom) Treford of Reno, Nev.; and granddaughters, Toni Woodard, Jennifer Martin and Ginger McIntyre. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren. Iro was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma; their first child, Margaret Ann; his parents; and three brothers.

A celebration of Iro's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Ralph Eslinger officiating. A private family interment will take place at Twin Falls Cemetery. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Iro's name to the First Christian Church of Twin Falls or a charity of your choice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Patrick 'Pat' Wayne Talbot



and Evelyn Rawlings; three

daughters, Victoria (William) Wills of Filer, Idaho; Nicole (Dustin) Every of Curcio, Ohio; and Candice Talbot of Filer, Idaho; one sister, Cindy Stephenson of Kimberly, Idaho; one brother, Mike Talbot of Kuna, Idaho; and four grandchildren, Dakota, Brodie, Dalton and Dylan. Iro was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dale Reese.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at the mortuary. Memorials may be sent to Farmers National Bank in Twin Falls, in care of Jeffie Talbot.

FILER — Patrick "Pat" Wayne Talbot, 49, of Filer, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at his home of a sudden illness.

Pat was born Dec. 4, 1956, in Omak, Wash., the son of Louis and Daleene Reese Talbot. Pat was employed by Mountain States Transport as a driver/operator. He loved camping, by fishing, riding motorcycles, being with his grandkids and hunting.

Those who knew Pat were grateful to have gotten the opportunity to know such a happy man.

Pat is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jeffie; his parents; his father and mother-in-law Gary and Evelyn Rawlings; three

Lucy E. (Horsh) Guiles



employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Region 4 in Boise, Idaho.

Lucy is survived by her husband of 50 years, Marshall L. Guiles; a sister-in-law, Violet Guiles of Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Foster Guiles of Idaho; one sister, Judy Stephenson of Grants Pass, Ore.; one niece, Janet and Gay Williams of Arcadia, Calif.; a nephew, Kenneth; and Pam Wilson of California; and special friends, Glenn and June Miller of Kimberly, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Marcia Horsh; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank H. and Ruth Horsh; and an infant brother, Raymond Horsh.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that a donation be made to the Christian Children's Ranch, 2423 Buck Alley Road, Engle, ID 83616, or a charity of your choice.

BOISE — Lucy (Horsh) Guiles, 93, of Boise, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at home of natural causes.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

Lucy was born in Kimberly, Idaho, on April 10, 1912, to Frank and Marcia (Horsh) Horsh. Lucy attended all 12 years of school in Kimberly and went on to attend two years of college at the University of Idaho's Southern Branch in Pocatello, Idaho. On Dec. 26, 1935, Lucy married Marshall L. Guiles at the First Christian Church in Boise, Idaho. She was

Emergency crews struggling in Kootenai

POST FALLS (AP) — Kootenai County Fire and Rescue officials say they are struggling to keep pace with an 8 percent increase in emergency calls since 2004.

The area around Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene is growing, and the fire and rescue district — covering Post Falls, State Line Village, Fernan Village, Huetter and Dalton Gardens — is now the fourth busiest in the state, behind Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Nampa.

"I don't think we're desperate,

but we're struggling to keep pace," Kootenai Fire and Rescue Chief Ron Sampert told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "We may never be able to get ahead of the curve, but we just don't want to get any further behind."

He said the department is trying to add employees gradually to keep up with the growth. The fire and rescue district was formed in 2001 when Post Falls Fire and Kootenai Fire combined. It covers about 110 square miles and serves 35,000

residents with 50 full-time employees and about 60 volunteers.

In addition to the 3,516 emergency calls in 2005, the department also put in thousands of hours for training and performed more than 800 building inspections.

"We'll all ourselves a fire department, but sometimes I wonder," Sampert said. "We're doing everything we can with the resources we have and we're proud to be a part of the communities we serve."

Part of resort closed to save deer

BOISE (AP) — Thousands of acres near the Kelly Canyon Ski Resort have been closed to the public in an attempt to save a struggling mule deer herd.

Idaho's Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Fish and Game announced the emergency closure Friday the Idaho Falls Post-Register reported.

"We've noticed more human activity in that area this year, which stresses the deer and requires them to we tip their supply of stored fat faster than they should," said Steve

Schmidt, Fish and Game's regional supervisor. "As a result, we have some incidents of mule deer curling up at night and just not waking up."

Fish and Game officers have also found several signs of poaching in the area, including the remains of four mule deer all shot with a .22-caliber rifle. "The area will be closed until April 15."

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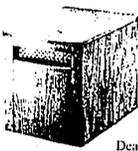
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WEST

People in asbestos-tainted town seek federal help

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In one sense, Les Skramstad is almost envious of his late neighbor in Libby, Mont. At least that man's death from cancerous mesothelioma came quickly, he said.

Skramstad is dying of asbestosis, which feels like slow, constant suffocation. "It's pretty doggone painful," he said.

The challenging Skramstad said is watching Congress struggle with legislation that could provide some compensation for all of those sickened by asbestos poisoning in the town of about 2,500 people.

Asbestos released into the air from the now-closed W.R. Grace and Co. vermiculite mine just down the road is blamed by some health authorities for killing about 200 people and sickening one of every eight residents. Skramstad worked at the mine in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Last year, a federal grand jury indicted, Grace and some of its executives, saying the company knew it was poisoning people. Grace denies criminal wrongdoing.

On Feb. 14, the bill creating a \$140 billion trust fund for asbestos victims — with the money supplied largely by defendant companies and their insurers — stalled in Congress after some conservative senators feared the cost would eventually be passed on to taxpayers.

The legislation included a provision specifically for Libby residents that would pay those who can prove they have asbestos-related diseases up to \$1.1 million each.

As Congress has stopped and started on the bill several times, Skramstad and others who are dying of asbestos poisoning say many in Washington don't understand Libby's plight.

Of the 150 people he worked with four decades ago, only five are alive, Skramstad said.

"It's going to kill us, every one of us," he said. "It's just a matter of time... This is a lot more serious than a lot of people realize."

The vermiculite mine provided material for various household products, fireproofing and insulation. It was the best job in town, keeping Libby residents employed for decades. But it also blew tremolite asbestos — a particularly hazardous form of the mineral — all over town.

The long, needlelike asbestos tremolite fibers can easily become embedded in human lungs and cause asbestosis, often fatal, or mesothelioma, a



Asbestos poisoning victim Les Skramstad and his wife, Kerita, wait to speak at a conference against the American Bar Association's plan to endorse mining industry efforts limiting lawsuits in asbestos cases, Feb. 10 in Seattle. It is believed that more than 200 deaths have been caused by the now-closed W.R. Grace vermiculite mine in Libby, Mont., where Skramstad worked in the early 1960s.

fast-moving cancer that attacks the lining of the lungs.

Montana's two senators, Democrat Max Baucus and Republican Conrad Burns, have worked to convince the Senate about Libby's dire situation. But Baucus, who wrote the legislation, said some lawmakers can't visualize the problem — unlike more publicized tragedies like Hurricane Katrina that play out for television.

"Libby is off the beaten track and it's not as visible to the cameras, but the tragedy is just as bad if not worse because it lingers on for so long," Baucus said.

Some senators, including John Cornyn, R-Texas, object to the benefit because they believe it would be unfair to people elsewhere who may have been exposed to asbestos. That dissent threatens to kill the bill.

Most Libby residents publicly support the legislation but worry about what will happen if the provision is watered down to the point that it seriously diminishes help for those who are sick.

For example, Baucus and Burns have so far been unable to add medical criteria called the "diffusion capacity test," which measures the lungs' efficiency to pass oxygen into the bloodstream and helps diagnose victims of tremolite asbestos disease commonly found in Libby. Doctors there say 40 percent of those who are sick may not be found eligible without the test.

Burns said they have to work

with other members to get the best legislation possible.

"I have people in Libby who are going to die before their case even gets to court," he said, adding that any court settlements probably wouldn't be enough.

For now, many residents are struggling with medical bills.

Some have filed for bankruptcy because of the financial strain.

In September, a health administrator for Grace, which operates under bankruptcy protection, wrote hundreds of Libby residents that they no longer have asbestos-related disease or may not be as sick as they thought.

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WEST

Woman, 91, finally gets high school diploma

By Jennifer Toomer-Cook
Deseret Morning News

SALT LAKE CITY — Faye Ovard Heaps has received her diploma from Jordan High School nearly 74 years after the fact.

Heaps, 91, like other schoolchildren at the time, was caught in an unprecedented Depression-era school closing in the Jordan School District when the district ran short of money and couldn't pay teachers.

The class of 1932 was about six weeks shy of graduating. Students were directed to come back next school year to finish up, according to "The First 100 Years: A History of Jordan School District," written by Scott Crump.

But Heaps wouldn't get the chance. Her family moved to American Fork. The teen who once rode a horse-drawn covered-wagon "school bus" got a job at a cafe, making chicken pot pies and pressing laundry on the side for 25 cents an hour.

She met Beldon Heaps at a dance and the two later married. The couple will mark their 71st anniversary next month.

Decades rolled by. Three children were born. Then nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and even one great-great-grandchild.

Heaps saw many excel in school and in college.

"She has always been so supportive of that, and the one to encourage everyone to get good grades," said her granddaughter, Shannon Nebeker. "Occasionally, that would come up, that she didn't ever have the opportunity to get her diploma, and that was important to her. I thought it was time she had what she had earned."

Nebeker contacted Jordan High School administrators last summer about bestowing a diploma on Heaps.

The school has honored people in the past in such circumstances and, last year, a World War II veteran drafted from high school, assistant principal Larry Urry said.

School leaders sifted through boxes of alumni records "and



AP Photo

Faye Ovard Heaps, 91, poses for a photograph Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City. Her class of 1932 was about six weeks shy of graduating when it was caught in an unprecedented Depression-era school closing, in which the Jordan School District ran short of money and couldn't pay teachers.

found all her stuff," Urry said. "She was deserving of a diploma."

Urry arranged to surprise Heaps with an honorary diploma, dated 2005, at the family's annual Christmas gathering. Urry rounded up a 2005 tassel cap and gown, and knocked on the family's door, gift of a lifetime in hand.

Heaps recalls her first glimpse

of the stranger. "I thought, I wonder who that is, and if he's going to eat with us," she chuckled.

Urry's announcement was met with applause and laughter.

"The first night, she was (saying, 'Are you sure? This can't be right,'" Nebeker recalls. "After that, she was really tickled about it. It was neat for us to see."

Heaps donned the cap and gown, and the family played a

recording of "Pomp and Circumstance."

"I was so thrilled," said Kathy Heaps, the graduate's daughter-in-law. "Our kids and grandchildren were so excited ... to have grandma graduating."

"I didn't feel like I was 18," Faye Heaps said, "but it was something I thought would never happen. After that many years, you start to wonder if you really did go to school."

The family topped the celebration with a class ring, complete with inscriptions for the Class of 1932, her engraved name and a scarlet gemstone.

The family is submitting Heaps' commencement celebration photos to the school for placement in the yearbook, son Dale Heaps said.

"That's the kind of stuff that I love," Urry said. "Even as far distant as her graduation would have been, she was one of our students and made the legacy of Jordan High School what it is today."

Next school year, to commemorate Jordan High School's centennial, the school is considering honoring others who would have graduated except for circumstances of the Depression-era school closing or being drafted during World War II, officials said.

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Kempthorne, lawmakers differ on key issues midway through session

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

They favor scaling back bond sales meant to finance construction, for four they'll load Idaho with too much debt.

Aides to the Republican governor say this rancor is far for the course, especially in a year when conservative lawmakers are wrestling with the luxury of a \$214 million surplus — and what to do with the money. It's not unusual for a lame-duck governor in his final year of office to experience backlash from lawmakers — even within his own party — who are eager for fresh leadership, other political observers agree.

"It's common for fissures to occur, in the last days of any administration," said David Adler, a political science professor at Idaho State University in Pocatello. "Many leaders no longer feel beholden to the governor. They're also concerned about their next election — and carrying the albatross of the previous administration."

The legislative panel that holds the pursestrings on Idaho's \$2.2 billion of taxpayer money begins divvying it up on Monday. Over the next month, they'll make key decisions on the highway districts.

On Tuesday evening, residents in the West End got to see the road plan and right of way needed to be secured by the highway districts.

The roadway travels between private property, and the right of way to be secured will affect over 100 property owners. Additional land along the road is needed for the state, said Aaron Wert, project manager with Twin Falls engineering firm Riedel and Associates. "In some areas an additional 25 feet is needed on both sides. Some areas of the project don't need any."

Wert explained that next week

Brian Whitlock, Kempthorne's chief of staff, recalled the veto battle of a year ago, when Kempthorne killed eight bills to pressure House lawmakers into passing "Connecting Idaho."

"There's animosity — there always is," Whitlock said, adding his boss aims every year to generate "healthy debate" on his proposals. "The governor proposes, the legislature disposes. That's how the process works."

So far, Kempthorne has achieved some milestones from his Jan. 9 State of the State address, the eighth and last such speech of a career in the Boise Statehouse that started in 1999.

The House and Senate gave Idaho public employees a 3 percent raise starting Feb. 1, and stocked a rainy-day fund to \$108 million after it was raided three years ago to balance the budget. And last week, legislative budget writers set aside \$3.75 million to benefit low-income residents struggling with their heating bills.

Lawmakers also have reacted positively to Kempthorne-backed bills to toughen penalties against sex offenders and members of criminal

gangs. His \$5 million plan to expand Idaho's community colleges remains alive.

Elsewhere, however, the divide separating the governor from House and Senate members is broad. For instance, the House passed eight bills — they're in the Senate now — meant to reform property taxes for homeowners. Property tax reform was an issue Kempthorne had declared a "local" problem in his Jan. 9 address.

The night of the speech, lawmakers were also shocked by his \$50 energy-relief check proposal, just as they were by his plan to set aside \$2 million to purchase a 35-acre estate next to the mansion donated in December 2004 by billionaire potato magnate J.R. Simplot.

Not even Simplot's company, which currently owns the stable property, was told of the proposal. Managers learned about it from a Jan. 10 Associated Press story.

Republican leaders say one reason for the current strife may be that Kempthorne kept many of his proposals veiled from them before asking for support, hampering opportunities to build consensus before poten-

tially controversial issues went public.

"There was absolutely no discussion about what he was going to say," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Barley, Governor Kempthorne has, in the past, discussed proposals. This year and outline his entire (State of the State) proposal, he's not going to do that," said Mike Journee, his press secretary. "Achieving consensus is the point of the Legislature. They're here to conduct the business of the people."

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Congressional medal recipients, their escorts and dignitaries gather for a group photo after the Idaho Congressional Awards medal presentation Saturday at O'Leary Junior High School. Forty students from throughout the Magic Valley received the medal.

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Idaho Legislature 2006

Meanwhile, the future of his \$34 million proposal to improve and expand Idaho's state park system remains unresolved, even after Kempthorne abandoned a \$6.6 million, state-funded lodge to appease

Project would extend Highway 46 from Wendell to Buhl

Appraisals of land will be carried out next week

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Currently Idaho Highway 46 ends just south of Wendell.

However, plans are unfolding on both sides of the canyon to extend the road to Buhl. It won't be a new roadway — but a better one, said Marvin Cox, Buhl Highway District commissioner.

Geologists traveling to the Hub City may use Clear Lake Road from Buhl. After cresting the top of the grade just north of the Snake River, the road becomes

appraisals of the land involved will be done to assess a fair market value. He said that once all of the right of ways are secured by the local highway districts they will then give the land — and the roadway — to the state.

Once the values have been set, property owners will then meet with a negotiator to finalize the details of the sale.

"Offers will be based on the appraisals, but will be open to some negotiating," said Lawrence Rineover of Negotiation Services in Boise.

Rineover is hoping to have the negotiating wrapped up by the end of the year but said it could take longer.

"It is longer people want," said Buhl Highway District Director Harold Miller.

Wert explained that the state will be able to better take care

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to Washington, D.C. in March to meet President Bush to take part in the 50th anniversary celebration commemorating the founding of the Boy Scouts of America.

"I am into politics and history, so it's going to be pretty exciting," DiFrancesco said. "I never imagined in my wildest dreams that I would ever get to meet the president."

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Many Idahoans still haven't signed up for drug plan

BOISE (AP) — Less than one-third of Idaho's Medicare recipients have signed up for prescription drug coverage under a program that started at the beginning of the year.

The new program — offering more personalized prescription drug plans — is intended to save hundreds of dollars on prescription costs for those on Medicare. But so many people trying to sign up have caused systems overloads and slowed the process.

Nearly 60,000 of Idaho's 193,000 Medicare recipients have signed up for one of the drug plans, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services the Idaho Statesman newspaper in Boise reported.

The program is voluntary. Those who don't sign up by May 15 will face an additional charge to their premiums if they eventually do sign up.

Some Medicare recipients are still complaining that the delays

are causing problems and some say it is taking weeks to get their new coverage cards.

Sally Ruh of Boise said she enrolled her 87-year-old mother, Margaret, on Nov. 15, the first day of enrollment. But the card didn't reach her until mid-January.

Some seniors and people with disabilities who haven't signed up are being charged higher copays. Some haven't been able to get their prescriptions filled because their information isn't yet

in the system.

Most problems have occurred among 18,000 Idaho residents covered by both Medicare and Medicaid. Those recipients were randomly enrolled in one of the new plans when the program started.

Samantha Lawless, 39, said she is confused by the new plan she was automatically enrolled in. She said a doctor had to take hours to explain the program to her and figure which drugs she could be prescribed.

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2006 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS

Spartans dominate state

Minico wins team title, Cooper takes Coach of the Year

By Nathaniel Garabrant
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — The cake had already been out of the oven for a day by the time Minico wrestler Wes Cooper's hand was raised in victory, the final jewel in one of the most immaculate seasons in his team's history.

Having built an insurmountable 77.5 point margin over second-place Skyview after two days, the only question was which Class 4A team would hoist the second-place trophy when festivities concluded Saturday evening at Holt Arena.

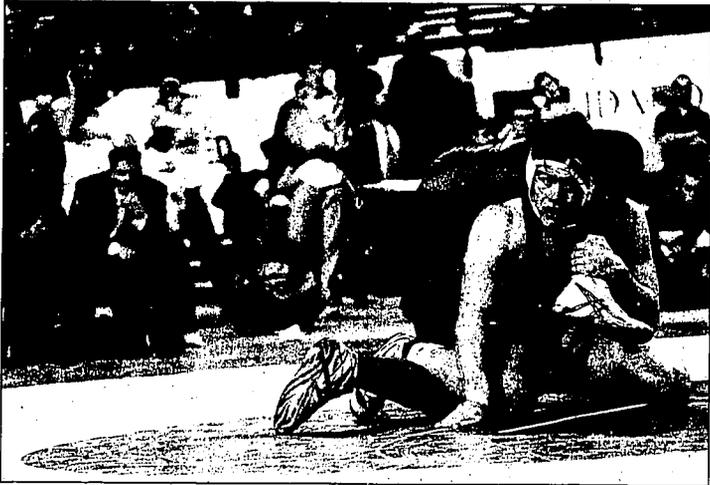
When it was finally said and done, the Minico Spartans wrestling team decided to have frosting with its cake, a blood sugar nightmare's worth of red and gold: four individual champions, four second-place medalists, a fourth-place medal, and a 4A Coach of the Year award to go along with Minico's first state wrestling title since 1970.

"It's about time," said head coach Brad Cooper. "It was a great day. A great tournament. We pulled four out of the eight (Minico semifinals), four state champs. These kids are probably one of the closest-knit groups we've had in a long time. Every morning they're all there at 7:30, running together. They've just worked so hard. It's been a great year and a fun year to coach. What a group of good kids."

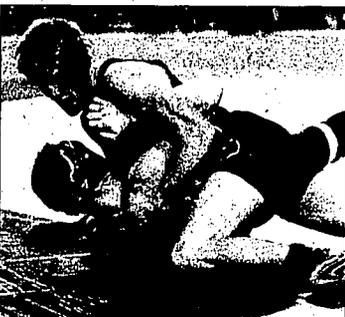
Wes Cooper, the last Spartan wrestler to take the mat, cruised to a 9-4 decision over Hillcrest's Mike Taylor at 189 pounds.

"I don't know if I could be more proud of the team and the way they wrestled," said Wes, who wrapped up his senior year with a record of 39-1. "We handled everyone. Skyview was coming in as kind of a cocky, heavy favorite, and it was good that we could come out and make those guys be quiet, show them what we're all about, how hard we worked. We're state champs."

The rivalry with the Hawks



Minico senior wrestler Wes Cooper (right) looks to find a scoring situation while tied up with Hillcrest's Mike Taylor during Saturday's 189-pound Class 4A state tournament championship match in Pocatello. Cooper took the match end the title with a 9-4 decision.



Minico senior wrestler Kevin Killory (top) attempts to pin Kuna's Matt Durrant during the Class 4A 119-pound state title match.

was a common sentiment among the Spartans, who left absolutely no doubt as to the top team, finishing with 225.5 team points.

Mountain Home finished third, while Lakeland, the second-place team after Day 1, rounded out the top five just behind Pocatello.

Senior Kirt Anderson (145), senior Kevin Killory (119), and sophomore David Burgara (112) also climbed the top step of the

podium for the Spartans. Burgara hoisting his goals after a business-like, if bittersweet, victory over teammate Nate Crane. "This team is unbelievable," said Killory after his 10-2 victory over Kuna's Matt Durrant. "Winning the state championship, Coach getting Coach of the Year. We dominated here. That's what we came to do."

In 5A action, Twin Falls finished in 13th place with three medalists, with senior Kyle Smith taking third at 160, sophomore Brent Martinez capturing fourth at 171, and sophomore Chance Hequa garnering sixth at 140.

"We did much better than previous years," said Bruins head coach Salid Dabestani. "We are on progress. We will be doing much better in the years to come."

The area's two 3A championship representatives squared off for the 112-pound title, with Declo's Gabe Zollinger defeating Kimberly's Chris Moody in a rematch of last year's 103-pound championship.

Out of eight wrestlers, the 2A Wendell Trojans took home five medals, three seconds, a fourth,

and a sixth to finish in seventh place. The Raft River Trojans followed close behind with an eighth-place finish, while the Oakley Hornets finished 14th behind Stearns Terry's 140-pound championship.

2006 State Wrestling Tournament Class 8A

Team scores: 1. Minico 225.5, 2. Skyview 187.5, 3. Mountain View 162.5, 4. Mountain View 160.5, 5. Pocatello 152.5, 6. Bannock 151.5, 7. Highland 127.5, 8. Lemhi 125.5, 9. Goodland 125.5, 10. Cascade 123.5, 11. Starke 121.5, 12. Fremont 77.5, 13. Twin Falls 67.5, 14. Lewiston 67.5.

Class 7A

Team scores: 1. Minico 213.5, 2. Twin Falls 187.5, 3. Mountain View 172.5, 4. Mountain View 162.5, 5. Pocatello 152.5, 6. Bannock 151.5, 7. Highland 127.5, 8. Lemhi 125.5, 9. Goodland 125.5, 10. Cascade 123.5, 11. Starke 121.5, 12. Fremont 77.5, 13. Twin Falls 67.5, 14. Lewiston 67.5.

Class 6A

Team scores: 1. Minico 213.5, 2. Twin Falls 187.5, 3. Mountain View 172.5, 4. Mountain View 162.5, 5. Pocatello 152.5, 6. Bannock 151.5, 7. Highland 127.5, 8. Lemhi 125.5, 9. Goodland 125.5, 10. Cascade 123.5, 11. Starke 121.5, 12. Fremont 77.5, 13. Twin Falls 67.5, 14. Lewiston 67.5.

Class 5A

Team scores: 1. Minico 213.5, 2. Twin Falls 187.5, 3. Mountain View 172.5, 4. Mountain View 162.5, 5. Pocatello 152.5, 6. Bannock 151.5, 7. Highland 127.5, 8. Lemhi 125.5, 9. Goodland 125.5, 10. Cascade 123.5, 11. Starke 121.5, 12. Fremont 77.5, 13. Twin Falls 67.5, 14. Lewiston 67.5.

Class 4A

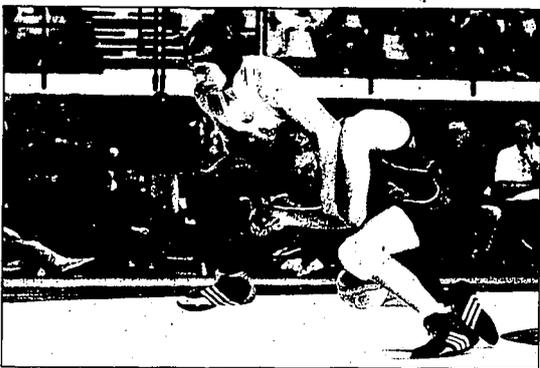
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Minico senior wrestler Wes Cooper (right) hugs his uncle, Spartans wrestling coach Brad Cooper, after taking the Class 4A 189-pound state tournament championship Saturday afternoon at Holt Arena. Coach Brad Cooper was named the Class 4A Coach of the Year after his Spartans ran away with the team title.

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SPORTS



Hillcrest's Troy Vance (left) attempts to battle out of Minico wrestler Kirt Anderson's grasp during Saturday's Class 4A 145-pound state tournament championship match in Pocatello. Anderson scored a 2-1 decision to take the title.

Anderson's work ethic pays off at state

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer
POCATELLO — Take the pinnacle that is a state title. Add a fulfilled quest for redemption into the equation and you have the mixed expression of elation and relief worn by Minico senior Kirt Anderson after his 2-1 decision over Hillcrest's Troy Vance in the 4A 145-pound championship.

Declo's Zollinger remains Golden

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer
POCATELLO — How long has the Zollinger era of Declo wrestling been in the works? "I guess, six or seven years ago when they named him Golden," said Hornet head coach Kelly Kidd.



Declo's Golden Zollinger (top) looks on for a hold on Kimberly's Chris Moody during their 112-pound Class 3A state championship match.

Killoy dominates 119-pound bracket

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer
POCATELLO — When Minico senior Kevin Killoy stepped off the mat a state champion, it wasn't even close — a 10-2 decision over Kimberly's Matt Duram.

Cooper gains redemption in 189 title

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer
POCATELLO — Anybody that did this coming in sleeping with a football on the other pillow. After his 41-match win streak was closed out in last year's 171-pound championship in overtime, WS Cooper punched his way back, following through with another juggernaut season, this time through the 189-pound ranks en route to Saturday night's 9-1 championship victory over Hillcrest's Mike Taylor.

Terry wins with favorite finisher

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer
POCATELLO — Clad head to toe in the superhero red of his full-length Oakley Hornet singlet, Steven Terry skipped up the line, smiled, and shook his hands, seemingly devoid of the anxiety attendant to facing the 140-pound bracket's No. 1 seed for the state title.



Oakley's Steven Terry (left) wraps up Challa's George Butts during their 140-pound championship match.

CS baseball sweeps Dixie

Golden Eagles hoops teams crush CNCC

ST. GEORGE Utah — Boomer knows best. Hours after splitting a Scenic West Athletic Conference doubleheader against the preseason No. 13-ranked Dixie State College Rebels at Bruce Hurst Field in St. George, Utah, College of Southern Idaho head basketball coach Boomer Walker claimed that his Eagles should pick a pair of wins if they played well on Saturday. CSI did just that, defeating the host Rebels 3-1 in Game 1 and 7-5 in Saturday's second SWAC showdown.

The Eagles (10-4, 4-2 SWAC) took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first game's fourth inning, as Mike Griffin, Brad Mady, and Alex Hancock were all able to round the bases. Zak Prietti got the win in relief of his brother Todd, pitching three and two-thirds innings of shutout ball.

Men's basketball RANGELY, Colo. — The No. 19 College of Southern Idaho men had little trouble Saturday night against the Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans.

Panthers prevail over Hornets

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer
POCATELLO — The defending Class 3A state champions, Snake River, defeated Declo twice during the regular season and they weren't about to lose a state play-in game that would have ended their season and kept them from defending their title.

Snake River is our nemesis. It seems like they are the roadblock to everything we go through," said Declo head coach Dennis Smyer. "They could win state again because they have been there before and they know how to get there and what it takes."

State

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George Butts (left) wraps up Challa's George Butts during their 140-pound championship match.
Class 3A
Terry (left) wraps up Challa's George Butts during their 140-pound championship match.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

ARENA FOOTBALL
Regional coverage, NBC, 11 a.m.

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Nextel Cup, Auto Club 500, Fox, 4:30 p.m.
NHRA, Checker's Schick's Kragen Nationals, Speed Channel, 5 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Negro League Exhibition, Bristol Barnstormers vs. Birmingham Black Barons, ESPN Classic, 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Michigan St. at Indiana, CBS, 4 a.m.
Cavaliers at Pistons, ABC, 10 a.m.

BASKETBALL
Wisnora at Connecticut, CBS, noon
Women, Nebraska at Oklahoma, ESPN2, noon
Women, Mississippi St. at LSU, ESPN, 1 p.m.

REGIONAL FOOTBALL
Idaho at Oregon, CBS, 2 p.m.
Women, Texas Tech at Texas, ESPN2, 2 p.m.

BASEBALL
Maryland at North Carolina, FSX, 3:30 p.m.
Celtics at Lakers, ESPN, 5:30 p.m.
California at Washington, FSX, 6 p.m.

BOWLING
PBA, Cego Classic, ESPN, 10:30 a.m.

GOLF
Academy Match Play Championships, final match, ESPN2, 8 a.m.
New Zealand PGA Championships, final round, 10C, 9 a.m.

BASEBALL
Oakland Athletics vs. Philadelphia Phillies, final round, 10C, 11:30 a.m.
Academy Match Play Championships, final match, ABC, 12:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD
U.S. Indoor Championships, ESPN, 1:30 p.m.

AUTO RACING
NASCAR Busch 300
At California Speedway
Race length: 200 miles
Start time: 7:30 p.m.

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Area ski report

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Deer Valley — Set 101 (1000 ft) 11-11 54 at 54 hrs, 100% open, 7 of 8 hrs. Max 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Set 102 (1000 ft) 11-11 54 at 54 hrs, 100% open, 7 of 8 hrs. Max 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Parks and Rec holds opening soccer sign-ups

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Spring Soccer registration will be open until Friday, March 3. The league is for boys and girls kindergarten through 7th grade. Fees are \$10-20, depending if a player needs a jersey, there is a \$10 late fee if registering after March 3.

Teams play twice per week for five weeks, beginning April 10. Game times are 5:30, 5:55 and 7 p.m. Also, volunteer coaches are needed.

Register at the office located at 136 Maxwell Ave. Monday 27 p.m. in the recreation room or 1-5 p.m. or call 736-2255 for more information.

participate in the league. All players wishing to do so must attend one of the following registration assessment times at the Jerome Recreation District located at 2030 S. Lincoln in Jerome: 9-10 year old players — Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to noon or Tuesday, March 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 11-12 year old players — Saturday, March 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or Tuesday, March 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please bring birth certificate (if new to league) and parent or legal guardian. There is also a \$50 registration fee.

For more information, contact George at Debbie Bos, 324-0104 or Darle Bohrowski at 324-2346.

St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk is March 11

TUTTLE — The 16th Annual St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk is March 11, at 10 a.m. at Midland Grade State Park in Tuttle.

Register before March 7 for \$25 or register the day of the event at \$30 a.m. for \$30. Register online at www.suzannejenderson.com or call Suzanne Jenderson at 837-6116 for more information.

Ex-heavyweight champ Page on life support

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Former WBA heavyweight champion George Page, who sustained brain damage during a 2001 fight, remained on life support Saturday.

The 47-year-old boxer was in the intensive care unit at Jewish Hospital. He has acute respiratory failure, sepsis, hypothermia and seizures.

Page was left with brain injuries from his fight five years ago against Dale Crowe. He slipped into a coma, then had a stroke during post-fight surgery. He is paralyzed on his left side and uses a wheelchair.

Minco boosters meet Monday

RUPERT — The Minico High School Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents with students in grades 8-12 are urged to attend. Call 438-5260 for more information.

Destroyers QB Kaleo defangs Rattlers

COLUMBUS, Ohio — John Kaleo threw two touchdown passes and also ran for two scores to help the Columbus Destroyers defeat the Arizona Rattlers 42-26 on Friday night in the Arena Football League.

Kaleo was 21-of-34 for 202 yards, and Carl Bond led the Destroyers (2-3) receiving with 11 catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns.

Sherdick Bonner was 15-of-37 for 206 yards and three TDs for the Rattlers (1-4).

Kimberly High School booster meeting set

KIMBERLY — A booster meeting is set for Monday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m. in the gymnasium at the high school to vote on awards and to finalize plans for the awards ceremony set for March 7. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact George Flew at 423-4987.

Force beats Brigs

ATLANTA — Matt Nagy threw two touchdown passes and Robert Thomas ran for two scores in the Georgia Force's 51-19 victory over the expansion Kansas City Brigade on Friday night in the Arena Football League.

Nagy was 19-of-30 for 203 yards, and Jamir Elliott led the Force (3-2) in receiving with 10 catches for 111 yards and a score.

Andy Kelly was 29-of-49 for 277 yards and one TD for Kansas City (1-4).

Storm stuns Wranglers

TAMPA, Fla. — Shane Stafford threw seven touchdown passes and became the first Arena Football League quarterback to top 400 yards in consecutive games, leading the Tampa Bay Storm to a 50-49 victory over the Austin Wranglers on Saturday night.

Stafford finished 26-of-41 for 424 yards, and Demetrius Benjamins led the Storm (2-3) in receiving with 11 receptions for 182 yards and two touchdowns. Compiled from staff and wire reports

Castleford trip to state

CASTLEFORD — A spaghetti/hamburger dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the school lunch room. Proceeds will benefit the basketball team, cheerleaders and pep band on their way to state competition. Menu consists of spaghetti, hamburgers, bread, green salad, homemade desserts, ice cream and milk.

The group will be accepting donations and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Call Brenda at (208) 537-6511 or refer to www.castlefordschools.com.

Northside Cal Ripken sign-ups scheduled

HELOME — The Northside Cal Ripken baseball league will soon be registering. Players ages 9-12 can sign up for the upcoming season. Players from Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties are invited to

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Washington Nationals manager Frank Robinson, right, views his team during practice at the team's Major League Baseball spring training facility, Feb. 19, in Viera, Fla.

Frank Robinson at large

Hall of Famer shares pearls of baseball wisdom

VIERA, Fla. (AP) — Thirty minutes a day with Frank Robinson. All baseball fans should be so lucky.

From the disappearing act of the stolen base to Don Mattingly's approach to batting practice, from the changes in the modern-day player to a terse hint or two about his relationship with the front office, the daily half-hour of so Robinson spends with reporters in the dark basement of Space Coast Stadium during spring training is flush with pearls of wisdom from a 70-year-old Hall of Famer.



"There's hitters and there's swingers in batting practice," Robinson said during a BP discussion that ran some 10 minutes beyond the scheduled hour. "Focus hits, they focus and have a plan. Don Mattingly, I admired him. I asked him about it. He said 'I put a player in each position where I think they might play me and try to hit the ball in the holes.'"

"He then paused for several seconds," said almost wistfully, "I just work here."

But that's more the exception than the rule. Robinson understands how hard it's been for anyone to function in the convulsed world of the Nationals. Despite the rough winter, he retains the baseball passion so much that he never reconsidered his decision to return, and a federation to diet and health has him looking years younger than his septuagenarian label.

"Last year the first half was just magical," said Robinson, who had the Nationals unexpectedly in first place in July before they faded to a .500 finish. "You look at those players and you see a body language and the smiles on their faces. After the second half, I thought, 'Boy I'd like to be here and be part of them putting it together for a year.' I still have a love of the game."

Robinson, Bowden and team president Tony Fawcett share the unenviable plight. They have worked month-to-month, year-to-year on a tight budget for a franchise in limbo that's still awaiting permanent ownership after relocating from Montreal. None of them knows whether he'll have a job when the team is finally sold, so consensus isn't always each day to reach.

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That love comes through in the expansive basement chats, which sometimes continue on the field and aren't easily packaged into tidy sound bites.

Said Robinson: "It's not like I don't want to act like an old throwback because I'm very proud of the era that I played in, but a lot of these guys get turned off by that.... The worst phrase I hear people say is, 'Well, when I played ... or This is the way it used to be done.'" "Yet some of his players wish Robinson would talk about those old days every now and then.

Pedro rehab moves ahead; Harang moves up

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Mets ace Pedro Martinez took another step Saturday in rehabilitating his sore left shoulder, throwing from a suspended position in front of the pitcher's mound.

Martinez threw 32 pitches in Port St. Lucie, Fla., although without his usual speed and power. Twice he took breaks for trainer Roy Hargrove to work on his customized right shoe, which cracked where a cleat had been moved to relieve pressure on the toe.



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It was the first time Martinez had stepped on a mound since September.

The right shoe Martinez used Saturday has a cleat moved farther down than normal to help him experience less pain during the pitching motion, Martinez also wore a pair of gel pads to protect his toe.

"He feels confident his toe will not delay his start with the Mets this year."

"I believe I'm going to be there opening day unless something goes wrong," he said.

He said he was able to push off his right leg again in ways he wasn't last year.

In Tampa, Fla., New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera said he hasn't ruled out pitching after his current contract expires.

The 36-year-old Rivera is in the final season of a \$21 million, two-year extension. He has a \$10.5 million option for 2007 that likely will become guaran-

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Rivera is fifth on the career saves list with 379, trailing only Lee Smith (478), Trevor Hoffman (435), John Franco (424) and Dennis Eckersley (350). He isn't thinking yet about the possibility of becoming the career leader.

"I think as I start getting a few more saves," Rivera said. "Get to 400 fans."

In Phoenix, Oakland newcomer Milton Bradley broke his six-day spring training interview non-controversially.

Five reporters were told by the A's public relations department to keep all questions restricted to baseball. Bradley went one step further, saying he would talk only about his experience with the A's.

Bradley declined to be interviewed when he reported early to camp last Sunday, saying, "I

really don't want to deal with the media this spring."

Bradley signed every autograph request Saturday and had signed 100 autographs with fans and their children.

"Are you glad you're out of L.A.?" one reporter asked once the interview began.

"Next question," Bradley replied.

Bradley had several issues with his temper in his two years with the Dodgers. He was suspended for the final five games of the 2004 season when he slammed a plastic bottle at the feet of a fan in the box seats in the right field corner at Dodger Stadium after someone threw on the field. Nobury was injured.

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No waiver needed for normal group interviews with Bonds

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Media members must sign a release waiver to conduct one-on-one interviews with Barry Bonds but not for interviews in normal group settings, the producer of his reality TV show told the San Francisco Giants.

Bonds told reporters Friday that he wouldn't conduct interviews with media members until they sign the release allowing footage of them to be shown on his upcoming show on ESPN.

Producer Mike Tollin told the team that would apply only to one-on-one interviews, team spokesman Jim Moorehead said Saturday.

After taking batting practice for a fourth straight day Satur-

day, Bonds declined to comment on his status but said it had nothing to do with reporters not signing the waivers. He said he had nothing new to report and indicated he would talk at some undetermined later date.

ESPN Original Entertainment is working with Bonds for a behind-the-scenes look at his quest for baseball's all-time home-run record. ESPN said Friday its reporters would not sign the waiver.

Bonds has 708 career home runs, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth for second place and 48 away from breaking Hank Aaron's record.

Bonds played only 14 games last season after three operations on his right knee. Bonds

has taken batting practice every day since joining the team this spring, but still has not done full running or agility workouts with his teammates.

The Giants would like to be able to use Bonds as a designated hitter this spring, even in home games played under National League rules. To do that, they will need permission from the opposition, and manager Felipe Alou said it's important for Bonds to play left field this spring.

"It is good to do that, but sooner or later Barry is going to play in the field," Alou said. "Because on opening day, what will we do? ... It's not like it's going to be every game he's DH. For us as a team, it can't be that way."

Just like a knuckler

Anybody's guess as to who will catch Wakefield

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — The only predictable thing about Tim Wakefield's knucklerball may have been that Doug Mirabelli was behind home plate to catch it.

Now the Boston Red Sox don't even have that.



Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, top left, laughs as pitcher Tim Wakefield still manages to field a ball at the mound despite falling trying to field the previous grounder as baseball spring training workouts began for pitchers and catchers, Feb. 29, in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mirabelli was traded to San Diego and now three off-season additions are competing for the job — or the honor — of trying to keep Wakefield's sinking fluster and frustratingly slipping pitch from skipping to the backstop.

"It will be a huge challenge," manager Terry Francona said.

Ison Varitek caught most of Boston's games the last three years, but got a break every fifth game when Wakefield pitched. Mirabelli caught 92 of Wakefield's 96 starts in that stretch and the knucklerballer was 0-4 in the other four.

But the Sox traded Mirabelli on Dec. 7 for Mark Loretta, who will start at second base, and began adding catchers — free agents Ken Huckaby from the New York Yankees, then Josh Bard in a trade that also brought starting center fielder Coco Crisp from Cleveland.

With Varitek part of the U.S. team in the World Baseball Classic, scheduled for March 3 to 20, all three should get extra chances to compete for one roster spot.

"The ability to catch the knucklerball 'does play a role,'" Bard said. "But I don't think it strictly depends on that. But if you can't catch it, that might eliminate you from the competition."

Varitek had two passed balls on his pitches in the 13th inning, but Boston beat the New York Yankees 5-4 in the 14th and went on to win the World Series.

"Anybody would have had a problem that day," Wakefield said. "Doug would have looked the same way."

Huckaby was the first of the three to sign, agreeing to a minor league deal last Dec. 14. A few weeks later, he traveled from his home in Arizona to Wakefield's hometown of Melbourne, Fla., where Huckaby's mother-in-law lives.

All three have had very limited experience catching the knuckler, especially one of Wakefield's quality, since few pitchers throw it anymore. The best knucklerball baffles hitters with its movement but also is the toughest to catch.

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He spent about 18 days there as a head start in working with Wakefield.

"It's tough," Huckaby said, "but the movement gets pretty consistent. If you can see it early enough, you can tell which way the rotation's going to take the ball and you can anticipate which way it's going to break, but there's that one out of 10 or 15 that kind of goes its own direction and that's the one that chews you up."

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The 35-year-old Huckaby has been with eight major league organizations, starting with the Los Angeles Dodgers where he caught Tom Candiotti, who threw a knuckler, in the bullpen.

Falberty, 38, returns to the team he began his career with before moving to Detroit, San Diego, Tampa Bay and the Yankees. Last season, he was the personal catcher for a much different pitcher, freehitter Randy Johnson.

"With Randy, it's pretty straightforward. What he throws is just harder and sharper than anybody else," Falberty said.

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He said Varitek and former Red Sox catcher and current first base coach Bill Hershman have talked with him about Wakefield, but you have to experiment and find out what works for you.

Bard worked out in the off-season with left-hander Mike Myers, who played the last two seasons with Boston before moving to the Yankees. He also got tips from Chris Bando, his former catching coach who caught Candiotti.

Even Wakefield can't help much because he often doesn't know where the pitch will end up.

"I can't explain to them how to catch it," he said.

A final ride past Fenway for Curt Gowdy

BOSTON (AP) — A banner hanging outside Fenway Park said it all: "Thanks, Curt," as Boston bid farewell Saturday to the man whose voice gave fans a front-row seat at events from the World Series to the Super Bowl.

Curt Gowdy's funeral procession circled the famed ballpark, pausing at the banner before heading to historic Trinity Church in Back Bay.

"He loved the city of Boston, he loved New England and he loved the Boston Red Sox," Curt Gowdy Jr. said at the church. "His smiling lit now and thanking all of you."

Gowdy died at 86 Monday of leukemia at his winter home in Palm Beach, Fla. He had kept a

home in the Boston area since 1955 when he began a 15-year run as play-by-play broadcaster for the Red Sox.

A billboard-sized banner showed Gowdy at the mike at Fenway last Aug. 28 for an appreciation that was his last stop at his beloved ballpark. Gowdy knew his health was failing.

It was an emotional moment as the family paused at the banner.

"We were all pretty much in tears," Gowdy Jr. said.

Gowdy was known for his amiable description of big events, including 13 World Series, 16 All-Star baseball games, numerous Rose Bowls and NCAA Final Fours. He covered the first Super Bowl and the

1976 Olympics.

A native Green River, Wyo., Gowdy did his first radio play-by-play of a six-man football game in 1944 at Cheyenne.

Alan Simpson, the retired senator from Wyoming, met Gowdy when he was 10 years old, in the locker room at the University of Wyoming.

Simpson was touched to see construction workers pausing from their work and putting hard hats over their hearts as the hearse drove by: "That's true love."

Gowdy spent two years as an analyst for the New York Yankees before moving to Boston. From 1966 through 1975 he was the voice of NBC's baseball "Game of the Week."

Ohno upsets Ahn for gold



Apolo Anton Ohno, of the United States, crosses the finish line to win the gold medal ahead of Canada's Francois-Louis Tremblay (21st) and Eric Bedard (20th) in the Men's 500 meter final in Short Track Speed Skating competition at the Turin 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy, Saturday.

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Leading from start to finish, Apolo Anton Ohno made this another Olympics to remember when he upset favored South Korean Ahn Hyun-soo to win the gold medal in 500-meter short track speedskating Saturday night.

After two false starts by other skaters, Ohno anticipated the gun perfectly and broke away from the line of skaters the other four finalists. He led the entire way and didn't have to worry about Ahn, who got caught up behind two Canadians, Francois-Louis Tremblay and Eric Bedard.

Ohno looked back once, threw up his arms and let out a scream when he crossed the line first. He jumped into the arms of a U.S. coach and grabbed an American flag for the victory lap.

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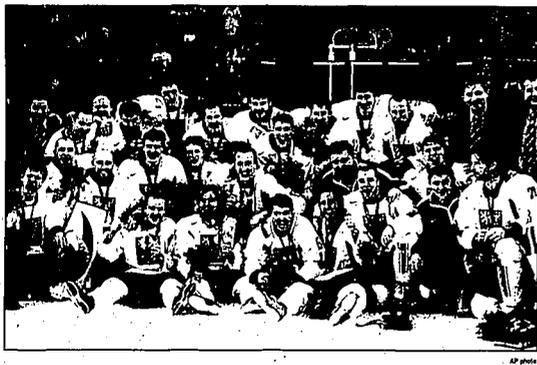
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TV schedule

Men's hockey: Gold Medal
- final, NBC, 6 a.m.
- Cross country men's 50km
- Gold Medal final, NBC, 2 p.m.
- Closing ceremony: NBC, 5 p.m.
- Primetime replay: NBC, 9:35 p.m.

Medals Table

Nation	G	S	B	Total
Germany	13	6	29	48
United States	9	9	25	43
Canada	7	10	24	41
Austria	9	7	22	38
Russia	8	5	21	34
Norway	2	8	19	29
Switzerland	5	4	14	23
Sweden	6	2	13	21
South Korea	6	3	11	20
China	2	4	11	17
Italy	4	0	10	14
France	3	2	9	14
Netherlands	1	2	9	12
Finland	0	5	8	13
Estonia	3	0	3	6
Croatia	1	2	3	6
Czech Republic	1	2	3	6
Australia	1	0	2	3
Pelane	0	1	2	3
Ukraine	0	0	2	2
Japan	1	0	1	2
Belarus	0	1	1	2
Britain	0	1	1	2
Bulgaria	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1
Latvia	0	0	1	1



Czech Republic players celebrate after beating Russia 3-0 in the 2006 Winter Olympics men's ice hockey bronze medal game Saturday, in Turin, Italy.

Czech Republic blanks Russia

TURIN, Italy (AP) — The Czech Republic shut out Russia in a matchup worthy of a gold medal. Too bad they were only playing for the bronze.

Janus Vokoun made 12 saves in the third period and the Czech Republic skated off with a 3-0 victory over Russia on Saturday night, denying the Russians a medal for just the second time since joining the competition as the Soviet Union in 1956.

Both teams had gold-medal hopes but had to settle for a bronze game after dropping semifinals a night earlier to Nordic countries. Sweden knocked out the Czechs, and Finland topped Russia — which was shut out for the second straight night.

After the final horn, Vokoun's teammates skated to him and exchanged head bumps in the case — an area the Russians couldn't penetrate.

Dressed in white, the Czechs smiled warmly as they ducked down to have the medals placed around their necks — though they longed for a different color.

"We're still disappointed with what happened with Sweden," said Vokoun, who platooned with Martin Hrnec after David Vyborny, who just moments earlier knocked him down in a center-ice collision.

The Russians put the pressure on late and outshot the Czechs 12-2 in the final period. They had a goal by Pavel Datsyuk of Detroit waved off because he was ruled to have knocked it in with a high stick.

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USOC official vows to curb bad behavior

TURIN, Italy (AP) — With the whole world watching, Bode Miller earned more notice for his Olympic parrying than his performance.

Teammates Shaun Davis and Chad Hoke skated and squabbled. Biomechanical Peter Peterson finished off a boozing night in the mountains with a street scuffle.

While the U.S. Olympians are near the top of the medal table, their behavior beyond the events was not quite golden. U.S. officials, promising "significant adjustments" in their handling of athletes, have vowed to curb such childish behavior before the 2008 Games in Beijing.

"It affects how the world views our country, and how the athletes are viewed," U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Bill Scherr said Saturday. "We'll use a number of things that happened here to point things out to other athletes. Like case studies."

Scherr didn't call anyone out by name, but the unidentified bad boys weren't difficult to identify. Hours after Saturday's news conference ended, Miller failed to finish in the first run of the slalom and officially ended his Turin stay with zero medals in five races.

"We have been obviously aware of reports from the Alpine venues of Miller's late-night tequila shots at the Irish Igloo."

"We have certain expectations," said Scherr, detailing the code of conduct for the U.S. team. "The athletes have to prepare themselves and compete to the best of their ability. And their behavior should bring honor to the United States."

Scherr said the USOC would do a better job of letting the athletes know about accountability



Bode Miller

for their actions, along with possible penalties.

"Before the 2004 Athens Games, the USOC made sure its athletes were instructed on proper behavior."

No one wanted a repeat of the antics from Australia in 2002, when the men's 400-meter relay team clowned around on the medal stand; one member stuck his tongue out at the cameras, while the other bit the gold.

The Americans stayed on their best behavior in Greece — it just didn't carry over to Turin.

"This team has taken a little bit of a hit because of their comportment," Scherr acknowledged.

The Turin showdown between Hedrick and Davis threatened to uple the speedskating competition. Both can expect a call from USOC officials once these games are wrapped up.

"We will sit down and talk with the federation and these athletes in terms of how their actions are viewed around the world," Scherr said. "They are both very competitive individuals."

That was always going to be a tough challenge in a country where some of the winter sports have little following. Despite the fact that the arena for the 1-million available tickets, there were empty seats and quiet crowds at some venues.

Games rated a success but not a smash

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Successful, yes. Magical, no.

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— Margaret Mead

SPORTS

From arena rock to arena football

Jon Bon Jovi is front and center



Jon Bon Jovi runs through the cheering crowd, Nov. 28, 2005, during a concert at Madison Square Garden in New York.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With a mix of infectious singalong choruses, teased hair, spandex and power ballads, Jon Bon Jovi has long ruled as one of the premier conquerors of arena rock. Now the multi-platinum rocker, actor and football owner has his blue eyes that made many a teenage girl swoon focused on ruling a different stage, the Arena Football League.

"We can be the world's AFL team, for sure," Bon Jovi said of his Philadelphia Soul. "There's no reason we couldn't be." No doubt, Bon Jovi has been Philadelphia's soul man since the Arena Football League's team inception three years ago. He's been in commercials and on billboards. He's played concerts for season-ticket holders and signed all the autographs. With his golden blond locks, fit frame and boyish good looks, it's hard to pick a more recognizable — and better looking — face of the franchise than Bon Jovi.

And no AFL team gets quite the publicity of the Soul when their major roster rocks out in his team's jersey in a different city every night in front of 20,000 crazed fans.

No wonder he's thinking about taking the Soul worldwide. In one recent tour stop in Dallas, Bon Jovi said about 70 Soul jerseys were sold at the concert stands and countless fans were already wearing them, prompting some

good-natured teasing the next day in a phone call from Cowboys coach Bill Parcells.

But while Bon Jovi's reach is likely unprecedented in the 20-year history of the quirky football league, he seems ready to step aside as the front man.

Bon Jovi wants his players and his team to be the headline while he remains more in the background.

"There's only so much we can do as owners to market this game," Bon Jovi said. "I was willing to do it because I believed in the product. I don't mind being the face of it, but it's time that the sport stands on its own merits."

Thanks to the help of Bon Jovi's star power and promotional blitz — he got them featured on Oprah — the Soul won the AFL's top draw the past two seasons even with losing records. In 2004, the Soul averaged a league-high 16,851 fans with six sellouts, and were tops again last year with an average

of 16,121 fans at the Wachovia Center and the Spectrum.

"To lead the league in attendance is mind-boggling," said team president and former Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski. "I know as well as anyone, you've got to win in Philadelphia and that's our goal. You've got to start winning."

Turning the team into winners hasn't been easy. The Soul went 5-11 in their inaugural season and 6-10 last year, but are off to a 3-1 start following a 75-59 win over New York last week.

The losing has been like a taste of bad medicine for their owner. Still, the losing hasn't mattered much to the unusually loyal fan base, even in a glut-tonous sports city starved for a championship. Bon Jovi makes the Soul stand out as the kings of the second-tier sports, but he wants more. He wants the same coverage given to the other major league teams and feels the fan sup-



port warrants the attention. Bon Jovi knows winning — especially in a blaze of glory like a championship — will change the perception that the Soul are more than just a winter sports sideshow.

"We will have the biggest, pimpinest ring. I will wear that thing," he said. "This team will be on a private plane to Hawaii the day we win the Arena Bowl. I can't tell them any more than that. I will give them everything under the sun if they win the championship."

Bon Jovi said the Soul broke even the first season and lost some money last year. While Bon Jovi said he didn't get involved to make money, he expected the Soul to turn a profit this year.

Putting Bon Jovi on the marquee has certainly been good for business, but he knows it takes more than celebrity ownership to make a franchise work. He's been involved in almost every part of the team, from the name to colors to community involvement — just not the playbooks, though it would be easy to imagine the Hall Mary renamed as the Livin' on a Prayer.

"That commitment to becoming a serious owner and not treating it like a novelty act surprised AFL commissioner David Baker when they first met backstage after a concert.

"I probably get more of a rush out of this at this point," he said. "The tour is going incredibly well. It's hugely successful, and I love that. But I love this in a different way."



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| 1 | Bingo at Moose Hall 7 p.m. | 9 | Poppewell Elementary Gymnasium |
| 2 | Rotary 12 noon at Grandstands | 10 | West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands |
| 2 | Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. | 10 | Dinner @ Country Club 5-7 p.m. Prime Rib, Steak, Shrimp, Chicken, & Trout |
| 2 | Regular meeting of Moose Hall 8 p.m. | 13 | City Council at City Hall at 7 p.m. |
| 2 | WEST END FOLK LIFE EXHIBIT OPENING Free, 12 a.m.-5 p.m. @ Eighth Street Center | 13 | Cards/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m. |
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Section D

Alternative energy rally deserves due caution

NEW YORK — President Bush's push to end the nation's oil addiction has the energy market abuzz about alternative energy companies. Again.

Even if the renewed zeal for renewable energy proves lasting this time, investors should try not to get too giddy about the companies that would benefit from new demand for ethanol, solar power and fuel cells.

For starters, anyone hoping to ride the sudden wave of optimism for a quick gain may be too late. The shares of many such companies began rallying weeks before the State of the Union address as word spread among the "smart money" that the president would stress developing new fuel sources.

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One new stock index tracking 18 companies engaged in alternative energy technology and supply rose more than 17 percent between its Jan. 10 debut and the Jan. 31 speech. Another index of 40 stocks jumped nearly 27 percent during January. Among individual names, Evergreen Solar Inc. rose almost 45 percent, and Ballard Power Systems Inc., a fuel cell producer, jumped 36 percent.

The sector began pulling back almost immediately after the address as the early birds locked in gains. Many individual stocks fluctuated wildly immediately before and afterward, no doubt because some investors who piled into the most speculative names.

This was particularly true among companies focusing on ethanol, which drew especially strong emphasis by President Bush. The shares of a small venture named Pacific Ethanol Inc. nearly doubled over the final week of January, then tumbled nearly 20 percent the day after the speech, a gyration that's continued in recent weeks.

But more important to keep in mind in this short-term market results are the memories of fuel fads past, as well as the simple fact that many alternative energy companies are loss money.

It was only three years ago that President Bush used his State of the Union to call for more investment in hydrogen fuel-cell research. Many of the usual suspects that rallied last month also shot higher back then as the president pledged "a new national commitment" to take fuel-cell powered cars "from laboratory to showrooms" within 20 years.

In the run-up to the 2003 address, the shares of a fuel-cell technology company named Hydrogen Corp. soared 32 percent over the course of a month. This time around, the Canadian company's stock rose 37 percent between the start of January and the eve of this year's speech.

Notably, the stock now stands at \$3.89. That's down 9 percent from that recent peak which itself is 8 percent lower than the speech-induced peak of early 2003. And those setbacks are only two of many by the stock, which vaulted above \$10 for an eyeblink in early 2002, and hit a low of below \$7.50 in early 2004.

None of this is a commentary on Hydrogen's technology, and products, which appear to be well regarded by the industry. But like so many companies trying to capitalize on the promise of renewable energy, Hydrogen is not a profitable venture.

Despite growing revenues, the Canadian company reported Wednesday it lost \$37.4 million in 2005. That followed losses of \$10 million a year earlier, \$22.1 million in 2003, and \$20.6 million in 2002. In other words, the trend has been worsening rather than improving.

The reality here is not unlike the boom-and-bust for upstart Internet and telecommunications ventures not so long ago. The fuel-cell technology, Page D6

MOO-VING ON



Sybrand Vander Dussen, right, with his son, Mark, left, and 18-month-old grandson, Rhett, pose at the family dairy Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, in Chino, Calif. For nearly 60 years the Vander Dussens have raised and milked dairy cows on their Inland Empire farm. Suburban encroachment has the family considering moving to a less crowded location.

Sprawl pushes longtime dairy families out of California

By Christina Almeida
Associated Press writer

CHINO, Calif. — Watching his 18-month-old grandson waddle past a herd of cows on the family's 80-acre dairy farm, Sybrand "Syp" Vander Dussen feels certain about one thing.

"The boy, the youngest in a long line of dairymen, will one day follow in his footsteps."

The question is where. For nearly 60 years, the Vander Dussens have milked cows. Suburban development edged them first from a farm near Los Angeles and is now squeezing them from land in once-rural San Bernardino County.

In a state where the lines between rural and urban are disappearing, homes and cars are winning out over farms and cows. The flight of dairies is nearly complete in Southern California, marking what could be a turning point in California's long-held dominance over the industry.

Soaring land prices and tough, new environmental regulations have many dairy families thinking about leaving the only state they've ever known — where their parents and grandparents sought the American dream.

Caught in the grip of urban sprawl, Vander Dussen knows his options are limited and pulling up roots may be the only way to survive.

Dairies have gone from darlings to dogs within five years, he says. "Everyone attacks us, nobody wants us."

As a boy of 4, Vander Dussen and his family arrived in Southern California in 1947, fleeing World War II devastation in Europe.

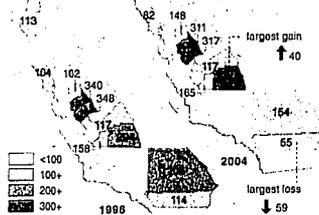


Jesus Figueroa uses file to trim udder to facilitate milking, and subsequent milking, for the cows on the Vander Dussen dairy on Jan. 24 in Chino, Calif.

'Home on the range' almost a memory

Soaring land prices, along with tough new environmental regulations have many dairy farming families thinking about leaving the state.

The number of dairies, especially in southern California are declining.



SOURCE: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Raised on a dairy farm in Holland, Syp's father turned to what was familiar — first leasing land for a dairy and later purchasing seven acres in southeast Los Angeles. As suburbs spread in the

mid- to late 1960s and land values spiked, the family packed up and headed 35 miles east to a place they thought they could expand their dairy operation without fear of sprawl.

A fertile valley nestled below the San Gabriel Mountains, the Chino Basin was home to orchards and other crops and had the nation's largest concentration of cows per acre in the late '70s and early '80s.

When his father retired in 1987, Vander Dussen took over the family's property, now home to more than 6,000 cows. Now 63, he chuckles at the memory of his father thinking of Chino as "Timbuktu." All these years later, the steady march of progress has found them.

"It will all be gone in two years," Vander Dussen said, driving past acres of bulldozed dairy land in Chino. "It's done. It's too bad."

There were once more than 450 dairies in the area, but that number is 150 and falling. Dairy remnants — former buildings reduced to piles of broken concrete — wait to give way to tract homes, which sprout like weeds in the area.

Now considered one of the most attractive areas in Southern California for residential and commercial developers, Chino has a motto of "Where Everything Grows." It no longer applies to crops.

Of the dairies still standing, between 70 percent and 80 percent have been sold or are in escrow, according to Nathan DeBonn of the Milk Producers Council. Some dairymen are being offered up to \$550,000 an acre, for land they may have purchased for \$3,000 some 40 or 50 years ago.

At those prices, it's hard to say no. Staying would mean being surrounded by homes, neighbors complaining about the smell and perhaps most of all, the feeling of being unwelcome.

"We're seeing this transition

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Energy incentives available

By Cindy Snyder
Ag Weekly correspondent

JEIHOME — Irrigators looking for ways to cut production costs this season may want to take a look at their power bill. Idaho Power is offering two incentive programs that may help irrigators cut power use and their bills.

The Peak Rewards program pays irrigators who allow their system to be shut down for a four-hour block of time during a peak power-usage period. Last year, the first year of the program, Idaho Power paid 254 participating irrigators nearly \$1 million. That reduced the company's peak load by 40 megawatts in late June and an average of nearly 24 megawatts over the entire summer.

"It's definitely something growers can do to cut costs," said Quentin Nesbitt, an agricultural engineer with Idaho Power Co.

Almost a quarter of eligible customers participated in the program in its first year, with the highest participation — 55 percent — in the American Falls/blackfoot area.

To be eligible, a service point must be using 100 horsepower. A device is installed that shuts the system down for four hours each week. The program is available to all Idaho Power customers. Interested customers must apply by March 20.

Idaho Power also expanded its existing Irrigation Efficiency Rewards Program last fall to reach more irrigation customers. This program provides cost-share to irrigators to change existing systems to reduce power usage or to install new energy-efficient irrigation systems. Idaho Power will pay no more than 75 percent of the cost to change an existing system or 10 percent on a new system.

Nesbitt gave an example of changing an existing irrigation system to use zones that reduce the required horsepower from 400 hp to 350 hp. That saved the irrigator \$5,500 annually in power costs, plus the irrigator got the incentive payment to help pay for the change.

Putting a deep well, reducing the pump and putting on low-pressure nozzles may cost \$30,000, Nesbitt said during the University of Idaho Irrigation School on Tuesday, but the irrigator would be eligible for \$25,000 in cost-share plus lower bills.

When doing farm power audits, Nesbitt often finds the irrigation systems are running more pressure than the system needs.

"That's a place to look for savings," he says.

For example, the nozzle package is designed for 15 psi, but the pump is 20 psi. Dropping the pressure by 20 psi can save \$1,500 annually, depending on the system.

In the Jerome area, he often finds pumps running at high pressure to power the pivot end gun, rather than running a booster pump for the end gun. Even running just 10 percent more horsepower than is needed can cost an irrigator an additional \$1,500 annually.

Irrigation equipment dealers have copies of the application form for the Irrigation Efficiency Rewards program. Nesbitt

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Conservation reduces Northwest electricity demand in 2005

By William McCall
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The 15 largest utilities in the Northwest reduced electricity demand last year by enough to power 63,000 homes, according to a new survey.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council said the 108 megawatts saved in 2005 also saved \$100 million for customers because conservation is cheaper than building new power plants or buying electricity on the volatile wholesale power market.

"These utilities, which represent about 80 percent of the regional demand for electricity, not only met the council's target for 2005 but did so at a cost

that was about \$30 million less than expected," said Tom Karner, council chairman.

The council, created by Congress in 1980, oversees the regional power supply and conservation efforts in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington state.

The council's Fifth Northwest Power Plan, which went into effect in December 2004, calls for meeting future demand with a mixture of energy conservation and new power plants, including wind power.

To stay on track for 2009, the 15 largest utilities needed to save 106 average megawatts in 2005.

The council noted that sales of compact fluorescent light bulbs for residential use were

part of the conservation gains last year.

The Northwest now has about 16 percent of all compact fluorescent bulbs installed nationally after more than 7 million were sold across the region in 2005.

"Now that fluorescent bulbs are more commonplace, that's one piece of the picture that's contributing to savings," said Scott Slams, spokesman for Portland General Electric, one of the utilities surveyed by the council.

The bulk of the potential for conservation, however, lies with commercial and industrial customers, he said.

"That's because over the years we've done a lot in terms of residential conservation,"

said Eugene Rosolie, senior economist for PNWC Power, which represents rural electric cooperatives in Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

The conservation potential is also higher in urban areas compared to rural stretches of the Northwest because the commercial and industrial customers are concentrated in the major cities, Rosolie said.

But there were savings in rural parts of the Northwest, said Chris Johnson, manager of products and services for Benton County Public Utility District in Washington state.

Large irrigation customers, for example, have been using a scheduling program to use electric pumps more effectively, Johnson said.

"They have literally thousands and thousands of acres," Johnson said. The scheduling program "lets them know when to water, how much to water, using tools like aerial photos and soil moisture probes, rather than running a gun."

Overall, the Northwest has been improving energy conservation faster than other parts of the nation, Rosolie said.

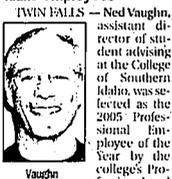
"No doubt about that — talk to anybody in the country and they'll tell you the Northwest is the leader," he said, noting the region had begun an aggressive energy conservation effort by the end of the 1970s.

Still, more could be done, said U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, See page ELECTRICITY, Page D2

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREERS

College of Southern Idaho employees



TWIN FALLS — Ned Vaughn, assistant director of student advising at the College of Southern Idaho was selected as the 2005 Professional Employee of the Year by the college's Professional and Classified Employee organization. Vaughn has worked in or directed the college's advising department since 1983 and played a key role in the recent integration of most student services into a one-stop area called the Home. He also helped develop the Positive Action for Student Success program that assists and retains students on academic probation or suspension.



Tina Standlee, senior account technician for the College of Southern Idaho business office, was selected as the 2005 Classified Employee of the Year by the college's Professional and Classified Employee organization. Standlee has worked for the college for 13 years and was one of the organizers of PACE and has helped lead the organization since its inception two years ago. She was also one of the proponents behind allowing students to pay their tuition and fees on-line and helps keep the system up-to-date.

Scott Baumert

TWIN FALLS — Scott Baumert of Washington Mutual Bank, located in the Fred Meyer store, has completed several weeks of training in a new merger and business accounts and loans. He has been promoted to personal financial representative and can assist customers with personal and business account and loan products.

Harry Leibovich

TWIN FALLS — Harry Leibovich was recently named the Middle Ear Office for offices of his size in the nation for 2005, according to a company press release. He began his career helping people with hearing loss in



Vince Alberti of the Idaho Water Users Association, left, presents Mazel Hammond with a plaque in recognition of his being employee of the year at Minidoka Irrigation District.

Mazel Hammond

MINIDOKA — Mazel Hammond was recently recognized as employee of the year at Minidoka Irrigation District by the Idaho Water Users Association. He has been employed at Minidoka Irrigation District since 1978 when he began his employment as a ditch rider and maintenance crew. He assisted watermaster and was appointed watermaster in 1998.

1999 and is licensed in Idaho and Utah, recently completing the testing to be certified in all states.

He has taken part in more than 150 Cochlear Implants, his youngest patient being 14 months old. His oldest hearing-aid patient in Twin Falls is 99. In 1998, Leibovich launched 1st Digital Hearing Aid in Latin America and has worked with many different hearing aid manufacturers, joining Miracle Ear in 2001.

It is now is the franchise owner and regional manager for all of southeastern Idaho's Miracle Ear offices.



Wal-Mart employees

BURLEY — Burley Wal-Mart's Associates of the Month for January are Calleen Nelson from accounting and Arnold Martinez from hardware. And Alma Lagunas from merchandise stocking.



Truck drivers

TWIN FALLS — Professional Truck Driving School announced two students completed their three-week class and obtained their class A commercial driver's licenses. Dean Hargis, who graduated Jan. 31, and Ricardo Reyes, who graduated Feb. 2.



Truck drivers

TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy announced their students have completed their course with a class A commercial driver's license and all endorsements: Tomas Zamora, who graduated Feb. 11, and Steven Haerte, who graduated Feb. 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Wells Fargo contributed \$775,508 to more than 300 Idaho nonprofit organizations in 2005, according to Pat McMurray, Idaho Regional Banking president for Wells Fargo. "Wells Fargo is committed to

being an active community leader in economic development and in services that promote self-sufficiency, education, social services, and the arts," McMurray said. "We're one of corporate America's top 10 largest givers, and we're proud to be able to support many of the nonprofit organizations that help enhance the quality of life in our great state."



Members of the Min-Cassia Community Chest and Kids Chest recently recognized radio personality Zeb Bell and Bob Harris, owner of Century Cinema 5, as major contributors to the Coats for Kids program. The program purchased new coats for 56 children last year. Harris has held the Canned Film Festival for many years, collecting canned goods for the Min-Cassia Christmas Council and donating proceeds from the concessions to Coats for Kids. Bell has contributed through his calendar sales and a fundraising Christmas party. Other funds are raised from area schools and contributions from area businesses and individuals. From left to right, back row: Min-Cassia Kids Chest director Renee Schaffer, Cindy Jones, Pat Bolter, Dolores Marlowe, and Min-Cassia Community chest treasurer Rae Smith; front row: Zeb Bell and Bob Harris.

MILESTONES



Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Student Ambassadors assist Sherri Tyler at the ribbon cutting of her new business, Sherri's Massage.

Chamber ambassadors hold ribbon-cutting

"Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors celebrated the opening of Sherri's Massage by holding a ribbon cutting. Sherri Tyler is the owner.

Sherri's Massage is a new business that opened in November and is a new Twin Falls Chamber Member.

Electricity

Continued from D1. D-One. "We were making massive investments in avoiding new generation by conservation 20 years ago," DeFazio said. "But we can do better yet. We should invest more money in reaching those goals, or making those goals more ambitious."

DeFazio, co-chairman of the House Northwest Energy Caucus, sent a letter to the Bush administration on Tuesday protesting a budget proposal that would change debt management policy for the Bonneville Power Administration, which funds many of the regional conservation programs. The Northwest congressional delegation is opposed to the changes, arguing it could boost electricity costs by \$1 billion. Karier said some utilities did better than others in meeting conservation goals for 2005. He noted the survey found there

had been no development of heat pump water heaters, a technology considered to have the potential for significant future energy savings. The survey also noted there was less conservation in new commercial buildings than the council expected. The utilities surveyed were both investor-owned and public utilities. The investor-owned utilities were PacifiCorp, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric, Idaho Power Company, Avista Corporation and Northwestern Energy. The public utilities were Seattle City Light, Snohomish County Public Utility District, Tacoma Power, Coville Public Utility District, Clark Public Utilities, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Grant County Public Utility District, Benton County Public Utility District, and Flathead Electric Cooperative.

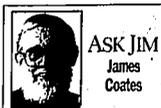
Irrigate

Continued from D1. encourages irrigators who are interested in the program to get a packet and read through it before making any changes to their existing system or installing a new system. "The process is somewhat lengthy," he said. "Once an irrigator decides what he wants to do, he must get a bid from the irrigation dealer that includes specific information. Idaho Power then calculates potential savings and determines what level of incentive payment may be available. After the system is installed, Idaho Power uses the final in-

voices to calculate the actual payment. Irrigators who are interested in just replacing nozzle packages or replacing leaky pipes may also use a simpler version of the Irrigation Efficiency Rewards Program that pays set prices for specific improvements. It's not uncommon to pay \$1,000 in cost share to replace a nozzle package on a center pivot, Nesbit said. There is no deadline for this program. "The key to these projects is communication all the way through," Nesbit said. "Get us involved so we can say, 'Have you thought about this?'"

Gray areas in Office pose a challenge to fix

My computer at work was recently updated to Microsoft Office 2003. I am unable to access the "recently used files" list that usually appears when I open one of the MS applications. When I go to Tools, Options, General, I can see it listed as an option but it is grayed out. Can you suggest a fix?



That appears. Then click the customize Desktop button. The next display has tabs for General and Web and deals with customizing what is displayed on the desktop screen. Open the Web tab and you will see the check-marked list of Web addresses starting with your home page and including the www.exe icon. Remove the check and the display will vanish.

I can offer you the check-out fix for this annoyance, G.D. but it's going to have to be your decision about whether the antidote is better or worse than the poison.

This type of grayed-out display on a Windows menu option usually appears because a setting in the Windows Registry is set to make the option unavailable but visible. Sometimes a registry glitch can be fixed by uninstalling the program and then reinstalling it. If you have the original discs for Office, do that first. Click on Start and then Control Panel and then select the Add/Remove Programs option. If that doesn't fix things, read on.

The fix is to open the all-important Registry and make a change. The drawback is that the Registry is a massive file filled with options and settings, and it's easy to corrupt it by improperly editing. The whole computer can become unstable or worse.

You need to make a copy of your Windows Registry so that it can be restored if you slip up. Then you can make the relatively simple change needed, knowing that if it trouble surfaces you can simply revert to the earlier version.

So click on Start and then Run and type regedit and click the OK button. This brings up the Windows Registry Editor whose changes can be made. Next click on File and then pick Export from the drop-down menu that appears. Name the backup file in the explorer box and save the backup registry. Should you mess things up you can restore it by giving a click on the icon for the backup.

So with your backup in place click on the outline setting for the Registry's layout, which is done by what are called "HKkeys," until you find this listing:

KEY - CURRENT - USER\25Software\25Microsoft\25Windows\25CurrentVersion\25Policies\25Explorer. Right-click on Explorer, select New and then String Value. In the box that appears type NotRecentDocsHistory. Now click the new line and add a 0 to the box for a Value.

Click the Registry and the problem will go away. Of course if you get anything wrong, a new problem will arise and it likely will be worse than your current problem.

Q: I was wondering if you could help. When one of my computers stands idle, my Internet Explorer opens to this Web site: www.exe. It is not secure, has no page and I tried to block it from opening. It is all in Chinese and makes my computer run loud. If you have any suggestions, please get back to me.

—Kimberly/Visco
A. That's not a home page, Ms. V. that's what Microsoft calls a "desktop item." How it got set up on your computer will have to be a mystery for you to solve, but I can tell you how to set this kind of thing up and, better yet, how to shut off the annoying page. Click on the Web page in question. The China Economic Net, comes from the government of China and is one of a least eight such sites dealing with business topics involving Google's favorite communist country in both Chinese and English.

To get the English version click "en" at the front, as in http://en.ce.cn/main/index.sh.html.

To set a Windows XP computer to display a Web page automatically you need to give a right-click with the mouse cursor on the desktop and select Desktop from the tabbed menu

Headers will note that this little-known tool offers a way to monitor a favorite Web page and to order the computer to send you an e-mail whenever a site's content is changed. This is done by following a Properties button and other prompts under the Desktop tab.

I have the actual answer to the Scrabble question you answered in a recent column because I had the same problem just a few weeks ago.

When I got my new Windows XP computer at Christmas, the first program I loaded was Scrabble. It played just fine and I was overjoyed. A few days later, I went to play Scrabble again and got the whole sad black-screen freeze-up attack.

Determined to get to the bottom of it, I started installing all the other programs I'd installed since the first successful run of Scrabble. It turned out that Scrabble and the free ZoneAlarm firewall have known issues with each other.

In fact, ZoneAlarm's technical support section has a whole page on conflicts with games. They claim you can make adjustments in ZoneAlarm Pro that will allow the game to operate properly. If you are willing to cough up the cash for the nonfree version, I haven't tried that yet, so I can't vouch for it, but I'm using the firewall that came with the computer and so far the game runs just fine. Looking forward to your next column.

—Maggie McManus
A. Here's the real solution, Ms. M., and let's call it "Ask Maggie." The question pertained about problems with the computer version of the long-popular Scrabble board game, one of many that came in. Each reader expressed the same symptoms of black screen and then lockup. I checked the various online game boards and found the solution I offered, which is to upgrade the computer's operating system to include the DirectX graphics routine, or, in some cases, to get a more powerful video card. DirectX can be upgraded at www.microsoft.com/windows/directx.

Meanwhile, armed with your note, I went deeper into the issue and found that when some people set the Scrabble software to play against challenges on the Web, the kinds of firewall problems you cite occur.

These folks can fix things, as you did, simply by using the firewall built into Windows and shutting down any other ones. To find the firewall, click on Start and then Control Panel and then find the Network Connections panel. Open it and right-click the icon for your connection, and then select Properties. You will find the Windows XP firewall by clicking the Advanced tab on the Properties menu that comes up. This Windows firewall is built in to your own rig, so I consider this fix to be a safe strategy.

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BUSINESS BOOK REVIEW

Author defines six ingredients of integrity

By Cecil Johnson
Knight Ridder News Service

"Integrity — The Courage to Meet the Demands of Reality: How Six Essential Qualities Determine Your Success in Business," by Henry Cloud (Collins, 304 pages, \$24.95)

In 2001, Michael Dell made a candid admission to his top 20 managers. The statement may have prevented a massive hemorrhage of talent from Dell Inc., notes Henry Cloud in his new book, "Integrity," an insightful examination of the elements of character that contribute to success in life and business.

Cloud sources a 2003 Business Week article for the reflection on Dell's confession. That article said that Dell and company president Kevin Rollins were troubled by a survey taken that summer that indicated that half of Dell's employees would quit if they found an attractive opportunity elsewhere.

The survey, according to Business Week, showed that subordinates saw Dell as "impersonal and emotionally detached" and Rollins as "autocratic and antagonistic." Therefore, few staffers held strong loyalty to Dell and Rollins.

"Fearing an exodus of talent, the two executives focused on the gripes. Within a week, Dell faced his top 20 managers and offered a frank self-critique, acknowledging that he is hugely shy and that it sometimes makes him seem aloof and unapproachable. He vowed to forge tighter bonds with his team," the Business Week story said.

A few days later, the company began showing a video of Dell's testimonial to several thousand managers throughout the company. Dell placed a plastic bulldozer on his desk to remind him not to ram through his ideas without involving others, and Rollins put a Curious George on his to remind him to listen to his team before reaching a conclusion.

Cloud presents that story about Michael Dell as an example of one of six character traits that are essential ingredients of integrity. The trait exemplified by Dell in that instance was the ability to connect with others and build trust. That, according to Cloud, is essential to dealing with other people in the business world.

"To some, it seems like psychobabble, as if he has little to do with business or success. But it really does. What if, for example, you led a company with almost \$50 billion in revenues, and you found out that over half your employees were ready to

leave and go to another company if they had a chance? Would you think that you had a business problem? I would hope so," Cloud writes.

The other five character traits that are essential to integrity, according to Cloud are:

- Being oriented toward truth or in touch with reality.
- Getting results or finishing well.
- Embracing the negative or having an appetite for solving problems.
- Being oriented toward growing and getting better all the time.
- Being oriented toward transcendence or putting your relationships to other people and the world in proper perspective.

“We are talking about being a whole person, an integrated person, with all our different parts working well and delivering the functions that they were designed to deliver.”

— Henry Cloud, author

effectiveness as people. It truly is running on all cylinders," Cloud writes.

The author uses several other named and unnamed highly successful people in addition to Dell to illustrate the six traits. One of those referred to most frequently is the golfer Tiger Woods, whom he uses to show orientation to both problem-solving and constantly striving to improve.

Cloud points out that after Woods' record-shattering rookie season, he could have rested on his laurels and lived a life of ease on his winnings and endorsements, but he chose instead to undergo the painful process of changing his swing for long-term improvement and suffered a short-term off year.

After that remodeling, Cloud said, Woods came back to tie the PGA post-World War II record of consecutive wins and then won four major tournaments in a row.

"Why? Talent? Certainly. But there is a lot of talent in the world. My view is that it is his character. His ability to meet the demands of reality is what is breaking records," writes Cloud.

With "Integrity," Cloud, a clinical psychologist, has straddled the worlds of interpersonal relationships and business leadership and provided valuable guidance for success in business, marriage and individual character development.

Conservation likely to stay the course

WASHINGTON — The greening of farm policy will likely continue in the 2007 Farm Bill, but observers think budget constraints will limit the hue.

"Conservation programs are very well supported politically these days," said Don Dixon, agricultural liaison for Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho).

But natural disasters and the war in Iraq have created real budget constraints, he added.

"Hopefully, funding for conservation will remain at current levels. The only restraint to increasing funding in the next farm bill is the budget."

But is the economy that will have the greatest influence on the color of the 2007 Farm Bill.

"If the economy goes up and the war is over, things could very well change," Dixon said.

National effort unifies land trust movement

TWIN FALLS — "Land Trusts have been forming at a rapid rate," said Michael Whitefield, executive director for the Teton Regional Land Trust, located in Driggs, Idaho.

This is just one of the reasons the Land Trust Alliance opted to appoint a 13 member independent commission to operate a new accreditation program for land trusts.

"The Independent Accreditation Program will be connected to the IFA, as well as independent from it," said Land Trust Accreditation Commission Chairman Larry Kuefer of Denver.

The commission will act as a kind of watchdog for the many land trust organizations in the nation, as well as helping these organizations get some of the recognition they deserve.

Wheat contracts offer options for growers

BURLEY — Grain growers in southern Idaho are finding more wheat buyers are interested in contracts, and the reasons are quite similar.

Producer: TV must embrace the Internet

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The hottest programmer in television says network TV must embrace the Internet to survive.

Speaking at an industry forum in Beverly Hills, Calif., Mark Burnett said networks won't be able to exist as they are when 75 million TiVo digital video recorders are operating in homes and broadband access is available everywhere.

Traditional television is facing huge challenges finding audiences. Broadband in the office has made the workday the new prime time for television, he told the Museum of Television & Radio event.

"The beautiful thing about the Internet is, it's on-demand and naturally archived, and has people forging communities," Burnett said.

Burnett, who is hugely successful producing network TV shows, said his next stage will be the Web. He's already developing a treasure hunt for America Online.



Gail Burgoyne, salesman with Magic Valley Equipment in Paul, right, talks with Bill Timmons, Rupert, center, and Bob Timmons, Paul, in the opening hours of Agri-Action on Thursday. The 2007 Farm Bill was sure to be a topic bandied about at the annual farm expo at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

AG WEEKLY Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly.

Why malt barley buyers have a long history of contracting in the region — quality.

Southern Idaho is also one of the few grain-growing regions in the nation where all five classes of wheat are grown, said Bill Mendenhall with AgriSource in Burley. And freight rates are similar at nearly every point in the United States, meaning it costs about the same to send durum to a pasta plant in Iowa, hard white to millers in Mexico or soft white to exporters in Portland.

Those factors have wheat buyers taking a closer look at Idaho growers, Mendenhall said.

Idaho is well positioned to capture more hard white and durum contracting opportunities in the future, as wheat acreage in California and Arizona is taken out of production due to development," said Blaine Jacobson, executive director of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

Millers from Utah, California, Arizona, Mexico and other places have announced plans to contract for more than 5 million bushels of specific-identity Idaho spring wheat in 2006.

U.S. sugar prices virtually unchanged for 25 years

BOISE — The president of Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Boise said he hopes Congress considers the low cost of retail sugar in the U.S. compared to other developed countries when it comes time to craft the next farm bill.

Ralph Burton points to a study by LMC International Ltd — a commodities research company in Oxford, England — as evidence the existing U.S. sugar program works.

The program regulates sales of domestic and imported sugar to prevent an oversupply from lowering prices, thus ensuring an adequate return to producers without paying subsidies.

The study shows retail sugar prices in the United States have remained virtually unchanged for the past 25 years at 43 cents a pound, according to the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va.

That is 13 cents a pound less than the average for developed countries of 56 cents a pound.

In Europe, the average price for retail sugar is 58 cents a pound, or 35 percent higher than in the United States, the study shows.

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Luxury cigarettes sold only in one plush lounge

By Stacey Burling Knight Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA — A couple of years ago, officials at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. realized they were missing a big beat.

Other companies that sold indulgences — makers of coffee, wine, beer, chocolates, pastries — had figured out how to induce customers to pay a lot more for high-end products.

But cigarettes were still aimed overwhelmingly at the masses. Where was the cigarette equivalent of a Cinnamon Dolce Latte?

That's where Gyro Worldwide Advertising Inc., an edgy marketing firm, came in.

Asked to "re-create the smoking experience" for the "super premium tier," they worked with R.J. Reynolds to fashion everything about its new Marshall McGee line of cigarettes — including the filters, the design of the only place where they're sold: the controversial new Marshall McGee Tobacco Lounge in Chicago.

Patrons pay \$8 a pack — \$35 for a 5-for-37 caviar pack of cigarettes rolled on the premises, then smoke them in what promotes call "judiciously plush" chairs. Gyro even designed the belt buckles employees wear.

"It goes above and beyond what a traditional advertising agency can do for you," said Brian Stebbins, senior marketing director at R.J. Reynolds.

This kind of all-inclusive marketing has been building momentum, particularly in the last five years as corporations have hired chief marketing officers — executives in charge of all aspects of a brand, said Rick Boyce, managing director of Virginia Commonwealth University's Adcenter, a master's degree program. In the past, he said, package design, retail display and print advertising for "Sibbs" came from different silos.

The new brand and lounge are a fine example of "experiential marketing," said Lisa Babin, assistant professor of marketing at the Wharton School. This kind of advertising, which creates a "kind of powerful, all-sensory response among consumers," has been around for a while for wine and chocolates.

In this case, Babin said, R.J. Reynolds needed something that would tap into an attractive market of smokers who are independent, fun-loving, sophisticated elites "on every level... From the sound of it, they've done a good job."

The cigarette-makers voluntarily agreed not to advertise to underage youths, advertising cigarettes is particularly challenging, marketing executives said. Many print and broadcast ads are out of the question.

In this case, Stebbins said, R.J. Reynolds' lounge itself was the brand's selling tool. It was conceived by a team that included Gyro.

An 18-year-old firm with 65 employees, Gyro has worked on other R.J. Reynolds brands such as Kool and Camel, since 1981 and has no qualms about promoting a product many despise. Its marketing techniques include the Camel Club, a series of events at bars and clubs in major cities. It also helped advertise an earlier filter by R.J. Reynolds into the premium market, Camel Easy Filter, which were introduced in 1999.

Creative director Larry McGee — the McGee in Marshall McGee — said the lounge, which also sells food and alcohol, emerged from his own experiences as a smoker forced to puff away in ugly, isolated places.

"This came from a real place," said McGee, a stocky 39-year-old with long sideburns, a Vandike beard and two substantial, curved-barbelle earrings, said recently at Gyro headquarters.

"We've taken a look at where smokers are, how they have to smoke outside... We wanted to create really a smokers' paradise, a place where I feel comfortable."

comfortable." A picture of McGee, dressed in a pin-striped suit, now graces the inside of the European-style box for one of the Marshall McGee blends, The Standard, a combination of Malawi burley, Brazilian leaf and Katerini leaf. It is beside Jerry Marshall, an R.J. Reynolds tobacco expert whose family has been in the tobacco business for generations.

Gyro's chief executive officer, Steven Grasse, said the name Marshall McGee reflected tobacco expertise plus the experience of smoking. "It really was the two personalities, and we wanted it to be based on two real people," he said.

As luck would have it, the opening of the lounge — don't call it a bar — nearly coincided with the start of a public smoking ban in Chicago, landing the lounge in regional papers and the New York Times. Grasse and McGee wouldn't say if that was good or bad.

Classified as a retail tobacco store, the lounge is exempt from the smoking ban.

Marshall McGee as an attempt to improve smoking rates are falling.

"It's part of a strategy of trying to make tobacco and smoking look hip and acceptable," said Lois Blener, a University of Massachusetts expert on tobacco control.

It's a step, she said, from events aimed at young adult smokers in bars and at concerts.

Selling the new cigarettes at only one location is a deft move that should increase their desirability, said Rajneesh Srini, associate professor of marketing at Drexel University.

"Whenever you make a thing scarce, people get more attracted to it."

Nonetheless, because of their many health dangers, cigarettes will never have the broad popularity of coffee, he said. "They can't make the same thing as Starbucks has."

Stebbins said that patrons must be 21. Illinois' smoking age is 18. The company, he said, is not trying to attract smokers of any age, their taste varies with a certain mind-set. "It's an adult smoker looking for the best products," he said.

Grasse also denied any attempt to make cigarettes hipper. "We're trying to create a great smoking experience," he said. "Hipper doesn't apply."

What intrigued McGee after talking with Marshall was the history and adventure associated with tobacco, the subtle differences in leaves. There are 1,500 kinds of tobacco, and like any coffee, their taste varies depending on where they are grown and how they are cured.

R.J. Reynolds uses about 10 types in standard brands, but the personality is blended out of them so they will taste like Kools or Camels. The new brand uses the same types of tobacco, but only the best-quality leaves, and the recipes let individual flavors burn through, Marshall said.

R.J. Reynolds and Gyro settled on nine cigarettes labeled light, mellow and rich, much like upscale coffees. Gyro gave them exotic names — North Star, Karmelita, Aegeans — and put them in colorful boxes with elaborate gold lettering. It gave them romantic stories and described their flavors in a winky way: "Fruity and spicy with notes of cedar," "luscious underlying peachiness," or "savory and zesty."

Otto Design Group, another Philadelphia company, helped create the lounge itself, an eclectic mix of vintage and modern. McGee and Grasse wanted three different "vibes": old New York tobacco in front, Swiss chateau/living room in the middle, and back porch in the back.

IN THE VEGAS SUBURBS Sin City encroaches on Garden of Eden

By Ryan Kakushima Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Scott Beach didn't come to Las Vegas to gamble. The 35-year-old truck driver from Cincinnati came to escape the cold, raise a family and buy a home.

"I find no thrill from sitting in front of that thing and putting money in it," he said, nodding at the slot machines in Suncoast Hotel and Casino, while holding his 6-month-old daughter. But he does come with his wife and three children for the budget-friendly buffet and an occasional movie.

For years, companies like Station Casinos Inc. and Boyd Gaming Corp. have taken advantage of the booming southern Nevada economy and the steady influx of new residents by building megaplex casinos that target locals with bowling alleys, shopping malls, even day-care centers every five miles or so throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

Lately though, some residents are getting a serious case of NIMBY: They are glad casinos eliminate the state income taxes, but wish they were Not In My Back Yard.

Newer, so-called "locals casinos" are larger than ever, and they also appeal to a tourist audience that some residents don't want so close to home.

"I think they're building too many casinos out where people live," Beach said. "It's like where you want to live, you don't want to gamble... There's a lot of traffic."

Some who have purposefully moved to suburban Nevada to avoid metropolitan living casinos after having a few drinks, said Lisa Mayo-Deliso, a consultant who drives her 14-year-old daughter to school near Red Rock. Station Casinos' \$225 million, 150-room hotel casino set to open in April in the western suburbs.

Mayo-Deliso pointed to a Red Rock ad that features a nude woman with arms crossed over her chest with the tag line: "The Garden of Eden meets Sin City." There's also a nightclub called "Cherry" in the resort that Station rents for its "sinfully sweet surroundings."

"If I am coming to Red Rock and that's the ad I respond to, what am I expecting when I get to the place?" she asked. "I think this is a message you want in your neighborhood."

Residents fought to shrink the project, successfully forcing developers to cut the 300 feet of the hotel to 150 feet. Gabriel Lither, a lawyer who moved to the western suburb of Summerlin, for its parks and good schools and then led the fight against Red Rock, is still bothered by the development, especially because it obstructs his view of the Red Rock mountains to the west.

"If you're going to live next to a casino, it's nice to live next to one that is done as nicely as Red Rock," said Lither, 34. "Having said that, there is something slightly off about it."

Some analysts and even North Las Vegas Mayor Mike Montandon are concerned about driving out to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and passing the fairly large blinking neon sign advertising the hotel.

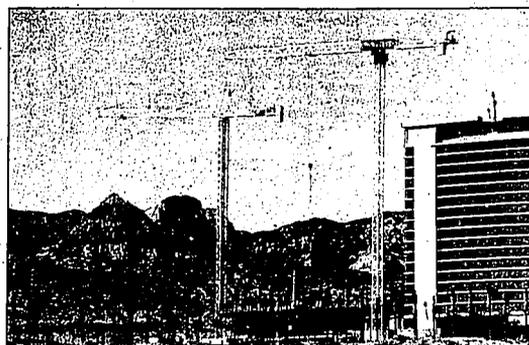
Four casino sites have been zoned in an 8- by 2-mile strip of Red Rock. Like his predecessor, Green Valley Ranch built in December 2001, has separate entrances for its movie theaters so residents can avoid the cigarette smoke and clang of the casino floor.

Most come to the casino to dine, said Station Casinos chief financial officer Glenn Christensen, 59 percent of the company's revenues come from slot machines, he said. Station owns or has a stake in 10 Las Vegas locals-oriented casinos; Boyd has seven, while a wide range of others are owned by a smattering of private operators.

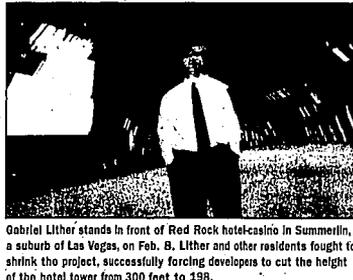
"People come, they have a very good meal, for very good value for their dollar, they grab a couple rolls of quarters, play 'til they're gone and then go home," Christensen said.

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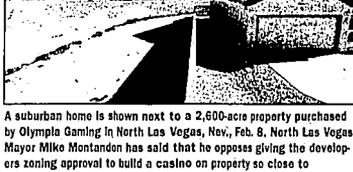
"If they were against gaming, more likely than not, they probably wouldn't live here," he said. Christensen pointed out the local gaming industry's net worth is about \$2.4 billion a year, some \$1.350 for every man, woman and child in Clark County, which encompasses Las Vegas. For population of about 1.75 million, there are



The Station Casino Inc., Red Rock hotel-casino is shown under construction with the Red Rock Mountains in the background, in the Summerlin section of Las Vegas, Feb. 8. For years, companies like Station Casinos Inc. have taken advantage of the booming local economy and steady influx of new residents by building megaplex casinos targeting local residents that house bowling alleys, shopping malls, even day-care, throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Lately though, they are finding a lukewarm welcome.



Gabriel Lither stands in front of Red Rock hotel-casino in Summerlin, a suburb of Las Vegas, on Feb. 8. Lither and other residents fought to shrink the project, successfully forcing developers to cut the height of the hotel tower from 300 feet to 150.



A suburban home is shown next to a 2,600-acre property purchased by Olympia Gaming in North Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 8. North Las Vegas Mayor Mike Montandon has said that he opposes giving the developers zoning approval to build a casino on property so close to suburban homes.

152,014 slot machines, 107 non-restricted casinos and 1,443 restricted places to gamble with 15 slot machines or fewer. Only 41 nonrestricted casinos are on the Strip.

Montandon is fighting a fifth casino site from being zoned along the same stretch, despite being re-elected to a third term in June on a platform of economic growth.

"What I don't want to do is cannibalize the markets that already exist," Montandon said. "I'm not opposed to new casinos. What I'm opposed to is shooting to high."

Analyst Steve Kent of Goldman, Sachs and Co. in New York

said in a research note last month that local gamblers would have to keep 10 percent more this year to help revenue at existing casinos from falling while absorbing new casino capacity. The rate is double that for the past 10 years and even assumes consistent population growth of 0.5 percent, he said.

"We still have short-term concerns about the impact of new supply opening in the locals Las Vegas market," Kent said.

Analyst Matthew Jacob with MetLife Research, a research firm that tracks gambling revenues on casino floors before quarterly earnings are released, said the opening of Boyd's South Coast casino in December already has cut into the share of all other local casino operators.

"There is some cannibalization at the Boyd properties and some of the Station properties are being impacted," he said.

Still, most agree that long-term growth looks healthy.

A steady arrival of new residents, about 7,000 a month, low unemployment around 4 percent and homeowners' feeling of wealth from still-rising home prices will keep gambling revenue flowing, analysts said.

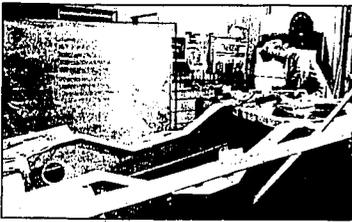
Boyd spokesman Rob Stillwell said the close proximity of some Boyd and Station casinos does not worry the company because each property has a different character. South Coast, for example, houses a 4,400-seat indoor equestrian arena, he said.

"There is a battleground in some ZIP codes. But it's not who we're competing against one another directly," he said.

Beach has seen two casinos go up within several miles of his home in the past six years and said he hopes he doesn't see any more.

"I think that (Red Rock) should be the last one," he said. "We're on the edge of the mountains anyway, so there's nothing else going to go out there."

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Miner-turned-welder Dave Sattler works to refurbish a mining vehicle in the Kinross Gold Corporation shop, Feb. 17 near Curlew, Wash. A top miner, Sattler has been kept on payroll until a new gold mine opens nearby sometime in the next two years. With near record prices being paid for many metals, mining companies are scrambling to open new mines.

High metals prices prompt new wave of exploration

By John K. Wiley
Associated Press writer

REPUBLIC, Wash. — For now, Dave Sattler is a miner-turned-welder, hiding his true fiding equipment in a Kinross Gold Corp. shop until a new gold mine opens.

Sattler was a top miner at the Canadian gold company's K2 project when the mine near Curlew was placed in standby in November.

But he and a handful of others were kept on the payroll so there will be enough experienced miners when the proposed Buckhorn Mountain mine opens in neighboring Okanogan County.

"I'd just as soon run it as rebuild it," Sattler, of Republic, said of the mine truck chassis he is welding. Welding and other metals alike fetching near-record prices, miners like Sattler have good reason to be impatient.

"We don't like to be idle at \$550 gold," said Wayne Zigarlick, manager of the Kettle River mill where the ore Sattler mines will be crushed, ground to a flour-like consistency, then chemically stripped of its microscopic gold licks.

In late November, gold prices broke through the threshold of \$500 an ounce for the first time since late 1987. Silver also is enjoying prices not seen for decades.

Frank Schwab Jr., president and chief executive of Anderson & Schwab Inc., a New York mineral and business consulting firm, said U.S. mining firms have China to thank for the rise of metals prices the past 18 months.

"The economy has recovered, but the big thing that has happened is the industrialization of China. That has required more metals," Schwab said. "That's the largest single factor driving the increased metals prices."

Michael George, a U.S. Geological Survey gold commodities expert in the agency's Reston, Va., headquarters, agreed with Schwab that China's insatiable appetite for metals is driving prices up.

Increased demand in India, the world's largest consumer of gold, along with speculation and investment hedge buying, are also contributing to rapid increases in precious metals prices, George said.

Nevada remains the nation's top gold state, churning out nearly 7 million ounces last year, making it the world's third-largest gold producer after South Africa and Australia, according to the USGS.

But mining companies in other states are benefiting from near-record high prices for precious and industrial metals, such as molybdenum, lead and zinc.

In north-central Washington, the Colville Tribe of Indians will vote next month on whether to open up Mount Tolman on its reservation to molybdenum mining.

The metal, used for hardening steel, is trading at about \$30 a pound, up from less than \$5 a pound for the past two decades.

The referendum would lift a 1995 moratorium on mining on the reservation and allow the

Colville Business Council to seek requests for proposals from mining companies.

Reck Coninco, a Canadian mining and smelting company, is exploring for potential zinc deposits near its recently re-opened Pend Oreille Mine near Metaline Falls after zinc prices doubled from about 50 cents a pound in 1996 to 51 a pound today.

In northern Idaho's Silver Valley, the closed Sunshine Mine is being reopened and pumped dry by Sterling Mining Co. can dig a tunnel linking to an ore vein in the nearby Sterling Summit mine. Hecla Mining Co. recently announced plans to expand its Lucky Friday Mine, also in northern Idaho.

From Wenatchee through the Okanogans to the Republic gold mining district, prospectors are drilling inore test holes that they have in decades, Laura Skær, executive director of the Spokane-based Northwest Mining Association, said recently.

"Gold prices have people snooping around where they haven't snooped for a while," Skær said. "No question, there's an increase and interest in exploration."

Sometimes, that means prospecting file cabinets for projects that previously were abandoned as too costly, Skær said.

This Ferry County town has seen six major gold mines close in the past decade after the metal played out. Kinross Gold is touted as its still value in the earth.

Kinross has bought the former Echo Bay Mines property near here and is developing the Buckhorn Mountain underground mine in Okanogan County. State and federal agencies are in the process of issuing permits for the mine, which could begin producing ore in the third quarter of 2007.

"As much as we'd like to be working faster with improved gold prices, we're still working through the permit process," Kinross spokesman Clyde Gillespie said.

The project, formerly called the Crown Jewel open pit project, will truck ore from Buckhorn Mountain about 50 miles away to the former Kinross Kettle River mill here. It would employ 120 miners, another 30 ore-hauling contractors and 40 mill workers, Gillespie said.

Zigarlick, the mill manager who has been with Kinross and Echo Bay Mines here since 1982, said the Kettle River mill has about twice the capacity it will need to handle the Buckhorn Mountain ores, leaving room for other potential projects in the region.

Skær, a veteran of more than a decade in the industry, warns that the metals mining industry is cyclical, and today's highs could easily become tomorrow's lows.

"The sun's shining right now on the mining industry. People are out trying to make hay and trying to get these projects started," she said. "The prices are going to go down again. You'll end up having a lot of projects move forward, then get to a certain point where they go from the front burner to the back burner."

Study: Health savings accounts won't contain costs

By Lisa Gilron and
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Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Health care will account for one in five dollars spent in the United States by 2015, and health savings accounts are not likely to help much in containing costs, government analysts said Tuesday.

Driven by rising incomes of aging baby boomers and advances in medical technology, America's health-care bill is expected to reach \$4 trillion by that year, according to the annual forecast by the National Health Statistics Group at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

At that point, health spending will consume 20 percent of the gross domestic product, up from 16 percent today, with the government paying about half, the researchers predicted. Families, employers and insurers will pick up the rest of the cost.

While the new Medicare drug benefit will help tame the growth of prescription costs, the government economists and actuaries who compiled the forecast say they aren't looking for much from the health savings accounts, which the Bush administration has touted as a key means to controlling spending.

"The net impact on cost containment is likely to be far smaller than that seen from the massive shift toward managed care (HMOs and PPOs) during

HSA's are not likely to achieve the cost reductions that managed care plans squeezed from physicians and hospitals in the 1990s, experts say — individual consumers lack the purchasing power.

the mid-1990s," they write in the online edition of the Journal of Health Affairs, which published the forecast.

The new Medicare drug benefit, on the other hand, appears to be curbing the escalation of prescription costs even though more people are getting needed medications. That is because the insurers offering Medicare drug coverage negotiated better-than-anticipated discounts with pharmaceutical manufacturers, the forecasters said.

The forecast projects a 7.2 percent average annual increase in health-care costs over the next decade — well above the 5.1 percent growth rate predicted for the overall economy.

John Poisal, deputy director of the National Health Statistics Group, said the continued escalation in costs is fueled by consumer demand for an ever-increasing array of new medical techniques and capabilities.

"It's consumption and investment," Poisal said. "But primarily it's about consumption."

President Bush — most recent in his State of the Union address — has promoted health savings accounts as an antidote to unchecked spending. The accounts allow families to save money tax-free to pay for health expenses that are not covered by special high-deductible insurance plans.

The accounts are part of a trend toward so-called consumer-driven healthcare. The idea is consumers will spend less if they bear more of the expense. About 3 million Americans — less than 2 percent of those in private health plans — are enrolled in health plans that qualify for HSAs. It's too early to tell if the accounts are working as billed, the forecast authors said — but it is clear they are unlikely to attract enough consumers to make much difference over the next decade.

"Given the small number of people affected, we don't expect the effect to be huge," said Sheila Smith, an economist and co-author of the forecast.

The government analysts' cautious outlook for HSAs

echoes concern among economists and public-policy experts who doubt consumer-driven health care can deliver on its promise. Many of them say their concerns go beyond the public's slow acceptance of health savings accounts; some say the idea is fundamentally flawed.

The problem is that 80 percent of the healthcare bill is spent on the 20 percent of Americans who are chronically ill, some experts said. These consumers are viewed as least likely to be affected by such plans because they quickly spend more than their deductibles.

"It's hard to see where we will see sustained savings," said Paul Frosstin, an economist at the Employee Benefit Research Institute, a Washington think tank supported by companies, labor unions, insurers and health-care providers.

Even HSAs were able to grab a large share of the market, they are not likely to achieve the cost reductions that managed care plans squeezed from physicians and hospitals in the 1990s, experts said — because individual consumers lack the same purchasing power.

"The people who think (HSAs) are the magic bullet need to think this through," said Bob Laszewski, an insurance industry consultant. "It's almost a no-brainer to say they'll have nothing close to the leverage managed care had."

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Dairy

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 of cows to cars, pasture to pavement," deBoom said. "It's kind of the story of Southern California."

Some longtime dairymen or their widows have decided to walk away. For those like the Vander Dussens who want to relocate, the future is uncertain. The Central Valley is now home to most of the state's multibillion-dollar dairy industry. The eight-county stretch of fertile land in the middle of California has nearly 1.4 million cows at 1,500 dairies.

Twenty years ago, a move north would have been relatively easy. But dairymen point to a number of factors that in recent years made the Central Valley less attractive. Groups like the Center for Food, Poverty and the Environment have been active in holding dairies accountable for the Central Valley's serious air pollution. Concerns center on cow emissions that react with other pollutants to form ground-level ozone.

Dairies "were given a free pass to pollute, and they still have the attitude that the air is their toilet," said Brent Newell, staff attorney for the center.

The situation changed dramatically when a state law went into effect in 2004 requiring dairies to adhere to air pollution standards, just as other businesses do. They had previously been exempt.

To operate a dairy in California, a dairymen now needs a dozen permits, according to Michael Marsh with the Western United Dairymen. In places like Texas and New Mexico, dairymen need one or two, he said.

"Folks would like to stay here in California," Marsh said. But "a significant number of them, after trying repeatedly to relocate farms in the Central Valley, have instead made the decision to go ahead and move their families out of state."

Marsh and others, including Vander Dussen, say dairies have been unfairly targeted. "Dairies are not bad for the environment. Dairies can control the problems and the complaints," Vander Dussen said. "We cannot control the environmental onslaught."

Milking cows has been a way of life for the Vander Dussen family for longer than any of them can remember.

At 14, Vander Dussen's son, Mark, was sent to boarding school to learn how to artificial inseminate cows.

"I would have done it at 13 but he wasn't tall enough yet," the elder Vander Dussen said.

Now 39, Mark Vander Dussen co-owns the family farm in

China. He's been preparing himself for the possibility of a move for some time.

"I'm not sad," the younger Vander Dussen said. "I think we'll be doing something somewhere. We're just not sure where."

To stay in California would cost the family \$21 million to purchase 2,000 acres in the Central Valley, plus \$15 million to construct the dairy. Because their farm is in a flood zone, the family expects only about \$19 million for its land.

But in Texas, the Vander Dussens could purchase land for \$1,700 an acre and build a dairy for half the cost. The total price would be around \$12 million.

The family will likely head east, joining an estimated 600 Chinese-dairy families that have left the state in the past two years, industry experts predict the trend will continue.

"Tom Alger, a second-generation dairymen in China, Texas makes sense."

"The land is cheaper. The cost of doing business is a lot less," Alger said. "We think we can make it there."

That's what worries some in the \$5 billion California dairy industry. They fear those leaving north would be the first in a seismic shift of production out of state.

"If the regulatory burden continues to outpace the producers' ability to stay in business, they will just continue to leave," said Marsh of the Western United Dairymen. "It will mean a smaller industry. But it also means a loss of a significant number of jobs."

For now, the state Department of Food and Agriculture is not concerned. Milk production in California has steadily increased by 4 percent each year despite some farmers deciding to leave the state, according to department spokesman Steve Lyle.

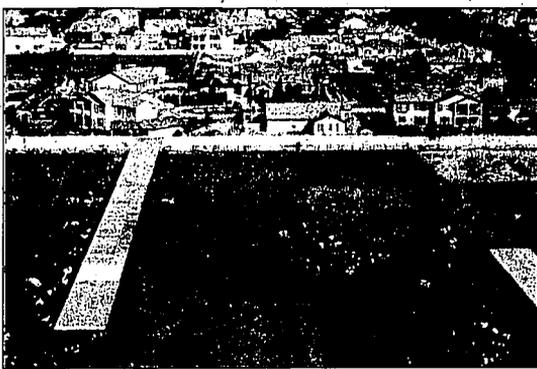
"When you look at the numbers, you see the dairy industry as a whole — not just viable but burgeoning," Lyle said.

If the Vander Dussens decide on Texas, they will likely end up in the Panhandle, a stronghold of agricultural tradition. The hope of many, including the Vander Dussens, is that it's just remote enough.

But the move will be hard. Vander Dussen likes California. The weather is perfect for raising cows, he says.

But he's frustrated by the differences. He sees local hardware shops closing and mom-and-pop gas stations forced out by chains that come with urban sprawl.

"Nobody cares," Vander Dussen said. "The dairy business is being scrutinized, and being intimidated and lawsuited away. Nobody cares."

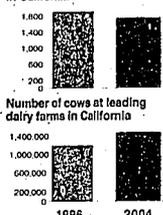


A dairy farm near residential homes as seen Feb. 1 in China, Calif. Rising land values and tough new environmental regulations have contributed to the flight of dairies from California.

Loss in dairy

Soaring land prices, along with tough new environmental regulations have many dairy farming families thinking about leaving the state. The number of dairies, especially in southern California are declining.

Number of leading dairy farms in California



Number of cows at leading dairy farms in California



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A dairy cow licks her head above the crowd as the herd gathers on the Westra Dairy Farm Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, in China, Calif.

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 Hydrogenics and others are developing may in fact be the very ones that succeeded in the market.

The same might be argued of Energy Conversion Devices Inc., a solar equipment maker planning to sell more than \$200 million of stock to build another factory — or any number of other money-losing companies hoping to capitalize on the surge in oil prices that has made alternative energy sources appear cost-effective for the first time.

Many of the Internet technologies and telecommunications networks created in the 1990s are generating profits today, only not for the companies that developed them. Acquirers snatched them out of bankruptcy, paying pennies on the dollar for innovations that required billions of investment dollars. Global Crossing Ltd., for example, built the world's most extensive fiber-optic network before entering bankruptcy in early 2002 with debts of \$12.4 billion. In 2004, Singapore Technologies Telemedia bought a controlling stake in the business for \$250 million.

It's a story that also played out more than a century ago in

a frenzy of railroad building. Similarly, in the alternative energy sector, if rising sales don't turn into profits soon, it may be other opportunists who reap fortunes from the winning technologies and products.

The White House and Congress did in fact make good on the president's pledge in 2003, injecting new money into the fuel-cell sector, though not all of it goes to businesses. Over the past three years, the Department of Energy has awarded about \$500 million for research by universities, companies, and national laboratories.

And while no specific dollar amounts were proposed with this year's State of the Union, the energy bill passed in late 2005 could pump more than half a billion dollars more per year into fuel cell development. Nonetheless, investors should be aware that all this spending and optimism are a recipe for rising stocks. As the current share prices for some likely beneficiaries may already reflect the best-case scenario, risks abound.

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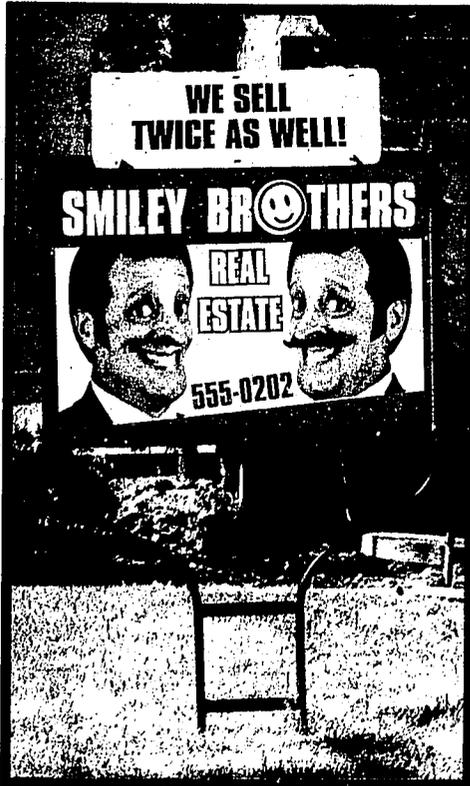
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SWF, 51, outdoors-type, likes dining out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Albion #910168 @ DebFwythobop

HI
SWF, 21, very outgoing, caring, N/S, enjoys shopping and r+ing new people. Seeking WM, 19-27, for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Hollister #916306

NOT AFRAID TO GET MY...
hands dirty. SWF, 19, 5', dishwasher-blond/hazel. Aquarius, N/S, enjoys dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 19-30, N/S, to chat with. Burley #918228

NEEDS SOME SUGAR
SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SWHM, 38-54, Hollister #844241 @ SamiSulte

NEED A NICE GUY!
Romantic, fun SWF, enjoys family filler movies, dancing, horseback riding, gardening, cooking, and fishing. Seeking a tall SWM, N/S, 40-60, who wants to share a good friend and possible LTR. Twin Falls #988951

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
45-year-old SWF, motto of two, CNA. I love camping, mountains, long rides, etc. ISO a S/DWM, 35-65, who has similar interests. Burley #907501

LOOKING FOR A GREAT GUY
Spontaneous SWF, 19, competitive tennis player, enjoy having a good time, bring life to the fullest. Seeking down-to-earth SWM, 18-23, for LTR. Appleton #905428 @ vicidkitt

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF, 18, 4'11", enjoys horror and comedy films, pizza, hanging with friends, music, more. Seeking responsible, loving SM, 18-25, to share talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #912173

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SF, 21, 5'2", short brown dark brown 150lbs, looking for someone child-friendly, outgoing, honest man to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Hollister #974280

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 man, 34-45. Finley #93542 @ Kamster

SEEKING COMPANION
DF, 40, 5'2", brown/blue, great smile. Enjoys fishing, slow dancing, romantic evenings and more. Looking for a SM, 38-43, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, funny and outgoing. Burley #979925

WHY WAIT?
SWF, enjoys fishing, camping, walks, dancing, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, 21-50, to share interest with and get to know. Kimberly #885784

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

PRETTY OPEN
Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #913656

SHY PLOW BOY
SWM, 23, grew up on a farm, enjoys motor sports, outdoors, family activities, seeks female, 18-27, with similar interests, for possible romance. Murtaugh #926979 @ SHYFLOWBOY

A GOOD GUY STILL EXISTS
Hard-working, churchgoing SM, 27, 6'4", 193lbs, brown/blue, glasses, enjoys horseback riding, karaoke, cycling, country music, camping, comedy, action/adventure films, partying with friends. ISO fun SWF, 19-28. Hollister #917467

SEEKS PRETTY GF
WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls #955193

HOW ABOUT ME?
SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship/relationship. Murtaugh #743399

JUST AN ORDINARY GUY
HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, very hard-working, seeks a woman, 25-45, to contact with. Hollister #989654 @ pokeroip

ONE WOMAN MAN
SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing. Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. #651957

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN
Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, N/S, likes camping, fishing, traveling, dining out. Seeking active SWF, 40-60, N/S, looks unimpaired, must be honest, caring and true, friendship style, maybe LTR. Twin Falls #916440

HANG OUT PARTNER WANTED!
SWM, 41, financially secure, loves to try new restaurants, weekend getaways, sporting events, very open to new ideas, seeking SF, 19-45. Let's explore. Hollister #677625 @ funtime1111

STILL SEARCHING...
SWM, 48, 6'3", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoors, dining, sports, and more. Seeking SF, race open, 36-46, for friendship, and dating. Twin Falls #913286

MAKE IT HAPPEN
SWM, 28, looking to meet a single female, 18-30. Someone who knows how to have a good time. If this sounds like you, contact me. Hollister #913536

NEW TO THE DATING SCENE
SWM, 35, very real person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, skiing, seeking honest SF, 23-43, to love and cherish. Hollister #867057 @ Justime120025

GOOD CHRISTIAN MAN
Male, 20, N/S, works in a sawmill, loves camping. Seeking good GF, 19-30, N/S, just as a friend. Rock Creek #915525

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
SM, 32, hard-working, active, enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking similar child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfield #74263

LOOKING TOO
SWM, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding the way home. seeks SF, 35-55, to get to know each other. Paul #875531 @ helmbak

ISO HONEST RELATIONSHIP
SM, 39, 5'7", 150lbs, black/brown, enjoys fishing, taking walks, dancing, etc. Looking for SF, 18-50, for a LTR, kids ok. Coitler #965647

WHY NOT CALL?
SWM, 36, 6'2", 180lbs, light red/white, looking for an intelligent, kind-hearted, open-minded BSW, not afraid to herself, to share friendship and fun that could lead to lasting love. Hollister #900635

DO YOU LOVE JESUS?
SWM, 34, devout conservative, sincere, sensitive, supports N/S, N/D. Enjoys going to movies, candle lit dinners, indoor/outdoor activities. ISO SWHF, 24-34, any race, honest, dependable, church-going, has personal relationship with the Lord. Hollister #882582 @ Jesus-Fanatic

HELLO LADIES!!!
SWM, 57, 160lbs, single male, enjoys outdoors, skydiving, dancing and socializing. Would like to meet a BSWF, 40-55, for a LTR. Hollister #907954

MAKE ME YOURS
SWM, 27, outdoors-type, likes dinners, movies. I just got back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SWF, 18-27, to have fun and live life to the fullest. Hollister #983943 @ aftershockbr

LET'S TALK
SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, out going, fun, works construction, likes dining, walks, camping, more. ISO active SF who enjoys the same. Hollister #804445

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, N/D, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #850460

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SWM, 28, with various interests. ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton #851341

CALL ME
WM, 59', 170lbs, brown/hazel, likes country music, good movies and cuddling on the couch. Seeking WF, 30-49, with similar interests. Friendship, possible LTR. Wendell #859500

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SW, 42, electrician, enjoys the outdoors, enjoying time with you, quality times with a special lady. Will you be that lady? Buhi #870343

ARE YOU THE ONE
SM, 18, laid-back enjoys the outdoors looking for someone who shares the same interests. please call. Hollister #873481

I'VE BEEN LOOKING
SM 39, N/S, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BSW who keeps herself up. Gooding #873680

WORTH IT!
SWM, 26, 6'2", shaved head, red eyes, 225lbs, very athletic, enjoys metal and rock music, snowboarding. Looking for an outgoing girl who wants to have fun. Hollister #81113

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SWM, 39, 5'10", 250lbs, great SOH, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor sports, gardening. Seeking SF race open, 30-45, slender, medium build, with similar interests. for LTR. Paul #892445

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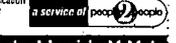
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: What is the standard treatment after a cue-bid or a splinter bid gets doubled? Is there a default agreement as to a pass, or a new cue-bid?

that suit. If the exposed card is an honor, it is a major penalty card. It must be played at the first legal turn. Also, there may be lead penalties if the player's partner gets the lead while the card is still exposed.

ANSWER: A reversion to game is always the weakest option. Pass of the double would end a first round control, and a new cue-bid would tend to show a control there and no control in the doubled suit. Redouble of the double of a splinter would promise first round control. Redouble of a regular cue-bid could, I think, show either first- or second-round control.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held a 9-7-5-3-2, Q ♦ 10-9-4, ♠ A-K-7-2. Partner opened one heart and bid two diamonds over my one-spade response. What call should I make? What is the percentage call? Is it different for matchups as opposed to IMPs?

Jokers Wild, Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wolff: My rubber bridge game has a bet riding on your answer here. Would you open ♠ K-2, ♠ A-Q-9-4-3, ♠ 10-5, ♠ Q-10-7-2 in any form of scoring or in any position?

ANSWER: Great problem! Even two hearts could be right here. Pass is too committal — maybe three diamonds is reasonable. (With a diamond honor instead of one of your top clubs, that has something to recommend it.) And stretching to two no-trump could win too. There is no good answer — that is for sure.

ANSWER: I hope you predicted that I would come down on the side of calculated aggression. In third or fourth seat I would consider one heart mandatory. In second seat if vulnerable I might pass, but I'm afraid to admit that I would probably open this hand at almost any form of scoring. The points in the long suits, the well-placed intermediates, and no jacks all add up to an opening in my eyes.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Where are the National tournaments being held this year?

Peregrine Falcon, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When a player leads two cards simultaneously (one by accident because it stuck to the other card), what are the penalties?

ANSWER: I'm delighted to say Dallas hosts the Spring Nationals at the end of March, with Chicago hosting the Summer Nationals. And, in a much awaited return to the tournament schedule, it will be Hawaii in November 2006, which I look forward to seeing again after a long absence. Check out www.acbl.org for more details in their tournament section.

ANSWER: When the second, accidental card is not an honor, the exposed card is a minor penalty card. This card must be played before any other nonhonor card in

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Section E

The future of family?

Five generations in one family take care of each other

By Michael Vitoz
Knight Ridder News Service

By 7:30 a.m., Pearl Stanton, a great-grandmother, is dressed and downstairs looking out her window, waiting for Pooh. "I hope he got a good night's rest," she says, "because he's a crazy little boy. They say I spoil him."

Pooh is Pearl's great-grandson. He is dropped off by his mother — Pearl's granddaughter — who then rushes to work.

"On two wheels," Pearl quips.

Pearl, 76, will watch the 2-year-old all day. "I'm trying to maintain him to the pot," she said.

He is not the only one she cares for.

On the second floor of this Southwest Philadelphia rowhouse, in bed for two years with dementia, is Pearl's mother, Vida Smith, 94.

Vida is Pooh's great-great-grandmother.

So what is going on here? Maybe the future: Five generations of one family all helping

Expert says multigenerational bonds are becoming more important than nuclear family ties

one another out.

As Americans live longer, multigenerational ties have become increasingly important.

Vern Bengtson, a gerontologist and sociologist at the University of Southern California, is among those who contend that a shift is taking place.

"For many Americans," he argues, "multigenerational bonds are becoming more important than nuclear family ties for well-being and support over the course of their lives."

He adds: "because the increase in marital instability and divorce over the last several decades has weakened the ability of nuclear families to provide the socialization, nurturance and support needed by family members, I argue that kin across several generations will increasingly be called upon

to provide these essential family functions in the 21st century."

Help among generations will come in many forms, over many years. Roles will change over time. Pearl cares for Pooh today, for instance. But in a decade, he could be feeding her.

Bengtson also contends, based on his research, that support more often flows down, from older generation to younger, rather than up.

In more affluent families, older generations increasingly provide financial support to younger ones — paying for colleges, camps, even mortgages.

In fact, Bengtson said, "Supporting their children and grandchildren, that's become the new preoccupation of the new young-old — trying to help their grandkids get started."



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At the home of Pearl May Stanton in southwest Philadelphia, Penn., Pearl greets her great-grandson, Jakari-Khristopher 'Pooh' Rushing, 2, who is being dropped off by his mother, Pearl's granddaughter, Corin Rushing.

The weakening of the traditional nuclear family is well-known. According to the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, one-third of all children in America are now born out of wedlock. More than four in 10 marriages will end in

divorce. The number of couples living together outside marriage — now more than five million — has increased 1,200 percent between 1960 and 2004.

At the same time, the number of multigenerational families is increasing. In 1900, nearly 20

percent of U.S. children were orphaned by age 18. In 2000, 68 percent of children, by their 18th birthday, had four grandparents living, according to Peter Uhlenberg, a researcher with the University of North Carolina.

A 20-year-old today has a 91 percent chance of having a living grandmother. A 20-year-old in 1900 had only an 83 percent chance of having a living mother.

By 2050, according to census projections, as many Americans will be younger than 18 as older than 65.

Think of the members of this five-generation family as instruments in a symphony, each doing its part.

The great-great-grandmother, Vida, lies in bed. She was once the family matriarch, vital and larger than life. She worked 45 years at Presbyterian Hospital in the laundry department. She watched her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, much as her granddaughter, Pearl, watches Pooh today.

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Multigenerational parenting in Idaho

Small towns, big families support children

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — The Perron kids have a grandma on every corner.

Next door, Carolyn Perron baby-sits or bakes with them. A block south, Pam Conant sews dance costumes and helps with 4-H projects. Within another few blocks, uncles, aunts, cousins, great-grandparents. Add a few miles, and the family tree continues to branch.

In many Magic Valley towns, families are often bound by ties to the land, so it's not uncommon for children to grow up within a few blocks — even a few steps — of their grandparents and countless other relatives.

"People who care about me are all around me," said Jessica Perron, 12. At a basketball game or 4-H style show, Jessica often has not only her parents and grandparents, but a great-grandmother and a full entourage of aunts, uncles and cousins there to show support. For her family, it's not a matter of conscious choice; supporting the kids is just nature.

"You don't get out to do it," said Carolyn Perron, Jessica's paternal grandmother. "It has just always been that way."

She and her husband, Wayne, spent nearly every weekend camping, fishing, hunting or crafting with their children. As the kids grew and had children of their own, Carolyn and Wayne continued that tradition.

"My grandkids are over here all the time," Carolyn said. "That lil' ol' Kyle (Jessica's 8-year-old brother) will tromp barefooted through the snow just to say good night."

Pam Conant admits keeping up with her nine grandchildren gets "tiring."



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Dyan Perron, 13, plays basketball with his sister Jessica, 12, while their father, Tracy Perron, background right, and grandmother Pam Conant watch recently at the school gym in Dietrich.

“You always had a place of refuge ...”

— Brock Astle, 18

"Our family was our friends," she said. "It's what we know. We couldn't get away with anything. Someone was always around."

Now that her children are teens, that family connection continues. Her mother is just two doors down and sees the children daily.

The bond with his grandmother is a special one for Barbara's son, Brock Astle, 18, who is now away at college in Lewiston.

"You always had a place of refuge, to get the spouses or

whatever," he said. "Some people don't get to experience that."

While still living in Shoshone, Brock drove his grandmother to Twin Falls for groceries and other appointments weekly.

Like the Perrons, Brock and his two sisters can expect to see a plethora of extended family members at each of their activities. He said those connections helped him make better choices growing up — helped him set priorities.

"Family comes first," the Lewis-Clark State College freshman said. "You are constantly surrounded by someone who is always supporting you and who cares. You are always being watched. It taught me right from wrong. It made me who I am."



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Pam Conant greets her grandchild Jessica Perron after she gets out of school recently in Dietrich.

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FAMILY LIFE

Beware the havoc of the proxigean tides

While many avenues of astronomical research might rightly be accused of lacking direct application to human affairs, tides are not among them. Ever since ships first sailed into harbors, the difference between life and death often lay in knowing how much water lay between the keel and the coral.

Not all tides are created equal. The interplay of several celestial cycles determines tidal height. When they all come together in a sort of tidal "perfect storm," the dramatic result is known as a proxigean tide.

Tidal force is strongly dependent on distance, so when the moon's oblong orbit brings it near the earth, the tidal forces increase significantly. The sun's gravity changes the shape of the moon's orbit periodically, so some lunar perigees are closer than others.

The second-largest source of tidal action is the sun, so proxigean tides must occur around the "time when the earth is nearest the sun. But the moon and sun nearly in line (as occurs at new or full moon), and their tidal contributions add. A slight boost occurs when the moon is not just nearly near the earth's line, but is, as occurs during an eclipse.

So an extreme proxigean tide would fall in early January (at perihelion), with the moon swooning (at perigee) toward the earth (at an unusually close perigee). Could observations of these celestial factors and the consequent damage of unusually high tides explain why the Bible foretells that eclipses will presage Armageddon?



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- One hour before sunrise: Venus, SE, very low
- One hour after sunset: Mercury, W, extremely low
- Saturn: SW, very high
- Saturn: ESE, high
- Moon: New moon Monday, 5:31 p.m. Close to Mercury Tuesday evening.

This week will see the latest proxigean tide, but the factors are sub-optimal. The new moon will fall at 5:31 p.m. Monday, less than four hours after the closest lunar perigee of the year. And this year's first eclipse season begins just two weeks later. What keeps this from being an extreme proxigean tide is the fact that nearly two months have passed since the earth was nearest the sun, but coastal areas should still expect unusually high tides.

Next week Orion is prime time.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist at observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Knowing the family tree could save your life

By Korly Yann
Special to The Hartford Courant

Creating a family tree can enhance your knowledge of your history and your roots. Doing a "medical family tree" can save your life. That's the message of a new book, "The Family Tree: How Your Family History Can Save Your Life" by Steven M. Brock, author of "Dr. It's 10 Secrets to Living Healthier" (Dutton, \$14).

Brock, who grew up in a community where his was a common name, says he was a man to have an uncle who was an amputee, a great-grandmother who was blind and relatives who had "a touch of sugar," says that uncovering past illnesses and diseases that run throughout your extended family can help you live longer and healthier.

"While you may have your dad's big brown eyes, your mom's curly hips, you could also have inherited a tendency toward a whole host of ailments from your family," Brock said. "So many conditions have a hereditary component. To make the right lifestyle choices, you and your doctor have to know your health risks."

Brock knew his mother had died of stomach cancer. But after she began her medical family tree, she was surprised to learn that her grandmother had glaucoma, an aunt had high blood pressure, another aunt died from cancer, and a number of relatives had high blood pressure and obesity. She learned that she was at greater risk for hypertension, vascular problems and diabetes as well as cancer.

"I knew there were medical problems in my family," Brock said. "But until I got everything down on paper, I hadn't put all the pieces together."

"The older relatives in your family hold the keys to the information you're looking for, so it's important to be sure you learn as much as you can from them before they're gone," Brock said. "But remember, medical conditions were often a source of shame to older relatives in certain ethnic and racial groups, so it may take some cajoling to get them to open up and share what they see as family secrets."

Elder relatives know that by sharing information they are helping future generations avoid deadly diseases. Listen for clues whenever family stories are told.

"When Great-Aunt Martha says uncle so-and-so had a 'touch of sugar,' it means he had diabetes. When someone says aunt so-and-so was 'sniffy,' it could mean she had Alzheimer's disease. When someone had 'hardening of the arteries,' it usually means coronary artery disease. 'Spells,'

'fits' and all of those old-fashioned terms all translate to medical conditions you could be at risk for," Brock said.

If your relatives are dead, medical records, newspaper clippings, obituaries and family albums can hold clues. Even old photo albums are sources of information. Does grandma shrink in stature or develop hunched shoulders and obituaries can hold clues. Even old photo albums are sources of information. Does grandma shrink in stature or develop hunched shoulders and obituaries can hold clues. Even old photo albums are sources of information. Does grandma shrink in stature or develop hunched shoulders and obituaries can hold clues.

"They called it 'poor circulation,'" she says. "In reality it was PVD, peripheral vascular disease. The common thread among many of my relatives was obesity, hypertension and high cholesterol. Put it all together, and you have metabolic syndrome, a combination of factors that put people at increased risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and PVD."

Family medical trees should note dates of birth and dates and causes of death, as well as diseases and conditions they had. Try to learn the age of onset of any diseases, which can be clues to your genetic predisposition. Draw a genealogical chart, which can show if diseases pass from generation to generation.

"You can't change your genes, but you can change your lifestyle and, in turn, reduce your risk factors," Brock said. "Family history doesn't have to be your destiny."

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menu:
Monday: Baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, peas, bread, tossed green salad, cobble.

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, bread, mixed salad, fruit cake with cream

Activities:
Today: Center closed
Monday: Quilling
Monday: Bridge
Exercise
Medicare D
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood Pressure
Tax Assistance
Commission of the Blind

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Menu:
Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Ham and beans, salad, vegetable sticks, cornbread, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. \$4 for seniors, \$5 for seniors under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger
Monday: Cards, 6 to 9 p.m. Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m. Board meeting, 1 p.m. AARP tax assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Diners served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

Menu:
Tuesday: Hot beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, fruit sauce

Activities:
Monday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
411 Main St.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menu:
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, country mix vegetables, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken ala king over potatoes, creamed corn, kidney bean salad, brownies
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, strawberry shortcake
Thursday: Turkey roast, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, jelly-O with fruit, custard
Friday: Ham, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, fruit salad, Dutch apple pie

Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Taxes, 10 a.m. to noon.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Friday: Old Time Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

Menu:
Monday: Chicken fried steak, baked potatoes, sour cream, salad, corn, hot bread, rice pudding
Wednesday: Waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit
Friday: Fish or ham, french fries, coffee/tea, french bread, cake with blueberry topping

Activities:
Monday: AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Alonon meeting, 8 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tax aid, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menu:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O with fruit, brownies
Tuesday: Meatballs and gravy, rice, carrots, salad, mandatory cobler bread
Wednesday: Lasagna, cauliflower, fruit salad, dessert, french bread
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, salad, custard rolls
Friday: Leftovers

Activities:
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Wild One, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Music with June Koonce, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Ham and beans, salad, vegetables, fruit, cornbread, birthday cake
Friday: Eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, gravy and biscuits, fruit, cinnamon rolls

Sliver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon rolls and maple bar bake days.

Menu:
Tuesday: Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, salad, fruit, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Spaghetti, peas, cheese wedge, salad, fruit

Activities:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menu:
Tuesday: Ham and beans, fried potatoes, green salad, peaches and cookies, cornbread
Wednesday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilling, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menu:
Monday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered carrots, homemade rolls, birthday cake, ice cream

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Menu:
Tuesday: Leg of lamb and lamb sausage or Swiss steak, sour dough rolls, shepherd's potatoes, carrot zimmers, banana pudding

Activities:
Monday: Shopping in Jerome, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Carney Center Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Pork roast and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread
Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread

Activities:
Monday: Tax Aid
Tuesday: Quilling, 1 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

Menu:
Tuesday: Baked potatoes, salad, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Chili, cornbread, fruit, salad, dessert
Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, fruit, salad, dessert

Activities:
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Art class, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Birthdays party

Milindota County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menu:
Monday: Pork chops, potato casserole, vegetables, salad, rolls, ice cream
Tuesday: Sloppy joes, french fries, peas, salad, pudding
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, vegetables, salad, Jell-O
Thursday: Potato soup, vegetables, biscuits, fruit salad, pudding
Friday: Smogashond

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHIBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menu:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy, potato patties, fruit, mixed vegetables, rhubarb crisp
Tuesday: Ham salad sandwich, chicken noodle soup, lime pear Jell-O, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Taco salad, fruit salad, cookies
Thursday: Pizza, french fries, fruit Jell-O, brownies
Friday: Goulash, Mexican corn, gatie bread, fruit, cup, miscellaneous desserts

Activities:
Monday: All play pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure
Tuesday: All play pool
Woodcarving class, 8:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

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Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thin, whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes



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by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/MAX American Dream Realty

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Mom cooks up special-order bakery for son's allergies

By Camilla A. Herrera
The Stamford Advocate

For her youngest son's first birthday, Lori Sandler made a cake of shaved ice.

"For his second birthday, I made a special cake and bought another cake from a bakery," she says. "Benjamin was the only one who ate his cake."

"At his third birthday, the other children tasted the 'special cake' Sandler bakes, but preferred the one her son, allergic to milk, eggs, peanuts and tree nuts, could not eat.

"When he was a baby, he would react to every formula, and would get this awful eczema," she says of Benjamin's food allergies.

According to the Food Allergy Initiative, a nonprofit organization that raises funds toward the treatment and cure for food allergies, more than 11 million Americans, like Benjamin, have allergies to one type of food. Of these, hundreds die each year and more than 30,000 visit emergency rooms due to food-induced anaphylactic allergic reactions that can be caused by trace amounts of any food, but 90 percent are caused by peanuts, eggs, milk, shellfish, wheat, tree nuts, soy and fish.

Faced with these statistics, Sandler and her husband, Mark, former Stamford, Conn., residents living in Pound Ridge, N.Y., did what parents do when they learn of an allergy in the family. They consulted with experts, researched recipes, adjusted food shopping and cooking habits, and monitored ingredients.

Their efforts paid off. Benjamin, now 7, and his two healthy older brothers, continue to grow and thrive.

But celebrations for Benjamin when he was younger were always separate, lacking the shared quality that food brings to gatherings of family and friends.

"For someone who has allergies, to go to a party or spend a day at the mall (that person) always has to pick special food," says Sandler. "It's difficult to go out to eat. It is almost impossible to be spontaneous. That child feels left out, especially when it's around the fun foods, that's sad."

The answer, Sandler decided, lay in what she could pull together in the oven.

"We wanted to create something that was inclusive and delicious for everybody, not just for the person with the allergy. We wanted to share something that everyone would want to try."



Lori Sandler and her son, Benjamin, 7, at Divives bakery in South Salem, N.Y. Sandler and her husband Mark own the shop where treats are made allergen-free.



Divives treats are made free of peanuts, tree nuts, eggs and milk.

Sandler would rise early, cook all day and late into the night. "I would take one cookie recipe and make it over and over, and the only thing I might be tweaking was the amount of baking powder. I was on such a mission, such a labor of love, to make these cookies so the older kids would also like them. I

would have everyone taste them. I would bring them to school, three different plates, and only I knew what the difference was. I knew I had something when the older boys liked them.

With validation from her family, friends and the school community, Sandler realized

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she was onto something.

"What convinced me was realizing that if I knew someone out there was sitting on this, I would want them to share it. There are so many Benjamins out there. I realized I had to find a way to make this happen," she says.

She and her husband opened Divives, a South Salem, N.Y., bakery where treats are baked free of peanuts, tree nuts, eggs and milk.

"People with allergies deserve something special," Sandler says.

Part of what is special is the shaming — the divying up — quality behind the chocolate chip, molasses ginger, oatmeal raisin and oatmeal chocolate chip cookies the Sandler's make, which are individually packaged to remain allergen-free and "made to share."

The kettle, caramel and chocolate-caramel popcorn is what Sandler calls a "party box," which includes individual bags and a scooper.

Sandler insists the treats are for everyone, not just people with allergies.

"We get e-mails from moms who cried when seeing their kids eat cookies for the first time," she says. "Clients have come from as far as Yonkers and New Jersey just so their child can walk into a bakery. It's definitely worth it."

Okinawan man has based his career on translating love letters

By Naohiro Yoshida
The Yomiuri Shimbun

The roof of a U.S. F-15 jet fighter at Kadema Air Base boomed above the central part of the city of Okinawa, Japan.

Among the bars and residences in this part of town stands a building that houses the home and office of Tetsu Nakama, 71.

At 9 a.m., he leaves his second-floor home, descends the external staircase, crosses the glass door of his first-floor office.

On the door of the office are signs saying "Translation — Hanakoto."

Almost half a century has passed since he started his translation business in 1957. In that time, he's had countless love letters brought to him.

Nakama was born and brought up on Taramajima island, south of the prefecture's main island of Okinawa. When he was primary school, he witnessed U.S. military attacks on the island.

Once, when he was at a friend's house, strating by U.S. warplanes forced him to hide in an air-raid shelter. Another time, he was playing a field when the area came under aerial attack. He remembers hearing the sounds of bullets thumping into nearby tree trunks while he hunkered down in the forest.

Eight years after the war ended, he went to the prefecture's main island and entered an English-language school, hoping to find a job at a U.S. military base.

He met his cousin through him a letter written in English and asked him to translate it into Japanese. His cousin ran a bar in Koza, now Okinawa, near Kadema Air Base. The letter was from a U.S. soldier to a bar hostess.

He took the job, thinking it would be good for his studies. The work turned out well, and word started to get around. He soon received similar requests.

Thinking it could turn out to be his livelihood, he started a translation business, and a steady stream of customers soon began heading his way. He charged 50 cents (for translating a postcard written in English and writing a reply on two sheets of paper. At that time, 50 cents was a man's daily wage at the base.

However, his memories of being attacked by U.S. planes as a child were still very vivid, and he had mixed feelings about helping set up Okinawa women with U.S. soldiers.

He also could see, however, that women who had lost fam-

ilies or husbands were starting to find hope in the midst of poverty once they fell in love. As a translator, he felt compelled to help his fellow citizens.

Nakama himself was in love, at the time.

He had met a woman, his cousin's messenger, who carried the bar hostesses' letters. After chatting together a number of times, they fell in love, married and raised two sons and a daughter.

As the 1960s progressed, the Vietnam War intensified. Between 20 and 30 women came to Nakama's office every day with letters from the front.

"I received this from someone I don't know," said a woman with worry etched on her face. When Nakama opened the letter, he saw that the writer's son had been killed in battle. The letter was from the mother of the woman's lover.

"It was so sad, I couldn't tell her the truth," he recalled.

Thinking on his feet, he said to her, "I'll have it translated, so come back later." But the woman never returned. Nakama thinks she must have taken the hit.

After Okinawa Prefecture reverted to Japanese administrative rule in 1972, people began to return to the island. In the 1980s, Nakama started seeing women going out with U.S. soldiers, saying things like, "His cool to have an American boyfriend, isn't it?" or "It's good for my English."

In 1991, amid the Gulf War, a woman brought him a letter. In the letter her boyfriend described the war in a matter-of-fact and zoned over his head while he was playing basketball.

"Learning that her lover was not in immediate danger, the woman left the office full of smiles."

With the spread of e-mail, the exchange of personal letters has become increasingly rare. Nakama's work now mainly centers on business letters. Still, once or twice a month, young female customers come to his office.

A woman who works at a U.S. base visited his office at the end of last year.

She handed him two sheets of letter-writing paper, brimming with Japanese sentences expressing her feelings toward her boyfriend.

The letter asked, "What are you doing now?" and "How do you like your life?" She was addressed to a U.S. soldier who had returned home. After receiving Nakama's translation, she paid him 2,000 yen and bowed several times before heading off.

Birthday today? Don't take chances in June, wait for fall to fall in love

IF FEB. 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Play your cards right and you will win the pot in the year to come. In June don't take chances or push your luck as others may be critical and any mischief you have not tended to properly could become a mountain. Next October and November your personal appeal is highlighted and others will view you favorably through rose colored glasses, so that is the best time to look for a new job or fall in love with the right person.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Rumors could be spreading. Pay

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Jeraldine Saunders

attention to subtle nuances where friends are concerned. Important changes of direction that affect your goals could be hidden behind the scenes this week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consenting adults may consent in imaginative ways this week-end. One obstacle that bars a romance may be alleviated. In the week to come, be driven by

your desire to succeed in business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Reach nosebleed heights mentally. Enjoy a sense of adventure by setting your goals as high as possible and climbing your own Mount Everest. Think through problems to find solutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Practice what you preach. If you let your imagination run wild, you may stumble on an inspiration that changes your life. A movie, a book or a loved one can have a veritable impact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't crow until the sun rises. As this

week unfolds, you will need to lead and encourage others — but timing is all-important. Your job may be to signal the dawn of new tactics or techniques.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ride the whitewater rapids of thought with impunity. Your alertness can pay off this week when others surprise you with unexpected ideas or actions. Be poised for new beginnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Loyalty to loved ones never lets you down. Charm and attractiveness give you the upper hand in relationships, but it is mutual commitment to an ideal

that binds couples together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Climb your own personal stairway to heaven. Twosomes may bill and coo like turdundoves and escape into a fantasy world built for two. Certain restrictions may ease or disappear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use optimism to battle fear. Concentrate on faithfulness to a cause or a person. Relationships can soar to new heights of happiness when you put heads together as well as hearts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Good planning pays off when you must share with oth-

ers. If the way to someone's heart is through the stomach then it is wise to cook up a good meal. Try a romantic dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be a little more outgoing. Naggling problems may dissolve this week that have kept you and a companion at odds. Have faith in the future and remember that "It is better to lose than to win."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Remember that whatever goes up eventually must come down. Your partner may be an adventure-seeker but don't be tempted to climb so far out on a limb that you can't crawl back to safety.

Generations

Continued from E1

Media is now the recipient of care from everyone else. Giving her love and dignity gives them meaning.

Pearl is her only child, the great-grandmother.

Pearl separated from her husband by age 25 with help from her mother, she raised three children.

Like her mother, Pearl worked at Presbyterian Hospital, for 41 years, most as a kitchen supervisor, making

sure patients' meals were prepared and delivered properly.

Now she rises four or five times a night to check on her mother, giving her water or an extra blanket. She grinds up her mother's pills and mixes the medicine into her food. She washes her mother's clothes and linens, running each load through the washer twice, hanging clothes on the line most of the year.

Pearl's youngest child is Pauline Smith, 54. Pauline is

the grandmother of Pooh. She lives around the corner. Pauline worked 33 years at Presbyterian Hospital, and six years ago moved to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, part of that same health-care system. She is a receptionist.

Pauline goes to her mother's house every day after work. She will change the diapers of her grandmother and grandson, feed them dinner, and give her mother, Pearl, a break.

Pauline will watch Pooh, either at Pearl's house or at her own, until her own daughter, Corin Rushing, 27, Pooh's mother, picks him up at night.

Pooh, whose father died before he was born, is named Jakari Christopher Rushing. Pearl couldn't remember Jakari, so she called him Pooh.

For the record, Pooh identifies the generations of women in his life as follows: mother is Mom; grandmother is Grandmom; great-grandmother is

Mom-Mom. And great-great-grandmother is Granny.

America has long had the Sandwich Generation — baby boomers taking care of children and aging parents.

Now taking care of her mother and Pooh, is a variation, Carol Levine, director of the Families and Health Care Project at the United Hospital Fund in New York, describes this arrangement as a "club sandwich."

Informal caregivers like Pearl

are the backbone of the American caregiving system. An estimated 30 million Americans care for family and friends, for free, out of love and duty.

The care they provide is worth an estimated \$257 billion, said Peter Arno, director of the Division of Public Health & Policy Research in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at Montefiore Medical Center in New York.

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THE (BILL-)SPLITTING HEADACHE

By Jessica Yadegaran Knight Ridder News Service

Another lovely dinner out with friends. Conversation and laughter flow, as does the wine. Lots of expensive wine that you're not ordering and certainly not consuming. You're going light — a Caesar and water — but your friends keep the files and foil gras coming all night long.

When the bill hits the table, it's decided that the easiest thing to do is split it evenly among the 12 people.

Ninety-one bucks a pop. For a saint, you ask? Yes, we're afraid, just as the tight-knit "Friends" debated over splitting the bill, so do the rest of us.

It's fair to split evenly if you didn't stuff your gullet as much as the others? It is rude to point that out? What exactly is the etiquette?

"The best and most considerate thing to do is speak openly about the inequities of the bill," says Peter Post, co-director of the Emily Post Institute, the nation's oldest organization dedicated to manners. "Resisting that people are going to split it equally is rude and inappropriate."

But it's not always that easy. Many of us find that people want to be perceived as easy, breezy dining companions, not as nit-picky penny-pinchers.

"Get over it," says Post, the author of three etiquette books

Splitting tips

- Follow these expert etiquette tips to ensure a drama-free dinner:
- If your portion of the bill is more than an even split, say something. It's your duty.
- The high-end diner says nothing, the low-end one should.
- Always carry cash so you are equipped to chip in exactly what you owe.
- If the table wants to underpay and you don't, casually drop a few extra dollars on the table.
- If you can't afford the high-end restaurants your friends enjoy, suggest going somewhere more affordable.
- Don't make a fuss over a few dollars. Save it for when there's a big discrepancy.
- If dining as couples, one credit card per couple, up to four, is not uncommon.

— Peter Post, author and co-director of the Emily Post Institute

including "Essential Manners for Couples." "These people are your friends, and they should respect you."

When dining with other couples, Berkeley's Linda Schacht and her husband plunk down a credit card and ask no questions. There have been times, Schacht says, when one's had a bowl of soup and one glass of wine and someone else had an appetizer, entree and three glasses of wine.

"I just figure it will work out in the end," says Schacht, a lecturer at the University of California at Berkeley. "The social relationship is far more important than a few dollars on the card."

But those few dollars can add up.

At a recent bachelor party dinner, Markus Rovito of San Francisco got stuck covering for a few of the less-than-generous gentlemen. Rovito's philosophy since then: Talk about it early, like the minute the menus hit the table.

"It's easy enough to just say, 'So, should we do separate checks?'" says Rovito, a magazine editor. "Suggest that everyone plan to pay what they owe. If people are fine with the idea, the mathematically simple solution of splitting it down the middle, the table will come to that decision quickly and easily enough."

Carolyn Hax, syndicated advice columnist of "Toll Me About It," gets particularly perturbed when the table's resident foodie orders for the table and then suggests an equal split.

"If you're taking the reins on the menu and surrendering them when the bill comes, you're sending a message that you're taking control," Hax explains. "Certainly that implies that the check comes with it." Gavin Frase, a purchasing and accounting manager, has his own strategy. At the end of a meal with friends, they typically

pass around the bill and put in their amounts. With it goes to Frase, he doesn't even look at it.

"I'll just tell the waiter to put the rest on my card," says Frase, 26, of Berkeley, Calif. His thoughts on an even split:

"The only time that works is when you're doing something like pizza and pitchers of beer, he says, explaining that beer and pizza divide up easily.

Even then, Frase says, if someone at the table eats one slice and drinks no beer, he won't even put her in a position to have to explain herself.

"I'll just tell her to leave the tip or something," Frase says. "Etiquette-wise, that's exactly what you're supposed to do."

"Let's put it this way," says Frase. "The person who has the filet mignon should say something so the person who has the salad doesn't have to." Fair enough. "Now, here's where it gets stickier, even controversial. As much as we'd like to believe that a doctor and a teacher can dine together as equals, well, the etiquette expert, according to the sort of can't.

When it comes to splitting even Steven, folks who make more money should chip in more. Frase says, simply because it affects them less.

"It's a wave of the hand for some people," Hax explains. "But it's a pack-my-lunch-the-next-day-instead-of-buying-it-for others."

How to hush your little baby at night

By Kate Shatzkin The Baltimore Sun

Getting a baby to sleep these days is tough to make his mom and dad cry all night.

Faced with sleep-deprived couples who are often at each other's throats in the wee hours, many pediatricians and the leading organization of pediatricians are tweaking their prescriptions for infant sleep. But their wide range of advice can confuse parents more than ever.

Should they let the baby cry it out alone? Tuck him on 2 a.m. car rides? Nurse him no matter what the hour?

"It's already a tense situation because you're exhausted all the time," said Michele Mulligan of Inwood, Md., who had to negotiate with her husband, Ken, over how long they would let their daughter, now 23 months old, cry at night.

"So if you don't decide ahead of time what you're going to do, if you find that you're trying to figure out what to do, that's really, really stressful."

Dr. Richard Ferber, known as the author of the "Cry It Out" method, which involves alternatingly letting a baby cry alone and comforting a child during a single crying spell, will be revisiting his strategy in a future issue of his book, "The Meri Weissbluth, who has advocated the even harsher "extinction" technique, which involves withdrawing all one's attention from a child during episodes of undesirable behavior, now focuses more on preventing sleep problems for harried parents whose work schedules keep them from putting babies to bed at the right times.

At the opposite end of the advice spectrum, Dr. William Sears, the guru of "attachment parenting," a philosophy in which parents stay close to their children, sleeping with them and breastfeeding on demand — offers tips in his new book for mothers who are exhausted from responding to a baby all night.

In October, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that parents do not have their infants at bedtime to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS — raising eyebrows from those who worry about giving their babies too much attention and keep them from settling down for the night on their own.

The shifting advice is part science, part reality check. As researchers learn more about the harm of sleep deprivation for people of every age, doctors and a growing number of parent coaches see exhausted mothers and fathers struggling over what to do when the baby

When does it make sense to let a teenager have his own car?

Parents make sacrifices for their child's career

By Linda Shrivens Knight Ridder News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — When Kelly-Lynn Federman was she was singing "Wind Beneath My Wings" into a toy tape recorder.

By the time she was 10 and singing in a school production of "Grease," her parents wondered whether they should stop spending money on dance lessons and switch to voice lessons.

"When she was 11, she came to us and said she wanted to be a famous singer," says Stephen Federman, 51. "If that's what she wants, then we'll do our best to help her."

So Stephen and Linda Federman, of Ocala, Fla., pinched pennies to pay for recording sessions and demo CDs. For the past few years, Kelly-Lynn drives a medical transport van, urges radio stations to play Kelly-Lynn's contemporary Christian recordings and set up gigs at churches and malls.

Now the Federmans are poked for their riskiest move yet. They've put their house up for sale. And at the end of the month, they will quit their jobs and move the family to Los Angeles. Kelly-Lynn, 16, has switched genres from Christian to pop, and the family wants to give her a chance at becoming the next Hilary Duff.

Although such sacrifices were once rare, more American parents are placing their careers and dreams on the back burner to help their children pursue theirs.

Olympic ice skaters' families pay enormous sums for training and often move across the country to live near an accomplished coach. The families of wannabe child actors inhabit the apartment complexes around Los Angeles.

Even a generation or two ago, this would have been unthinkable," says Jan Dizard, an Amherst College sociologist

who studies the American family. "It's not simply the money involved; it's the time, the devotion. It's ending one's activity to the single-minded pursuit of stardom for a child."

It also may be a recipe for some family discord. Although some parents are good at making every child feel special, Dizard wonders how siblings feel when Mom and Dad take out a second mortgage on the house to finance one child's dream while their dreams cost much less. Parents might suffer, too, and sometimes divorce can result.

"It's hard to have a formal life," Dizard says. "When do you have time to go to a movie or have a simple dinner party or time to yourself? You're on the road, you're pulling up roots or going incessantly and obsessively to cheer your child on."

Luckily, the Federmans have one powerful person in their corner: Don Dante, Harry Manlow's longtime producer.

Dante first learned about Kelly-Lynn Federman last year, after frustrated Linda Federman — a longtime Manlow fan — e-mailed him because she was tired of people wanting to help Kelly-Lynn and never following through.

Surprisingly, Dante agreed to listen to Kelly-Lynn's music and liked it so much that he invited her to Los Angeles for a recording session. In October, he said he wanted to sign Kelly-Lynn as an artist and wanted the family to relocate. Kelly-Lynn and Steve, 8 — to move to California.

"The Federmans didn't hesitate. This is the opportunity of a lifetime," says Linda.

What if something goes wrong? What if Kelly-Lynn doesn't make it?

"We don't think of Plan B's too much," says Steve.

Still, Kelly-Lynn confesses that she worries a little. "Sometimes I wonder what will happen if this doesn't work out," she says. "My parents are giving up so much for me."

To which Linda replies: "I'm not what I dream come true, I will."

THERMOSTATS: A temperamental subject at home

By Natalie Pompillo Knight Ridder News Service

Scene: Exterior. Frost on the windows, snow on the ground, the Philadelphia home of Maryann and Morris Holender.

Switch to: Interior. Maryann, 50, and Morris, 59, stage center. A thermostat on the wall behind them. Maryann (matter-of-factly): I would like the temperature around 65 degrees, but Morris likes it around 60.

Morris (interupting): No, no. No. Sixty-two is fine. You know the TV show on TV? Maryann wants to join the 300 club. That's the \$300 gas-bill club.

Maryann: Morris, stop exaggerating.

Fade to: winter white. Control of the family thermostat is a time-honored, touchy subject. For legitimate physical reasons, some women find themselves shivering while their male partners cast withering looks. Donald Roberts, a California research physiologist who conducts environmental research for the military, said studies have shown that women's hands tend to cool quicker than men's, possibly because of a poor circulation or smaller blood vessels.

"It's more the hands and feet. Think about when you're walking in the rain and snow and your feet are wet. That's when you feel miserable," Roberts said.

"In his house, Roberts has his wife wear a hat when she's cold. A stocking cap, actually.

But for a woman, a reproductive endocrinologist at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, said the core body temperature of a woman in her reproductive years fluctuates by about a half-degree during the month, but it's unclear how noticeable that is.

What many women do notice, when they're menopausal or their estrogen levels fall, is a hormonal reaction causing the blood vessels on their skin to dilate and the increased blood flow, or "hot flashes," that follows, he said.

John B. Roth, 53, of King of Prussia, Pa., said that for the last three years, hormone changes have dictated that nighttime temperatures in her house go no higher than 62. Her husband of 33 years, Tom, calls their bedroom "the meat locker" and has — on more than one occasion — threatened to move into a guest room.

"I'm winning, since he's still sleeping with me," Bath said.

This is a battle that spills over into the workplace. Pamel Shuster, owner of a Philadelphia all-estate-control computer sold, so-called thermostat "jockeys" can be such a problem in some offices that he has installed dummy thermostats on walls.

Some companies and apartment buildings have thermostats that can be adjusted only by someone with a key.

Flashback to the Holender home. Morris says he threatened to buy just such a device for his home thermostat a few years ago. What made him not do it?

"Maryann hid the key. My wife's Italian. Let's say she just made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

Dissolve to: Holender home. Maryann is on control under pile of blankets, only seeing shadow. Morris in T-shirt, shorts.

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JOHNS-GREGERSEN

TWIN FALLS — Dean and Sheri Johns of Twin Falls announced the engagement of their daughter, Traci Johns, to Zach Gregersen, son of Randy and Jeanne Gregersen of Twin Falls. Johns attended Twin Falls High School and graduated from DSL Academy. She is employed at the Twin Falls School District. Gregersen attended Twin Falls High School and graduated from Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colo. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in El Salvador. He is employed at US Bank in Twin Falls.



Zach Gregersen and Traci Johns Friday, March 3, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at The White House in Twin Falls.

DAVIS-DANIELS

JEROME — Kevin and Reba Davis of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Dawn Davis, to Tim Vernon Daniels, son of Pamela Daniels of Boise. Davis is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended Idaho State University. She is an office administrator at Macy's in Twin Falls. Daniels is a graduate of Boise High School. He is a founder at Agudaz Construction in Boise.



Sheila Davis and Tim Daniels land Crystal Ballroom in Filer. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

DEVALL-HART

PAUL — Gina DeVal and Aaron Hart announce their engagement. DeVal is the daughter of James and Juanita DeVal of Yakima, Wash. Hart is the son of Eldon and Lisa Hart of Paul. DeVal is a 1993 graduate of Nampa Christian High School and a 1994 graduate of ITT Technical Institute. She is employed at Jentech-Kearl Farms. Hart is a 1989 graduate of Minico High School and a 1992 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at Hobbs



Aaron Hart and Gina DeVal. The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Ebenezer Congregational Church in Paul.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE SPENCERS

EDEN — Robert H. and Venetta Spencer of Eden will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Eden Senior Citizens Center, 210 Wilson St. Robert Spencer and Venetta Skinner were married March 2, 1956, at the home of Harry Snooks, preacher of the Church of God in Eden. They lived in Eden and Jerome before moving back to the hometown in Eden. He worked at Morgan and Lindsey in Eden until 1969. After they moved to Jerome, he started farming, milking cows, and custom swathing and baling. He later worked part-time for various farmers in the Eden area.



Robert and Venetta Spencer. The event is hosted by their children, Nala (Dana) Thomas of Buhl, Denise (Handy) Hiesley of Dietrich and Terry (Loelene) Spencer of Boise.

THE HARRISES

TWIN FALLS — Danny and JoAnne Harris of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 25. They were married Feb. 25, 1956, in Nevada. They have lived in Idaho most of their married life. They have five children, Vernon (Pam) Jenewein, Linc (Judy) Harris, Teri (Gary) Naech, Connie (Hil) Fuss and Aaron Harris. They also have 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



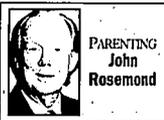
Danny and JoAnne Harris. A family celebration is planned at a later date.

Just send your child to his room

In the late 1960s, the newly emerging parenting experts told parents that high self-esteem would lead to better grades, better behavior, and prevent drug and alcohol use. Unfortunately, it just hasn't turned out a way or a fact, not only has research failed to establish a reliable connection between "feeling good about oneself" and either high achievement or good behavior, it also strongly suggests that high self-esteem may dispose certain people — children included — to anti-social and/or self-destructive behavior. As it turns out, "high self-esteem is good" is not the only example of a child-rearing myth propagated by parenting pundits.

Myth: Parents should be consistent in how they discipline their children, test their children become "confused."

Fact: Parents need to be consistent in what they discipline for, but not in how they discipline. More important than the method is the message and the same disciplinary message can be sent in numerous ways. Let's say a 3-year-old has a full-blown tantrum because he wants his parents refuse to buy him a



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toy he sees in a store. His parents could take him home and confine him to his room for the rest of the day. The next time a public tantrum occurs, it would be perfectly okay for them to make him cancel a weekend sleeper at a friend's house. The point is that every time this child throws a public tantrum, he needs to pay a price. The nature of the price, however, can vary from situation to situation. That policy does not confuse consistency with predictability.

Myth: Parents need to discipline immediately after the occurrence of misbehavior, or the child in question may not be able to connect the misbehavior and the consequence.

Fact: This is certainly true as regards toddlers, but even a child develops long-term memory for a relatively short period around age 3.5 — conse-

quences for misbehavior can be delayed accordingly. The fact is, it's often impossible to come up with a suitable consequence at the moment misbehavior occurs. Not a problem.

An older 3-year-old can still connect the consequence with the misbehavior if the consequence is delayed as much as a day. By age 5, a child can easily relate to a delay of upwards of a week. And as for a teenager, well, she's the limit. Let's say Bonzo, age 17 going on 2, comes home obviously inebriated one January night. Let me assure you, he will definitely be able to make the connection between that no-so-little indiscretion and not going to the beach with his friends over spring break, even if his parents do not so inform him for weeks.

Myth: Most misbehavior should simply be ignored, as giving it attention of any kind is likely to perpetuate it.

Fact: After all, this is true of toddlers. After all, it's not reasonable to expect a 2-year-old to know public tantrums are a social faux pas. So, when a tantrum occurs, you take said toddler to a relatively quiet place and ignore his screams

until they go away. On the other hand, a 3-year-old who throws a tantrum in a store needs to be taken home without that toy he was looking forward to. In most cases, a child who misbehaves needs to be punished. Not always, mind you, because in some cases, especially if the misbehavior in question is not recurrent, just a stern look accompanied, perhaps, by a few equally stern words will do the trick. But for a misbehavior that occurs frequently or in the case of something really outrageous, punishment is the order of the day, in either situation, the child needs to get the message that the wrongdoing will not, under any circumstances, be tolerated.

What's the best way to punish? Take away valuable freedom and/or privilege.

In that regard, something as simple as sending a child to his/her room for an hour, or even the rest of the day, is generally very effective.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions and includes his own take on the issue on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

Boredom busters that aid your dog's health

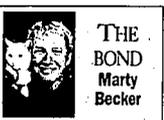
When you wake up every morning and found nothing on your dog to do. Sure, it might be a walk or two, but it is very likely that boredom would soon strike hard and deep putting a dent in your zest for life.

Our dogs come from a long line of working animals. They have never been house pets for a very brief snippet of their evolutionary lifetime.

As man's helper, dogs were bred for a variety of jobs. Farmers cleared out the vermin, sporting dogs brought in the hunt, working dogs protected property, and sheep dogs herded.

Today dogs still have the same genetic endurance as did their ancestors to put in a good day's work. But most live a life of leisure. The result for many is similar to a "Type-A" person forced into an early retirement. Stress!

Instead of relying on our dogs' work ethic, we now put them into solitary confinement in the yard or house while we work. We give our dogs very little to do and expect them to be content. Just like people, some breeds adapt better than others to being out. Sadly, too many dogs experience pent up frustration and then act out in destructive behaviors. They chew things, dig up lawns, and join neighborhood dogs in crooning the "I'm so lonely and bored" ballad or sounding off



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many false alarms. Still others live lives of quiet desperation.

"While we have welcomed pets into our homes, we're less available to them," says Nicholas Dodman, a veterinary behaviorist at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and author of "If Only They Could Speak." Just like us, dogs get cabin fever. They need the adventure of meeting other dogs and need a change of scenery. It is also natural for dogs to have a role or job description that contributes to the pack. Dogs instinctively want to please the leader or main provider of food, shelter, and safety.

Dodman points out that "Type-B" personality dogs may not during the day, arise lazily with a yawn and stretch upon their owner's return. However, more active or compulsive "Type-A" dogs may stress during their owner's absence and act out by destroying the house or even harming themselves by chewing a leg down to the bone.

How can you tell if your dog suffers from separation anxiety or boredom stress? Separation

anxiety is more common in dogs adopted from a shelter or that comes from multiple owners. Other signs include following the owner around like a shadow. They are more likely to whine, pant, destroy, and not eat when their owners are away. If you are not sure, try setting up a calendar to see what goes on when you are not home.

While separation anxiety often requires veterinary care, what a bored dog needs is "Environmental Enrichment," says Dodman who suggests trying one or more of the following boredom-busters:

Doggie-daycare — Dogs need social toys. Prevent the "I'm Alone" scenario.

Food puzzles — Dogs are wired to work for their food and to play. Begin a policy of no free lunches. Use a puzzle toy.

Television — Hearing the TV or radio makes it sound more like you are home. Try a show on Animal Planet, and you dog might just watch the TV and sound more like you are home.

Shutters Up — Think of the dog as dog reality TV for squirrels, birds, and people watching. If your dog is a barker when you are gone, this may not be a good idea.

Toy story — Mix it up by rotating toys. Put a surprise in your dog's day. Hide toys with treats in them.

Exercise — A tired dog is a

Woman catches dad with brother's girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: My brother and his girlfriend, Serena, moved in with my parents three years ago. They have since had a child who is almost 2. My brother did some things he shouldn't have, and now he's in prison. He has eight months to serve. Serena doesn't work and barely takes care of their son. My parents seem to always have the little boy.

Last night, I dropped by the house unexpectedly. Mom was in bed, but I found my dad and Serena making out on the couch. I was furious. I could have killed her right there for doing that to my mom and my brother. Somehow I managed to keep my cool, but not before letting my presence be known.

Dad tried to tell me what I saw was a game and wasn't real. I know what I saw, and I feel terrible. I don't know how to handle this. Should I tell my brother and my mom? I can never go back into that house ever again. As long as Serena is there, I am a time bomb waiting to explode. I'm afraid of what I might do to her. Please help.

"TICKING" SISTER
IN N. CAROLINA

DEAR "TICKING": I'll try. The first thing you must do is recognize that as tempting as it is to blame this all on Serena, your father is an adult and responsible for his actions. He is as guilty as Serena is, and attacking her is not the solution.

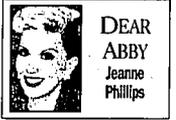
Because having Serena living under the same roof has proved too tempting for your father to resist, give him two weeks to move her and the baby out, or

pld in my mind, so I keep my mouth shut.

TONGUE-TIED IN TEXAS?
DEAR TONGUE-TIED: Your discomfort isn't unusual, but please understand: What may seem "stupid" to you will not seem that way to the friend who is dying, nor to the family that is grieving. My advice is to keep your message brief and simple. To the family who is in mourning, say, "Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss." If they want to talk about it further, they'll let you know. If they don't, they will simply thank you for your concern. It is often difficult to converse with someone who is dying because of "survivor guilt," or a fear that they will become too emotional. Believe me, a person with a terminal illness is still the same person you have always loved. Listen to what he or she has to say, because the person may just need to talk. If you are wondering what to tell your friend, tell her what knowing her has meant to you, share what lessons she has taught you, describe those qualities that make her special. And it's all right to say that your life will not be the same without her when she is gone. It's not hokey; it's the truth. And one more thing: It's OK to cry. Tears can be healing.

DEAR ABBY: When I have to express my sympathy to someone, such as an acquaintance at work over the death of a loved one, I haven't a clue as to what to say. I don't want to bore them with platitudes; they sound meaningless. I want it to be something heartfelt.

In the very near future, I will be losing a friend to cancer. I don't know what to say when my friend talks about dying. I want to be there for the family and not be tongue-tied about expressing my feelings. Everything I think to say sounds stu-



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WEDDING

ABRANTES-RICHMAN

KIMBERLY — Anna Sofia Abrantes and Jay Burke Richman were married Feb. 25 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Irene Abrantes of Portugal. The groom is the son of Burke and Ann Richman of Kimberly. The bride is a graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, with a master's degree in public health. She is employed at the Missionary Training Center in Provo. The groom is a graduate of Kimberly High School and attended Idaho State University before being deployed to Iraq with the 21st Infantry Brigade. He currently attends BYU in Provo.



Jay and Anna Richman. A reception was held Feb. 24 in Provo. A local reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 Birch St.

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TWIN FALLS — The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter No. 1859 is starting a new year. The chapter is one of 1500 Chapters in 50 States. NARFE members represent a broad spectrum of government services. Most are covered by The Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employee Retirement System, though some members receive retirement benefits from independent agency plans. Current federal employees are a vital part of each chapter.

The chapter's main purpose is to support legislation that will keep earned benefits intact and oppose measures that deprive people of the same.

Other activities include association members volunteering time to the community in such ways as cleaning highways, helping seniors with taxes, supporting the Salvation Army with canned foods and cash donations and ongoing support for the Alzheimer's Research Fund. The chapter also has a bi-monthly newsletter. All current



2006 NARFE officers have been announced. From left, Paul Short, first vice-president; Cathy Plamquist, second vice-president; Phillip Lively, President, Janne Chapman, Secretary, and Kella Williams, Treasurer. For more information on or call Phillip Lively, president. NARFE, visit www.dnfar.org at 733-9177.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Harlee Rose Enoch, daughter of Michelle Ann Enoch of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006.

By Holden Phelps, son of Jennifer S and Tyrel Stoddard Phelps of Kimberly, was born Monday, Feb. 13, 2006.

Nathan David Scott, son of Gretchen Scott and Earl Scott of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006.

Alaina Michele Elliott, daughter of Ashley Elliott and Brandon Elliott of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006.

Gage Patrick Wilsey, son of Erika Wilsey and Shawn Wilsey of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006.

Hector Sorla-Reyes, son of Catalina Reyes-Cardenas and Hector Sorla-Reyes of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006.

Jonathan Paul Wright, son of Melissa Wright and Kevin Wright of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006.

Ally Rae Morris, daughter of Austin Kaye and David Jonathan Morris of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006.

Morgan Marie Robinson, daughter of Jessica Anit and Clifton Willet Robinson of Bulli, was born Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006.

Brooklyn Danielle Nielsen, daughter of Danni Rochelle and Rick Carlyle Nielsen of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 17, 2006.

Alek T. Jackman, son of Carrie Alice and Troy M. Jackman of Kimberly, was born Friday, Feb. 17, 2006.

Yndra Granados, daughter of Lorena Leal-Granados and Daniel Granados of Kimberly, was born Friday, Feb. 17, 2006.

Marin Willow Newsom, daughter of Bridget Ann and Travis Newsom of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 17, 2006.

Emma Isabel Whitman, daughter of Grace Anne and Nicholas Howard Whitman of

To announce a birth

Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

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Deadline: Noon Tuesday

for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.

More information?

Call Jami at 735-3278

Paul, was born Friday, Feb. 17, 2006.

Peyton John Jeffcoat, son of Samantha Ann and Travis Glen Jeffcoat of Richfield, was born Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006.

Catherine Danielle Talbot, daughter of Natalie Joe and Henry Leon Talbot of Dietrich, was born Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006.

Federhella Marie DeFord, daughter of Ronnie Lynn and David Grant DeFord of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Kyler Jay Robinson, son of Nicholas and Melanie Robinson of Burley, was born Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Dawson Brinley Speth, son of Wendy and Bryan Speth of Hailey, was born Monday, Feb. 6, 2006.

Joshua Darrell Haskin, son of Sheri Ann and David Haskin of Bellevue, was born Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006.

Melani Guadalupe Fonseca, daughter of Estela Cruz and Gustavo Fonseca of Hailey, was born Monday, Feb. 13, 2006.

Nyah Mayre White, daughter of Sandra and Mark White of Hailey, was born Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006.

GCMH Auxiliary donates \$13,500 for IV pumps

GOODING — The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recently donated \$13,500 to Gooding County Memorial Hospital to purchase new Intravenous Pumps.

IV Pumps are used to control the rate of IV fluid and medication delivery.

"As technology changes, IV pumps need to change also," said Lorraine Reinhardt, Chief Nursing Officer. "The IV pumps chosen allow medications to be programmed into the pump and have barcode technology. These features enhance patient safety."

IV pumps are used for almost every patient admitted to the

nursing unit and for surgical and emergency patients.

To raise money, the auxiliary operates a thrift store in downtown Gooding. The thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from noon to 3:45 p.m. Saturdays.

"When I arrived I was pleasantly surprised by the dedication of our auxiliary women. They ran a full time thrift store solely to raise money for the hospital," said Eric Fitzpatrick, hospital chief executive officer, who joined the hospital in October of 2005. "These women are a real treasure and we deeply appreciate their hard work."



Recently, new Auxiliary officers were installed. From left are Carolyn Dewitt, treasurer; Mary Condie, secretary; Shirley Covey, vice-president and Jean Harris, president.

Dealer donates horse trailer to Jerome cowboy



Bill Mobley, left, owner of Magic Valley Trailer Sales gives Harlie Amy keys to a Logan Coach horse trailer.

HEROME — High school senior Harlie Amy from Richfield recently received a Logan Coach horse trailer from Bill Mobley, owner of Magic Valley Trailer Sales in Jerome.

Logan Coach, Logan, Utah and Magic Valley Trailer Sales awarded the cowboy use of the new 2006 trailer when he won the adult division of the Magic Valley Just Do It Team Sorting and Penning 306 for 2005.

The club has over 150 members and has divisions for juniors as well as a women division.

Amy accumulated the most points in their final event of the year at the Wooden Bear ranch area in Richfield.

He was riding his registered paint quarter horse filly Sweet Shot that he trained.

Amy said he enjoys his horse riding, but also competes in cross country track, where he came in second in state.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Twin Falls class of 1976 plans 30-year reunion

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Class of 1976 has planned its 30th class reunion for June 30 to July 1.

Members of the reunion committee are seeking information about all classmates. Anyone interested in helping plan the reunion should call Graydon Stanley at 734-9554. Sandy Flora at 539-9915 or Connie (Kellie) Windsor at 734-2481.

Twin Falls man celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Gerald W. Hildreth of Twin Falls will celebrate his 80th birthday on Tuesday.

He was born in Castletford to Millard and Mary Hildreth in 1926.

His family will celebrate with him on Saturday with a family dinner hosted by his wife, Lois; children, Peggy (Walt) Hartley, Mary Ann (Dennis) Heneffer, Carl (Carl) Jones and Gerry (Louisa) Hildreth.

Cards and well-wishes may be sent to Gerald at 339 Quincey, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

CSI North Side Center offers adult CPR class

WENDELL — An adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation course being offered by the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to recognize the need for and provide basic care for breathing and cardiac emergencies until advanced medical personnel arrive, organizers say.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Seppi makes University of Portland dean's list

Jessica Seppi of Twin Falls has

"Adult CPR" will be held from 6:10 p.m. March 2 at the Wendell High School, 750 E. Main.

The cost is \$30, plus the book. The instructor is Tim Voss. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive an American Red Cross Universal Certificate valid for one year.

For more information or to register, call 934-8678.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners:

Feb. 21: First in A, B and C, Dottie Miller and Faye Koehn; second in A, Lily Burton and Peggy Hackley; tied for third and fourth in A, Lonnie and Bev Burns and Sam Smutsker and Ingrid Hays.

A, second in B, Al Anglin and Betty Grant; and third in B, Fritz Frantz and Joyce Astorquia.

Feb. 22: North/south, first A, Lily Burton and Renee Bulcher; second in A, first in B, Ruby Grimes and Linda Fix; third in A, second in B, first in C, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem; fourth in A, Lonnie Burns and Jessie Ljungqvist. East/west, first and second A, Max Thompson and Al Anglin; first and second in A, Peggy Hackley and Sue Strain; and first in B, first in B, Enid Cook and Joyce Astorquia; fourth in A, Jan Fitzhugh and Herb Burgess; second in B, Marilyn Bokkin and Ilee Hyilton; first in C, Mable Pearson and Dianne Schaeffer.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. A Saturday game at 1 p.m. is held at 2679 Pole Line Road E. All bridge players are invited to attend.

For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-9308.

SERVICE NEWS

Local seaman graduates from U.S. Coast Guard

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice David M. Nelson, nephew of Neil H. and Elizabeth C. Palmer of Twin Falls, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

During the eight-week training program, Nelson completed a rigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, firefighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Nelson and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values — honor, respect and devotion to duty — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Nelson will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise Coast Guard's force.

Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they do aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, Nelson and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training

and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management.

Nelson is a 2005 graduate of Jerome High School of Jerome.

Marine completes basic training in California

Marine Corps Pvt. Chellis D. Haumont, son of Cindy M. and Darin Haumont of Bulli, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Haumont and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Haumont spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Haumont and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Haumont and fellow recruits

ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

T.F. man graduates from military training courses

Private Thomas Smith graduated from

Marine Corps Boot camp November 2005 and Marine Corps Recruit Training in December 2005. The private also served as a reservist in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Twin Falls office in December 2005.

During the 13 weeks of basic training and the three additional weeks of MCI, Smith studied the marine corps mission and organization, marine customs and courtesies, he performed and perfected drill and ceremony marches, martial arts, physical training, field exercises, rifle marksmanship and swim qualifications in full dress uniform and at night. Smith also received specialty instruction in rural and urban combat, physical training, rifle mark-

smanship, martial arts and field training in desert and mountainous terrain for the additional three weeks.

Private Smith is currently studying for his Marine Occupational Specialty in Military Police courses. His duties now include fire watchman.

He is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is the son of Lori Bates of Twin Falls and Delbert M. Smith of Aurora, Colo.

T.F. resident graduates from military training

Air Force Airman Jacqueline Hernandez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

She is the daughter of Jeanne Ilom of Twin Falls and a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

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PEOPLE

T.F. resident named to Baylor University dean's list

Rachel Frances Hargren of Twin Falls has been named to Baylor University dean's academic honor list for the 2005 fall semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Chartered in 1845 by the Repub-

lic of Texas and affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Baylor is the oldest continuously operating institution of higher learning in the state.

Hargren is a senior at the university.

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