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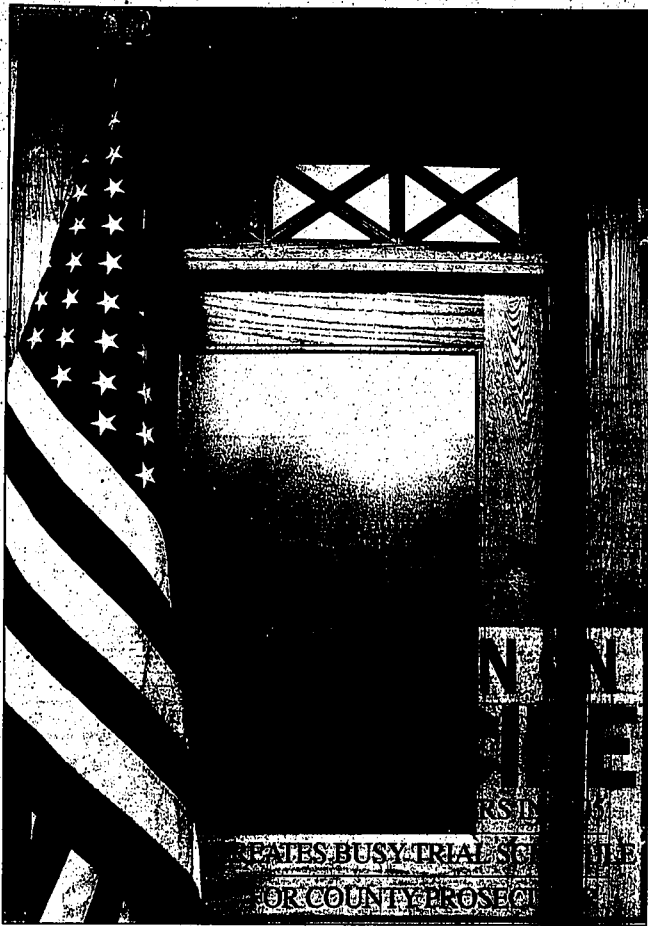
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TWIN FALLS — In 2005, Twin Falls County had more homicides than in any given year during the last decade. Starting in June, those cases are scheduled for trial, with four men standing trial in the deaths of five victims.

Two of the defendants face possible life terms, a third faces a maximum of 30 years, and the last, the death penalty.

Each defendant will be tried separately, although two of the defendants are implicated with different levels of responsibility in the same slaying.

Inside the prosecutor's office on the third floor of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, a small magnetic board hangs behind the receptionist's desk. Small black letters have been arranged to say: SHORES DRINK PIVA NOT A NICE NEW YEAR WHOLE LOTTA TF MURDER.

"I have an office with eight attorneys, 10 other employees, this work will affect everybody," Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb said about the upcoming casework.

"The real work begins a month to two months before the first trial date. People work harder, people work later, people spend less time with their families. There will be consistent extensive around-the-clock work," he said.

Loeb sits at the end of the office in an enclosed room cluttered with diagrams, files and Post-it notes. The dis-

Grant Loeb Occupation: Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Education: Focattello High School (Class of 1978); Idaho State University (graduated with high honors 1983); George Washington University Law School (graduated high honors 1991). Political office: Appointed 1997, First elected 1998

array, however, does nothing to grab the eye away from the four names duly labeled horizontally across a shelf behind him, each bearing the weight of an imminently-busy stack of folders above.

Towering above the others is a stack of folders reserved specifically for the trial of Jim Junlor Nice, a Twin Falls father accused of murdering his three children.

"The stakes are high for the defendants," Loeb said.

For Nice, 33, the stakes are the highest. If he is found guilty of killing 6-year-old twins Spencer and Justin, and 2-year-old Iniquel, Loeb will likely ask the jury for the death penalty.

The defendant has pleaded not guilty to three charges of first degree murder for poisoning his children with over-the-counter medicine and rat poison.

Loeb signaled his intent to seek the death penalty in early February, citing the especially heinous nature of the crimes, the number of crimes committed at once, and disregard for human life.

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Protesters gathered at the U.S. Consulate in Toronto on Saturday to protest the war in Iraq. More than 1,000 protesters took to the streets of downtown Toronto, joining worldwide demonstrations marking the third anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Protesters rally on third anniversary of Iraq invasion

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In Times Square, anti-war protesters rallied outside a military recruiting station, demanding that troops be withdrawn from Iraq. In London, 15,000 people poured into Trafalgar Square. In Stockholm, a protester dressed as the hooded figure from a photo taken at Abu Ghraib prison.

Anti-war scenes were repeated across the United States and the world Saturday as thousands of demonstrators took to the streets to mark the third anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Wael Mustaf of the Arab Muslim American Federation addressed more than 1,000 people who gathered in Times Square. "We say enough hypocrisy, enough lies, our soldiers must come home now," Mustaf said from a parked flatbed truck.

Participants chanted, "Stop the U.S. war machine, from Iraq to Korea to the Philippines."

"Many attendees emphasized that they support the troops. 'I have friends in Iraq and I just want them to know that I may not be able to support them there, but I can here,' said Jose Avila, 36.

Protests also were held in Australia, Asia and Europe, but many events were far smaller, than organizers had hoped. In London, police said 15,000 people joined a march from Parliament and Big Ben to a rally in Trafalgar Square. The anniversary last year attracted 45,000 protesters in the city.

"We are against this war, both for religious reasons and on a humanitarian basis, too," said Imran Singh, 26, a Muslim student who attended the London rally.

Britain, the United States' strongest supporter in the Iraq war, has about 8,000 troops in Iraq but plans to pull out 800 of them by May. The British military has reported 103 deaths there. More than 2,300 American troops have died.

In Washington, a protester

wearing a President Bush mask and bearing fake blood on his hands waved to passing automobiles outside Vice President Dick Cheney's residence, where about 200 people demonstrated against the war.

Rev. Graydon Scott Hager of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ said the rallies nationwide are a "tapestry of resistance."

"Most people believe we aren't crazy anymore," he said.

In Concord, N.H., nearly 300 peace activists marched about a mile from a National Guard armory to the Statehouse.

"I feel a huge sense of betrayal that I went and risked my life for a lie," said Joseph Turcott, 26, a former Marine who served in the invasion.

At Dudley Square in Boston, a few hundred college-age protesters and baby boomers waved placards that read "Impeach Bush" and "Stop the War."

"It seems like we are fighting a King George in the same way General Washington fought a King George, who was equally imperialistic," said Asika Touré, a poet and activist.

Protester Susan McLucas wore a homemade sign that read "Bush lied! 100,000 died!" "It's a war based on lies," said McLucas, 57. "We are gaining strength. The war is becoming more and more unpopular."

Several thousand protesters in San Francisco danced in the streets, beat drums and carried signs that read "Stop U.S. Imperialism."

"I'm very painful to me that our country is doing this and killing innocent people," said 70-year-old Joan Emerson, who attended with the group Old Lesbians Organizing for Change.

Protesters in several cities worldwide carried posters showing pictures of President Bush, calling him the "World's No. 1 terrorist."

In Turkey, where opposition to the war cuts across all political stripes, about 3,000 protesters gathered in Istanbul, police said. "Wahay USA," read a sign in Taksim Square.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Sitting? Fidgeting? Chewing? You're burning calories right now. Monday

What you need to know to start raising chickens. Tuesday

Kitchen cool Tools to fuel your culinary genius. Wednesday

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and mostly dry. Highs in the middle 40s.
 Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows in the lower 30s.
 Tomorrow: Increasing clouds with rain and snow showers developing later. Highs in the middle to upper 40s.

BOISE / MURKET FORECAST

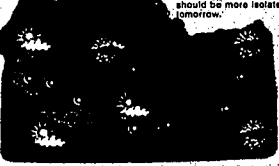
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the middle 40s.
 Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 20s.
 Tomorrow: Skies becoming mostly cloudy with showers moving in late. Highs in the upper 40s.

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 Unsettled conditions in the upper levels of the atmosphere will keep the chance of snow showers around almost daily for the next several days. Partly to mostly cloudy skies can also be expected.

BOISE
 Today should remain mostly dry with partly to mostly cloudy skies. There will be a slight chance for a few snow showers, but showers should be fairly light and brief.

NORTHERN IDAHO
 Mostly cloudy conditions and scattered snow showers are around for today. Snow showers should be more isolated tomorrow.



Weather's State Extreme: 52 at Caldwell. Low: 12 at Arvin. Heavy rain is behind, cloudy to fog, heavy snow, heavy, light snow, and mostly cloudy are likely to occur during the forecast period.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Scattered clouds	Partly cloudy skies	Becoming mostly cloudy, showers late	Mildly showers early, then clearing	Partly cloudy skies	Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies
High 46	Low 39	47/28	48/26	50/32	54/36

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 21	Month to Date: 0.4"	Yesterday's Maximum: 65%	Yesterday: 30.72 in.	Monday: Sunrise: 6:41 AM, Sunset: 6:30 PM
Record High: 88 in 1972	Year to Date: 7.18"	Today: Maximum: 61%	Monday: Sunrise: 6:38 AM, Sunset: 6:33 PM	

Moon Phases

Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 6	Apr 13
New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Waxing Crescent

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	42-50	43-57	43-50
Idaho Falls	35-45	38-48	38-45
Shoshone	38-48	40-50	40-48
Blackfoot	35-45	38-48	38-45
Arvin	30-40	32-42	32-40
Arco	30-40	32-42	32-40
Blaine	30-40	32-42	32-40
Blackfoot	35-45	38-48	38-45
Boise	42-50	43-57	43-50
Butte	35-45	38-48	38-45
Coeur d'Alene	35-45	38-48	38-45
Druid	35-45	38-48	38-45
Elgin	35-45	38-48	38-45
Emmett	35-45	38-48	38-45
Franklin	35-45	38-48	38-45
Glenn	35-45	38-48	38-45
Hammond	35-45	38-48	38-45
Heppner	35-45	38-48	38-45
Idaho Falls	35-45	38-48	38-45
Jerome	35-45	38-48	38-45
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Portland, OR	55-65	55-65	55-65
Rainier	35-45	38-48	38-45
Ratonsburg	35-45	38-48	38-45
Shoshone	38-48	40-50	40-48
Salt Lake City, UT	45-55	45-55	45-55
Starbuck	35-45	38-48	38-45
Stewart	35-45	38-48	38-45
Twin Falls	46-39	47-28	48-26
Victorville, CA	26-36	26-36	26-36

WORLD FORECAST

City	HI	Lo	Prep
Bahia	34-31	94-27	
Cherif d'Almeida	43-32	00-00	
London	44-30	00-07	
Lowell	60-36	03-00	
Madrid	36-33	03-00	
Moscow	39-30	03-00	
St. Petersburg	36-12	00-00	

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Low	Moderate	High
Monday: 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Monday: 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM	Monday: 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Atlanta	44-54	46-56	46-56
Boston	42-54	44-54	44-54
Chicago	42-54	44-54	44-54
Dallas	42-54	44-54	44-54
Denver	42-54	44-54	44-54
Detroit	42-54	44-54	44-54
Houston	42-54	44-54	44-54
Los Angeles	42-54	44-54	44-54
London	42-54	44-54	44-54
Madrid	42-54	44-54	44-54
Moscow	42-54	44-54	44-54
New York	42-54	44-54	44-54
Paris	42-54	44-54	44-54
San Francisco	42-54	44-54	44-54
Seattle	42-54	44-54	44-54
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Homicide

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The public defender's office has been appointed to represent Nice, who is awaiting an Oct. 10 trial date.

In another case facing separate 2006 trial dates, two defendants have pleaded not guilty in the November 2005 shooting slaying of Jesse Naranjo, 33. The pair are accused of kidnapping Naranjo in a Twin Falls residence.

According to police, Naranjo was shot while trying to escape.

Johnny Shores, 17, is accused of pulling the trigger. Shores told police he thought he saw Naranjo pull a pistol, according to a Twin Falls police affidavit.

He is charged with voluntary manslaughter. Greg Fuller, a private attorney, will defend Shores. Shores' trial is expected to begin July 18. If convicted, he may receive a sentence of up to 30 years in the state penitentiary.

His bond was set at \$500,000.

The second defendant implicated in the slaying, Juan Carlos Fuentes Pina, 32, faces a first-degree murder charge. He is accused of initiating the kidnapping that led to the death of Naranjo.

His bond was set at \$500,000 and his trial is tentatively set for the middle of June. Pina is being represented by the public defender's office.

The court automatically enters a plea of not guilty for a defendant who stands silent in court.

That was the case for Donald Shane Brink, 47, who kept quiet after he was arrested last May.

He has been charged with first degree murder in the shooting of 50-year-old Brent Lillevold. If found guilty, he could receive a life sentence.

The public defender's office has been appointed to his defense.

He waits in the Twin Falls County jail without bond for his Aug. 2 trial date.

"They all pleaded not guilty at the start," said Loeb of the people he has prosecuted for murder or manslaughter since taking office in 1997. "Of the several who didn't change their plea — keeping not guilty — they went to trial and were found guilty."

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Jim Junior Nice
 Age: 33
 Arrested: Dec. 2005 on three counts first degree murder, no bond
 Maximum Punishment: Death by lethal injection
 Counsel: Public defender's office
 Judge: Hohnhorst
 Last significant action: Feb. 3, 2006 - Prosecutor notice of intent to seek death penalty because multiple murders, especially heinous and disregard for human life
 Next significant action: Jury trial set for Oct. 10, 2006

Donald Shane Brink
 Age: 48
 Arrested: May 2005 for first degree murder and use of deadly weapon. No bond
 Maximum Punishment: Life in prison
 Counsel: Public defender's office
 Judge: Bevan
 Last significant action: Withdrawal of motions (in response to complaints made by defendant) on Jan. 31, 2006
 Next significant action: Trial set for Aug. 2, 2006

Johnny Allen Shores
 Age: 17
 Arrested: Dec. 2005 for voluntary manslaughter with use of deadly weapon. \$500,000 bond.
 Maximum Punishment: 15 years and/or fine of \$15,000 for voluntary manslaughter, and 15 years for use of deadly weapon
 Counsel: Greg Fuller
 Judge: Bevan
 Last significant action: Setting of trial date, March 14
 Next significant action: Trial set for July 18, 2006

Juan Carlos Fuentes Pina
 Age: 32
 Arrested: November 2005 on one count first degree murder, \$500,000 bond
 Maximum Punishment: Life in prison, no parole
 Counsel: Public defender's office
 Judge: Bevan
 Last significant action: Reassignment from Judge Hohnhorst to Judge Bevan
 Next significant action: Status hearing on Mon. March 20 at 8:50 am. (trial date not set, will likely be held around mid-June)

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Alabama mad cow case highlights need for livestock tracking system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators may never figure out where the Alabama cow with mad cow disease was born and raised, in part because the U.S. lacks a livestock tracking system. The Bush administration promised two years ago.

After the first case of mad cow disease in December 2003, the government pledged to get a nationwide program into place quickly so officials could track cows, pigs and chickens from their birth to the dinner table. Today, however, the system is a long way off.

Alabama officials saw the need firsthand last week as they tried to discover where the infected cow came from.

The animal had no ear tags, tattoos or brands, and spent less than a year on the farm where she died. The trail seems to have gone cold at an auction where she was sold last year.

"We need an animal ID program in this country so it will help our industry and help our farmers when we have these kind of situations," the state's agriculture commissioner, Ron Sparks, said Friday in Montgomery, Ala.

Ideally, a cow such as the one in this case would get the same number throughout its life. Farms, sale barns and feedlots would have unique numbers too.

Different technologies, including radio-frequency tags, retinal scans or even DNA of a cow's eye could help with the tracking.

The goal is to pinpoint a single animal's movements within 48 hours after mad cow at a different disease is discovered.

It is not an easy task. In a country with 8 billion chickens, pigs and cows.

"We have a lot of protein being raised in this country,"



Kansas State University graduate student Brian Bernhardt attaches a radio frequency identification tag to a cow's ear in this January 2005 file photo in Manhattan, Kan. A nationwide program that would help officials trace cows, pigs and chickens from birth to the dinner table remains a long way off.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said last week. "It's something that we want to give the industry some time to adjust to and prepare for."

Johanns promised last May that the tracking system would be in place, run by the government and with mandatory participation by 2009.

The goal of 2009 has not changed, though some details have.

Johanns says industry groups will be allowed to run the system — his department would have access to the data — and

enrolling will be voluntary for producers. The agency's Web site says, "Learn more about the voluntary program," although Johanns says it will be required for everyone someday.

While many ranchers and other producers are resistant to the idea, industry groups are moving forward with their own programs. For example, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association helped develop a system using Microsoft technology that is now being run by an independent group, the U.S. Animal ID Organization.

In Congress, some lawmakers are frustrated. Rep. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, the top Democrat on an important farm spending subcommittee, said the department seems to be making up the program on the go.

"When are we going to get real and put a system in place that will make a difference to the public health of this nation?" DeLauro asked a department official last week.

She and other critics question why producers would sign up if participation is not required. Other lawmakers do not mind if the process takes even longer. The chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Republican Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, said he would just as soon address the system when Congress writes a new farm bill next year.

Chambliss mentioned the privacy concerns of those who raise and feed cattle; they tend to guard their business information closely.

"We want to make sure we do it right," Chambliss told reporters last week. "That's the important thing. Later is better than doing it early and not doing it right."

Still, he pointed out that foreign customers are paying a premium for beef that can be traced.

So far, the department has assigned individual numbers to 213,376 farms and other "premises." This month, officials moved closer to issuing numbers to animals when they released guidelines for manufacturers of ear tags and other devices.

The department has also spent tens of millions of dollars to help states get tracking programs up and running.

Police: Gunman wounds five at S. Carolina fraternity party

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A gunman opened fire at a fraternity party in a banquet hall across the street from the South Carolina Capitol early Saturday, wounding five people.

None of the injuries was believed to be life-threatening, but at least one victim was hospitalized in intensive care, authorities said.

No arrests had been made. A man who had been kicked out of the party after an argument went to his car and returned with a gun just after 1 a.m., said police Sgt. Florence McCants.

Witnesses said the gunman shot into the crowd and at the mirrored ceiling of the rented banquet hall on the ground floor of an office building, according to a police report. The man then left but returned with

three other people, who shot at the building from the outside, clanging windows, witnesses told police.

There were at least three private security guards at the crowded party. Police did not know how many guests were there and did not identify the fraternity that sponsored it.

The shooting caused about \$28,000 in damage to the 25-story Capitol Center office building.

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Michael Jackson's Neverland goes dark

LOS OLIVOS, Calif. (AP) — Here's Neverland.

Trains once packed with laughing children no longer roll around the grounds. The arcade that pulsed with pop music, the curio shops edited off, has fallen silent. No one waits at the gate with ice cream for youngsters to arrive.

After years of rumors about its demise, the fantasy playland Michael Jackson created as a celebration of childhood and a retreat from his troubles is going dark.

The pop star, now living half a world away, dismissed many of the remaining employees Thursday after agreeing to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in back wages to avoid a lawsuit by state labor officials. His spokeswoman characterized the moves as those of someone who will be away for an extended period, not someone abandoning a home for good.

Jackson once received attention for everything from an Elizabeth Taylor wedding and celebrity fundraisers to field trips for busloads of children. That was before his trial on charges he pleaded a young cancer patient with booze and molested him in

2003 in the master bedroom. Following his acquittal last year, Jackson moved to the Middle Eastern kingdom of Bahrain.

He left behind troubled finances, a tattered reputation — and Neverland.

The 2,600-acre estate, which Jackson purchased for \$14.6 million in 1988, is tucked into the California countryside amid wineries about 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Some of the curiosities behind its gates are world-famous: a menagerie of exotic animals, a mini amusement park, two trains and prominent pictures of Jackson holding hands with children.

The singer's trial revealed other oddities. A juke box in the arcade concealed a wine cellar. Other rooms were full of dolls and mannequins dressed as super heroes and film idols.

Walls of videotapes, many of Jackson's Disney favorites, made some rooms look like a Blockbuster franchise.

The singer named Neverland after the home of Peter Pan. In an interview aired in 2003, he insisted he didn't just identify with the boy who wouldn't grow up, "I am Peter Pan," he said.

New Orleans mayoral candidates speak to displaced voters in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said Saturday his city has made progress in rebuilding since Hurricane Katrina, while other mayoral hopefuls questioned the advances and stressed that their hometown's pre-existing troubles need to be confronted.

Seven of the 24 mayoral candidates attended the Atlanta forum meant to give displaced residents an opportunity to hear from them before the April 22 election. More than half of New Orleans' pre-Katrina population of 500,000 has been dispersed to other states, meaning candidates must campaign nationally.

Nagin, who alienated many voters after his "chocolate city" speech, in which he said God intended New Orleans to be a black-majority city, discussed rebuilding and evacuation procedures if another powerful storm threatened the city.

"We now have a comprehensive plan for rebuilding the city of New Orleans," he said. Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, the son of former mayor and brother of Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu, said the city was behind on rebuilding and New Orleans had "lost a lot of credibility."

But he said outsiders have a hard time grasping the vastness of the destruction, noting the devastated area is seven times the size of Manhattan.

Several of the candidates stressed that New Orleans should not go back to the way things were before, citing problems with education and race relations.

Marie Galatas, who said God had told her to run for mayor, said the city must become more inclusive. "I'm here to tell you right now that it won't be politics as usual," she said.

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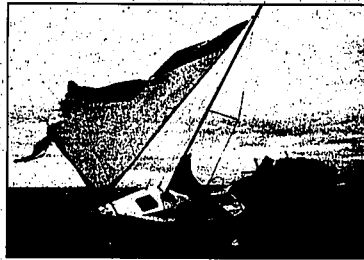
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EXODUS FROM THE COAST?

Experts believe new flood maps will change life on coast forever



Sailboats remain stranded on the dock at South Shore Harbor in New Orleans on Saturday. The boats were wrecked during Hurricane Katrina more than six months ago.

LAFITTE, La. (AP) — Once the salt water is in your veins, Louisiana's coastal folk say, it's hard to give up the lifestyle of moonlit shrimping trips, the town "fais do-do" dances and afternoons spent on the bayous angling for catfish.

But since last year's catastrophic hurricanes, this swampy land defined by Cajuns, Creoles and coastal folk says, it's hard to give up the lifestyle of moonlit shrimping trips, the town "fais do-do" dances and afternoons spent on the bayous angling for catfish.

Even before the devastation caused by Katrina, Louisiana's swampy coast had been sinking by as much as 2 inches a year. Along with that subsidence, the area is even more susceptible to flooding because last year's hurricanes damaged vast tracts of wetlands — already shrinking because of man's activities — that used to buffer the area from storms blowing in off the Gulf of Mexico.

All of those factors will be reflected in new Federal Emergency Management Agency flood-vulnerability maps due to be released soon that are the basis for flood insurance rates.

The maps will likely make the insurance more costly, force residents to spend heavily to raise homes out of flood plains to qualify for coverage, make many other homes uninsurable and make lenders less willing to loan

money for construction in flood-prone areas.

That new reality may threaten the state's coastal population and its heritage of shrimp fishing, alligator hunting, fur trapping and oyster harvesting.

Some of the rougher people down here, here won't leave willingly.

"You've got earthquakes, you've got fires, you've got volcanoes, you've got tornadoes in Louisiana," said A.J. Fabre, an outspoken leader among shrimp fishermen in Lafitte, about 30 miles south of New Orleans. "Where are you going to have everybody in Missouri?"

Nearly every house in the area, most of them built on slabs, was flooded by Hurricane Rita. Now families live in trailers as they rebuild.

"It's a quiet community. Virtually no crime. Kids steal a couple of bicycles," Fabre says.

But the future is gloomy. Fabre's place, a small brick house he inherited from his grandfather, has been condemned because of wind and flood damage. The only thing left of a shrimp processing plant there is a concrete slab, and the old family dock is barnacle, broken and useless. With no flood insurance, Fabre isn't sure if he'll be able to rebuild. He and his wife might have to demolish the place and buy a mobile home.

He insists he is not defeated and lashes out at politicians, importers, the federal government. "The fight has just begun," he said.

But many of his neighbors and friends aren't so sanguine.

"We're doomed," said Jimmy Terbonne, a 46-year-old boat builder. He tells his children to get an education and get out of the fishing trades. "I can't

do anything else. I don't have an education. I ain't leaving until it's gone. When the land's gone, I'm leaving."

Many coastal experts believe life along the coast is going to change dramatically with the new flood maps.

"Where we had subdivisions in the marshes, they will not come back," said Shea Penland, a coastal scientist with the University of New Orleans. "I can't believe they're sustainable."

"There are going to be some significant changes across the board," said Butch Kinerney, a FEMA spokesman.

For one thing, much more is known since FEMA last calculated the area's flood vulnerability in 1994 about the area's rate of subsidence.

Last year, the National Geographic Survey issued a report saying the area was sinking by a half-inch to 2 inches a year, and that was as of 1995.

"When they built the levees, it wasn't below sea level. It was dry land. Now it's dry land only because of the levees," said Roy Dokka, a Louisiana State University subsidence specialist.

About 1,000 homes damaged by Rita's storm surge in the heavily Cajun region southwest of Lafayette called Vermilion Parish might need to be raised to be eligible for insurance, said Robert LeBlanc, the parish's emergency preparedness director.

Younger people might leave, LeBlanc said.

Many others, however, are determined to stay.

"People like where they live, they're content," said Kimberly Chauvin, the wife of a shrimper who is thinking of raising their already-raised home up to 10 feet higher. "I wouldn't want to move to the city, not at all."

Mental scars reflect post-Katrina distress

By Stephanie Simon
Los Angeles Times

NEW ORLEANS — Dispersed across the nation, survivors of Hurricane Katrina are suffering such severe psychological distress that the federal government has launched the broadest — and probably the most costly — counseling program in the nation's history.

An estimated 500,000 people need some form of mental health service, which could include treatment for post-traumatic stress, substance abuse counseling, anti-anxiety medication, even art therapy for children too young to talk out their grief.

The federal government has allocated \$141 million to serve evacuees scattered among at least two dozen states, said Seth Hassett, who directs the emergency response unit of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Officials are negotiating a separate grant for the state of Louisiana; it could be as high as \$70 million. That would bump the total cost of hurricane counseling well above the \$178 million appropriated for the mental health needs of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Cost aside, the Katrina response is proving to be the agency's toughest challenge ever, Hassett said.

In New Orleans, even people trained to offer solace break

down easily and often: A hospital nurse, a school psychologist, a paramedic, a counselor all lose composure as they talk about Katrina.

"The truth is, we are not OK. We are so definitely not OK," said Burke Beyer, 31, who leads a federally funded team of counselors in New Orleans.

Katrina killed more than 1,300 people, submerged 80 percent of New Orleans' fenced neighborhoods and forced friends and relatives apart.

Study: Many Naval Academy sex charges were dismissed

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Sexual assault charges against students at the Naval Academy are routinely dismissed without trial, an analysis of Navy documents found.

The review of 56 midshipmen accused of sexual assault since 1998 found only two were convicted, one in a civilian court, according to the review by The Washington Post of Navy incident reports, case summaries and data released by the school.

In virtually every other case, deals were struck forcing the alleged offender to leave the academy without facing trial and without a criminal record.

Reports of sexual assault have been increasing at the academy. In part because of an effort to encourage victims to report in-

creased reporting is only part of the solution.

"It's not about how many reports you're receiving. It's about how much justice you're providing to victims of crime," said Anita Sanchez, spokeswoman for the Milles Foundation, an advocacy group for victims of violence associated with the military.

In August, a Pentagon task force that looked into sexual assault and harassment at the Naval Academy and at West Point found five courts-martial were convened at the Army school, with three convictions for sex-related crimes over a 10-year period, while the Naval Academy had one court-martial and conviction during that time.

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Middle-class families desert cities

High costs often to blame

By John Pomfret
The Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO — Monica Burton did not want to leave San Francisco. Born and raised in the city and a union driver for the Muni transit system for the past 15 years, she loves her home town, volunteers in its women's jail and prays weekly at her church in the Hunter's Point section along the San Francisco Bay. But as the main breadwinner for her family, which includes a 22-year-old daughter and two granddaughters, she faced some hard choices. Stay in San Francisco and abandon the dream of owning her own home because of skyrocketing housing prices, or leave. In 2004, Burton moved with her grandchildren, buying a three-bedroom house in what she calls a "Leave It to Beaver" neighborhood in Sacramento, a 150-mile round-trip commute from her job in the city of her birth.

People like Burton have been leaving U.S. cities because of high-priced housing for some time. But according to researchers and urban leaders, the trend has accelerated in recent years and is threatening to reshape many of the nation's major cities. Between 2000 and 2004, all eight metropolitan regions from Seattle to San Diego lost middle-class families.

On the East Coast, a similar trend is underway, with middle-class families fleeing the New York region and Boston for the South. Washington D.C. has been in the buffer zone, losing middle-class families with children to the Sun Belt but gaining some from the Northeast, said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution.

"There's a middle-class flight on both sides of the country," said Frey, who has analyzed county-level census data on both coasts. He has found that real estate costs more than schools are what is driving the migration. The trend has city officials worried about what the loss of these middle-class families will do to the vitality of their communities and they are trying to find ways to stem the flow. The departure of families is being felt especially hard in San

Lost Youth

The under-18 population has steadily dropped in San Francisco. The city has the lowest percentage of children of any major U.S. metropolis.

San Francisco population under 18	Population under 18 in selected cities, 2000
1960 24.5%	Cleveland 28.5%
1970 22.6%	Dallas 26.5
1980 17.2%	Los Angeles 26.5
1990 16.1%	Chicago 26.2
2000 14.5%	Baltimore 24.8
	New York 24.3
	Atlanta 22.3
	Miami 21.8
	Washington 20.1
	Boston 19.7
	San Francisco 14.5

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, California Department of Finance

Francisco, which is losing children at a rate that outpaces the rest of the region. Researchers, including Frey, say the skyrocketing cost of housing, more than the fact that city is a center of gay life, is the crucial factor in question. San Francisco risks turning into Venice, Italy — a beautiful tourist town with few long-term residents and no families, said Gabriel Metcalf, the executive director of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, which has advocated changes in zoning and the construction of not just more subsidized housing but also more market-rate housing.

A recent survey by the Public Research Institute at San Francisco State University found that respondents with family incomes higher than \$50,000 were almost twice as likely to say they planned on leaving San Francisco as people from lower income brackets.

More than half of San Francisco's firefighters, police officers, emergency medical workers, nurses and teachers live outside the city, city figures show. Firefighters, who work 24-hour shifts, commute to San Francisco from as far away as Montana. With median house prices in San Francisco hitting \$790,000 and a similar profile in cities up and down the West Coast, the California Dream is no longer possible for most Americans, the report said. "My two neighbors with kids

are leaving, one to Portland and the other to Virginia," said Holly Shafer, one of the researchers on the project. "They just want to be able to buy a place." Shafer predicts that San Francisco, like other West Coast cities, will soon become home to only the very rich and the poor.

In San Francisco as on other parts of the West Coast, African Americans such as Burton are leading the charge, although white families are not far behind. From 1990 to 2004, San Francisco lost 45 percent of its black children, according to U.S. census data. From 2000 to 2004, an additional 15 percent left the city, bringing the total number for African American children under 10,000 for the first time in decades.

From 2000 to 2004, the number of black children fell in all eight major metropolitan areas from Seattle to San Diego. The number of white children declined in seven. Immigrant families — from Asia and Latin America and generally in the lower income brackets — accounted for whatever growth there was in the number of children along the coast, Frey said.

The middle-class exodus from California's coast is a complex story. While researchers and politicians say it could have negative implications for the communities along the Pacific, it is also a story about people selling their houses, cashing out in

the remarkable housing boom and heading to greener or at least cheaper, pastures. Housing prices in heavily black and Hispanic sections of southern Los Angeles, for example, grew 50 percent last year, the fastest in Southern California, prompting thousands of families to cash out and move. From 2000 to 2004, the Los Angeles metropolitan area lost 8 percent of its black children and 4 percent of its whites.

In San Francisco, so many middle-class families with children younger than 15 have left that the city has the lowest percentage of children of any major American metropolis.

Gavin Newsom, San Francisco's popular mayor, has vowed to do something: "There's a quality of imagination that's very important for the spirit and the soul of the city to maintain," he said in a recent interview. "Children bring that to a city. A city without children has no future."

Newsom said a city needs bold, not just schoolyards, young fans for local sports teams, and zoos and museums filled with children alive with wonder. It is as important as creating jobs for a city and, in fact, bolsters the economy, he said.

Newsom reeled off a list of programs adopted by San Francisco to make the city better for families — an extra city-funded working-family tax credit, universal preschool, a new school bond for arts, gym and libraries and health insurance for every-one younger than 24.

"And still they leave," he said. Between 2000 and 2004, the city's child population was virtually unchanged, according to Frey's data, despite a wave of Asian immigrants and a baby boom that followed the dot-com bust.

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Libby defense likely to focus on WMD controversy

Cheney's ex-chief of staff faces trial on obstruction, perjury charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten months ahead of his scheduled trial in the Valerie Plame affair, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby seems intent on zeroing in on three little letters the Bush White House would like to forget forever: WMD.

To hear Libby's lawyers tell it, their latest court filing, Plame's CIA status was hardly a blip on the radar screen as the administration tried to dodge incoming criticism. Libby's legal team described her CIA identity at most a peripheral issue, to "the media conflagration over the failure to find WMD" — weapons of mass destruction — in Iraq.

It's the media conflagration, and the resulting fingerpointing among the White House, the CIA and the State Department over who was to blame, that Libby's lawyers want to focus on in a bid to get him off their court papers suggest.

In a prelude to a possible courtroom defense, Libby's lawyers also suggested in a court filing late Friday night that it's the State Department — not Libby — who's blame for leaking Valerie Plame's CIA identity to the news media.

The court papers underscore the possibility that a criminal trial of Libby could turn into a

major political embarrassment for the Bush administration by highlighting the ongoing debate over whether the White House manipulated intelligence to justify the invasion of Iraq.

If the jury leans the backward information about "fingerpointing" and also understands Libby's additional work on urgent national security matters, the jury will more easily appreciate how Mr. Libby may have forgotten or misremembered "snippets of conversation" about Plame's CIA status, the defense lawyers stated.

Cheney's former chief of staff was indicted Oct. 28 on five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI about how he learned of Plame's CIA employment and what he told reporters about her.

Libby's lawyers are asking U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton for access to government documents about a 2002 trip that Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, made to the African nation of Niger at the CIA's behest and about "his wife's involvement" with that mission.

The documents relate to what prospective witnesses — including then-Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and deputy White House chief of staff Karl Rove — probably would say at Libby's trial.

Noting press reports last week, the court papers say there has been speculation that Armitage told The Washington Post's Bob Woodward that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA, and speculation that Wood-

ward's source and the primary source for conservative columnist Robert Novak are the same person.

Novak disclosed Plame's identity on July 14, 2003, eight days after Wilson contended in a New York Times op-ed column that the administration twisted prewar intelligence to exaggerate the Iraqi threat from a nuclear weapons program.

"If the facts ultimately show that Mr. Armitage or someone else from the State Department was also Mr. Novak's primary source, then the State Department and certainly not Mr. Libby bears responsibility for the leak that led to the public disclosure of Plame's CIA identity, Libby's lawyers said.

The court filing also focused on Marc Grossman, a former undersecretary of state for political affairs who allegedly told Libby a month before Plame's identity was disclosed that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA.

"If Mr. Armitage or another State Department official was in fact the primary source for Mr. Novak's article, Mr. Grossman's testimony may be colored by her personal relationship

with Mr. Armitage or his concern for the institutional concerns of the state Department," Libby's lawyers wrote.

Rove — a source for Novak and Time magazine reporter Matt Cooper — is under investigation by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald in the probe of the leak of Plame's CIA identity.

Libby's lawyers say that "either the government or the

defense may call Mr. Rove as a witness at trial" and note that "the grand jury's investigation may be continuing with respect to Mr. Rove or other witnesses."

The defense says the documents it seeks will help demonstrate that the White House did not launch a concerted effort to punish Wilson by leaking his wife's identity as administration critics have alleged.

Rusty Yates remarries as ex-wife faces new trial in kids' deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — Rusty Yates remarried Saturday in the church where the funeral for his five children was held and less than two days before his ex-wife's murder retrial was to begin.

Yates married Laura Arnold, 41, during a ceremony presided over by 100 people at Clear Lake Church of Christ, where they met.

The church minister said Yates chose to move on with his life while resisting temptation to pit himself or seek revenge on people who may have wronged him.

"It is easy to judge the actions of another, as though we know all the intricate details of their life story. Jesus has warned us against such judgments," minister Bryan Fike said in his prepared statement. He took no questions.

Yates divorced Andrea Yates in March 2005, three years after she was sentenced to life in prison on two murder convictions for drowning her children in a bathtub. An appeals court overturned those convictions based on mistaken testimony by a psychiatrist.

Psychiatrists in her original trial testified Andrea Yates suffered from schizophrenia and postpartum depression, but disagreed over the severity of her illness and whether she knew her actions were wrong.

She is again pleading insanity at her retrial. A request to delay the trial until summer is due to be heard before the trial starts Monday.

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Rapist charged in assaults denied bond

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A local magistrate denied bail Saturday for a convicted rapist charged with abducting two teenage girls and assaulting them in an underground room behind his home.

Kenneth G. Hinson was captured Friday evening after a four-day manhunt in the woods around his Darlington County neighborhood, about 20 miles northwest of Florence.

Magistrate Deatrice Curtis denied bond on charges of criminal sexual assault, kidnapping and assault and battery with intent to kill. Hinson faces a second bond hearing in circuit court on a charge of first-degree burglary.

The two 17-year-old girls had been sleeping in a nearby home last Monday when Hinson, 47, allegedly snatched each girl and assaulted her in a room under a shed on his property, police said. The two girls were left bound inside the room but

managed to wriggle free and walk to safety.

Local, state and federal authorities had been searching for Hinson since Tuesday. On Friday, he showed up at the back door of a relative's home and asked for water, authorities said. The relative gave it to him, then called 911.

Hinson, who was carrying a loaded handgun, was quickly arrested.

In 1991, Hinson had been convicted of raping a 12-year-old girl. Just before his release from prison in 2000, a review committee recommended he be committed indefinitely to a Department of Mental Health facility for treatment. But Circuit Judge Edward Cottingham rejected the recommendation, saying prosecutors failed to show that Hinson would likely offend again.

"I can't control what comes before me as a judge," Cottingham said Friday. "And I deal with



An underground room is shown where Darlington County, S.C., Sheriff's office investigators said that two teenage girls were sexually assaulted in Hartsville, S.C.

what's before me and make a ruling to the best of my judgment."

Cottingham said he did not remember the specific case but said state law requires prosecutors to show probable cause that the person will commit another sexual assault.

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Death toll rises in Hawaii dam break

HONOLULU (AP) — Search-and-rescue teams found a third body on the island of Kauai Friday, three days after a privately owned dam burst and released a violent torrent of tree-splashed water and debris.

Authorities said a woman's body was recovered in a stream bed. The body had not yet been identified, but the only woman who remained missing after the disaster was 24-year-old Aurora Fihang.

Through state and county teams planned to continue a land search, the Coast Guard said it was suspending an aerial ocean search.

"We have exhausted our assets and all our available resources in this search," said Coast Guard spokesman Petty Officer Michael De Nisco. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of those who lost a loved one. It was hard to suspend the search. We don't like to do it."

Heavy rains overloaded reservoirs, flooded roads and farms, knocked out power and forced evacuations in the aftermath of Tuesday's dam break on Kauai.

The state asked the federal government on Friday to declare Kauai and parts of Oahu a disaster and asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance.

"In my professional opinion, it's beyond the state's capability and we need help," said Ed Tiscina, state vice director of civil defense. "Above all, there's been an impact on people and that impact is continuous."

The dead include 22-year-old Christina McTeese, who was pregnant and was to be married Saturday, and Alan Dingwall, 30. Those who had been searching for the missing have been hampered by the heavy mud, piles of broken trees, rain and the threat of another reservoir breaking.

"It is our hope that maybe there's somebody down there that we can still find alive," Tiscina said.

Attorney General Mark Benson said subordinated construction and maintenance records from the two owners of the Kaloko Reservoir as part of an investigation to determine how and why the dam failed.

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FDA looks at ban on gay men's blood

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration is considering revising its policy that bars a blood donor any man who has had sex with another man since 1977, officials said Friday.

The change in policy is being recommended by the American Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks and

America's Blood Centers, which collect virtually all the blood used for transfusions nationwide.

The three groups requested the change at a March 9 workshop the FDA convened to review the latest scientific information about the safety of the blood supply, arguing that current tests and screening methods have improved enough to protect transfusion recipients without the lifetime ban.

Instead, the group recom-

mented that men be barred from donating for only a year after having had sex with another man, treating them the same as other groups at increased risk for spreading sexually transmitted virus through donated blood.

"We strongly support the use of rational, scientifically based deferral policies, and we want them to be applied fairly and consistently," said Ryland Dodge, a Red Cross spokesman. The FDA implemented the

lifetime ban in the mid-1980s when concerns about the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, were running high and many questions remained about the ease with which people could spread the virus and the reliability of screening methods. Since then, the accuracy of testing has improved substantially, as have questionnaires that all donors answer to identify those posing the greatest risk, Dodge said.



Complaints trickle in on plan to stop canal leakage

MEXICALI, Mexico (AP) — Despite its name, the All-American Canal has been leaking water to the Mexican side of the desert border for more than 60 years, nourishing alfalfa, onion and cotton crops that might otherwise wither.

Now the U.S. government is preparing to line the earthen channel with concrete. Mexican farmers' loss will be California's gain: Scarce water that will no longer be able to seep away instead will flush toilets and water lawns more than 100 miles west in San Diego.

That would affect thousands of families whose fields cover thousands of acres around Mexicali. An industrial city of 300,000 that is gobbling up farmland on its outskirts. Critics of the project say the lining would prevent the replenishment of about 100 rural wells they use.

Nazario Ortiz, who farms 100 acres about three miles inside Mexico, worries that his hard-earned community will not survive.

"Everything comes from the canal, so everything is going to be ruined," said Ortiz, 48, who lives in a village where old pickup trucks and unleashed dogs share dirt roads. "How are people going to make a living?"

For many of its 82 miles, the canal's green waters trace the U.S.-Mexican border, running through sand dunes and verdant fields to California's Imperial Valley, where it is the lifeblood for 500,000 acres of U.S. farmland.

The project to line 23 miles of the canal is slated to begin this summer and be completed in 2008. Project managers expect that the reef canal will capture enough water for 135,000 new homes, mostly in San Diego and its suburbs.

The deal is not, however, iron-clad. A group of Mexicali farmers and businesses has sued in federal court in Las Vegas to stop construction; a hearing is scheduled April 24.

Nearly 3,000 acres in Mexico depend entirely on the All-American, according to the Mexicali Economic Development Council. California also relies on water that the canal siphons from the Colorado River as one of the West's major water sources winds from the Rocky Mountains to the Gulf of Mexico.

For years, water consumption spurred by breakthrough growth in Southern California prompted Western states to complain they were not getting their share. A water-redistribution deal in 2003 cleared the way for the lining project, which, at an estimated cost of \$225 million, will ease some of the pinch California feels from being able to gulp less water from the Colorado.

Mexico already gets 489 billion gallons of Colorado River water each year. Supporters of the lining project say that that should suffice — that the canal's seepage is water Mexico is not entitled to get. The Mexican government estimates 90 percent of the canal's seepage ends up in Mexico, according to Enrique Villegas, environmental protection secretary for Mexico's Baja California state.

"We don't mind sharing, but enough is enough," said Stella Mendonca, who serves on the board of the Imperial Irrigation District, which oversees the canal and solicited construction bids last month.

Colorado River water first flowed to California's arid south-east in 1901 on the Alamo Canal, which dipped into Mexico. California farmers soon decided they needed a canal completely within the United States, leading to completion of the All-American in 1942.

Farmers are not only Mexicans fretting about the concrete casing. Opponents say lost seepage threatens about a dozen hidden lagoons in Mexico that are enjoyed by outdoor enthusiasts and hunters.

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Freedom walk is drawing attention to Sudan crisis

By Yung Kim
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — The 300 miles Simon Deng intends to walk from the United Nations to Washington is just another trek for a man who was snatched from his family as a child and sold into slavery.

But bringing attention to what Deng calls inhuman living conditions in his native country makes the walk a mission. Training to make the long walk is completely unnecessary, he said.

"I'm doing this from my heart," Deng said. "My people run for their lives, and they don't want to do so."

Dozens of people have joined Deng on his Sudan Freedom

Walk, which started at the United Nations building in Manhattan this week alongside former NBA player and Sudanese native Manute Bol. The walk is to end with a rally in front of the Capitol.

"The people who will walk to Washington, D.C., are here to tell the world about courage, a word the United Nations has been unable to pronounce," Deng said Friday morning in Newark, N.J.

Tarnias Ben-Magid of New York said he joined the walk because he felt a moral obligation as a Christian. He said he first learned of the situation in Sudan about 15 years ago, when, as part of his job, he read depositions from a Sudanese man who had been tortured.

The man described what was

called a ghost house, which is a tank filled with dead rats," Ben-Magid said. "He said he was placed in it, basically to die."

A bloody struggle described by the Sudanese government as a "rebellion" and by Human Rights Watch and the U.S. State Department as ethnic cleansing has left an estimated 400,000 people dead and countless others raped, tortured or mutilated since 2003. An additional 2 million people have been left homeless.

Deng was caught up in the struggle between the Arab-dominated government and African villagers when he was only 9 years old. He was kidnapped from his village in the southern region of the country and forced to work for a family.

Mars rover develops wheel problem

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — One of the six wheels on the Mars rover Spirit has stopped working and the solar-powered robot must propel itself up a slope to catch enough sunshine to keep operating, NASA said Friday.

The right front wheel previously had an episode of balkiness but this week the motor that turns the wheel stopped working, the space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said in a statement.

"It is not drawing any current at all," said Jacob Matijevic,

rover engineering team chief.

Engineers were considering whether the electrical motor's brushes — contacts that deliver power to the rotating part of the motor — have lost contact.

Spirit is trying to reach a position where it can get as much sunlight as possible during winter.

But while the point of minimum sunshine is more than 100 days away, there already is only enough to power about one hour of driving on flat ground per day, JPL said.

The rover was 390 feet from a

spot on the north-facing side of a feature called McCool Hill on Friday, where it could spend the southern-hemisphere winter with its solar panels angled toward the sun, JPL said.

Frequent stops to check whether the right front wheel had caught on anything slowed progress.

The solar panels have been producing 15 percent less electricity since February and are at less than half of their output during summer. JPL said Spirit would make about 40 feet a day under the current conditions.

Arizona will give fine money to schools to teach English

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal judge ordered Friday that public schools receive \$21 million in fines paid by the state for missing a deadline to revamp programs for students learning the English language.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins in Tucson granted the state's motion to distribute the money to school districts and charter schools on a per-student basis. The money will be used to teach Arizona's approximately 150,000 English Language Learning students.

The fines began accruing in late January, about six years after another federal judge ordered Arizona's governor and lawmakers to improve programs for students learning English. The two sides have been unable to agree on how to do that.

Democratic legislators and a lawyer for plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit against the state had backed the state's motion to distribute the money to the schools.

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IN BRIEF

Spring capsules will run today

TWIN FALLS — Due to space limitations by the Times-News press upgrade, the spring sports capsules for baseball, softball, boys and girls track, boys and girls golf and boys and girls tennis can be found on page A13 today.

All information is based on submissions by area coaches and athletic directors.

Canyon all-conference teams announced

TWIN FALLS — The Class 2A Canyon Conference all conference boys and girls basketball teams have been named.

Boys

First team — Zac Davis, Wendell, Mike Hayes, Wendell, T.J. King, Wendell, Cole Derrington, Glenn Furry, Chase Stanek, Glenn Furry. Second team — Austin Spivey, Vernal, Jeff Lewis, Wendell, Stephen Hunt, Walker, James Davis, Glenn Furry, Andy Crane, Glenn Furry, Austin Spivey, Glenn Furry. Wendell member — Ricardo Nichols, Vernal, James Garcia, Wendell.

Girls

First team — Mike Hayes, Wendell, Anna Criss, Glenn Furry, Anna Brock, Vernal, Zach Archuleta, Glenn Furry. Second team — Jan Lancaster, Wendell, Nadine Hansen, Vernal, Erica Cox, Wendell, James Carlson, Vernal, Sarah Scales, Vernal, Whitney Giers, Wendell. Wendell member — Doree Spitz, Wendell, Sen Hunt, Glenn Furry, Ryan Richards, Glenn Furry.

North-side Babe Ruth registering players

JEROME — The North-side Babe Ruth Baseball league is registering players ages 13-15 (as of April 30, 2006) from Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties for the upcoming season.

All players wishing to participate must attend a registration session either Monday, March 27, or Wednesday, March 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Recreation District Center located at 2030 S. Lincoln.

Please bring the player's birth certificate, (if new to the league) a parent or legal guardian and a \$65 registration fee.

For more information, contact Larry or Debbie Bos at 324-8104 or Darci Bobrowski at 324-2346.

T.F. soccer league recruiting players

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Soccer Association is recruiting players for U11, U13, and U14 Boys and U12 and U14 Girls. Competitive Teams for the spring season.

Boys' and girls' ages 10-14 can apply by calling team coaches. Sasha Pavlovic at 733-5811 or Katie Kaufman at 410-2881 from 5-7 p.m.

Running the Rocks run/walk set

AMERICAN FALLS — The First Annual Running the Rocks Run/Walk will be held March 26 at Massacre Rocks State Park.

The event will feature three events: 5K Walk, 5K Run and 10K Run. All events will start at 10 a.m.

Massacre Rocks State Park is located off of I-18 at exit 28, 10 miles west of American Falls. The entry is \$20 if registered before March 21 and for those wishing to register the day of the race, the entry fee is \$25.

Participants will receive a T-shirt and a ticket to the post-race party where event sponsors will provide a breakfast of all those entered in an event.

Spectators may purchase a meal ticket for \$5 for the post-race party.

Race day registrations begin at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to pre-register to insure they receive their T-shirts the day of the race.

Both courses are set as an out-and-back route and follow paved park roads that are mostly flat but do contain some moderate hills along the course.

Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers in each event and also to the top three finishers in each age group.

Proceeds of the event will go to help with Lions Club programs, and community projects in the area.

For more information or to receive an entry form, contact the Massacre Rocks State Park office at (208) 548-2672 or (208) 705-6462.

Compiled from staff reports

Duke makes Sweet 16



Duke's Josh McRoberts (2) dunks the ball over George Washington's Danilo Pinnock in the first half of their NCAA Second Round basketball tournament game at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C., Saturday.

The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — J.J. Redick had 20 points, Sheldon Williams added 17 points and 14 rebounds and the No. 1 overall seed easily advanced to the round of 16.

Josh McRoberts got his second double-double of the season with 14 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, while fellow freshman Greg Paulus never got frazzled against the ever-changing, tripping defense used by the Colonials (27-3). He had six assists to go with 10 points.

Every other player who got on the court scored for the Blue Devils (23-3), who are trying to reach the Final Four for the second time in three years. They shot 52 percent in the first half to take control early and never were threatened after that.

Omar Williams had 14 points

for the eighth-seeded Colonials, and Mike Hill added 13. Duke next plays LSU on Thursday night.

Boston College 69, Montana 56

SALT LAKE CITY — Craig Smith had 22 points and 16 rebounds, pulling down eight on offense and putting most of them back for easy layups as Boston College closed out the inning with a sacrifice fly to score Gurnea for the 3-0 lead.

With the split, CSI moved to 11-3 in the scenic West Athletic Conference, 22-6 overall. CEU went to 9-15 (3-13 SWAC).

The Golden Eagles hit the road on Tuesday for a SWAC make-up game with Treasure Valley Community College.

Utah rallies late against Middle Tennessee

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Shouq Thorburn brought Utah back from the brink of a first-round upset in the NCAA tournament.

The senior guard scored eight of her 21 points in the final 4.5 minutes and the fifth-seeded Utes rallied from a 15-point second-half deficit Saturday to beat No. 12 seed Middle Tennessee 76-71 in

the first round of the Albuquerque Regional.

Kim Smith struggled most of the game but scored five as Utah outlasted the Blue Belts 15-4 over the final 4:13.

Jessica Perry scored 13 of her season-high 14 points in the first half for Utah. Smith and Heidi Carlsen added 13 points apiece. Chrissy Givens had 26 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds but missed

three of four free throws in the final 4 minutes. Johann Abney, a 5-foot-4 freshman, scored 15 on 5-of-9 3-pointers. Krystle Horton and Tina Stovall added 10 points apiece.

Utah advanced to a second-round match-up Monday against fourth-seeded Arizona State.

BYU 67, Iowa 62 DENVER — Ambrosia Anderson scored 20 points and BYU used its post play early to open up the perimeter as the Cougars won their first NCAA tournament game in four years.

The seventh-seeded Cougars (26-5) will play No. 2 seed Oklahoma on Monday in the second round. Megan Skoubly led Iowa (17-12) with 19 points, and Crystal Smith added 17.

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Eagles split with CEU

By Nathaniel Garbrant Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One bobbed ball, one errant throw and suddenly the College of Southern Idaho found itself settling for a 3-1 series victory over the College of Eastern Utah, rather than the possible sweep.

With the score tied 2-2 in the top of the 10th inning Golden Eagle's catcher Jeff Vickers flied a bunt from CEU's Ryan Whitehead, and after dropping it three past first base allowing CEU's Tyler Nelson to score the winning run from third after advancing from second on the fielder's choice.

CSI then went three-and-out with three grounders in the bottom of the inning, giving their guests the 3-2 win. "It's always disappointing when you don't play well," said Golden Eagles head coach Boomer Walker. "I thought that last game, we just didn't play very good. We made too many mistakes. We came out, we swung the bats well, it's just that nothing was going for us. We started to press and we had that game won in the seventh."

CSI had tied the game in the seventh inning after getting a pair of runs in the fourth. With the bases loaded and just one out, Eagle's short stop Jordan Dudley drove in Alex Hancock, who'd gotten on with a single. CEU sophomore pitcher Lev Watts then entered the game and allowed Eagle's second baseman Nik Gurnea home from third with a wild pitch to the game 2-2.

After Vickers hit a fly-out to right, CSI loaded the bases once more when Mike Griffin was hit by a pitch. But the Eagles couldn't convert the opportunity, as third baseman Kyle Resser hit a fly-out to center.

"We had some real good AB's there," said Walker. "It was great to see us come back and battle back to get in. It's just disappointing to me that we didn't win it that inning."

Behind a four-hit shutout from sophomore pitcher Zak Privett, CSI handed their guests a 3-0 defeat to start the day in Game 1.

"It felt great only," said Privett (4-1), "we struck out one but we allowed little solid contact for 10 fly-outs. I didn't throw as hard as I normally do, but it was just location. My curveball was really good today. The fastball was in and out."

CSI scored all of its runs in the second inning, with freshman right fielder Brad Mady putting the Eagles on the board with an RBI single to send home Kyle Resser from second. Alex Hancock followed with an RBI double and Gurnea closed out the inning with a sacrifice fly to score Gurnea for the 3-0 lead.

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Game 2
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Game 3
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Game 4
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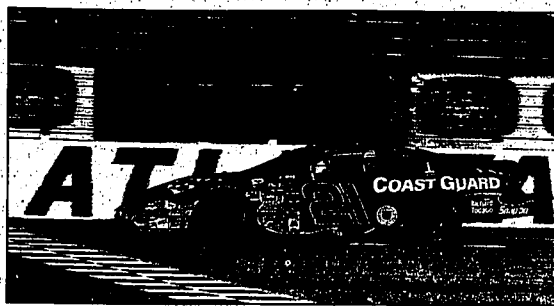
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SPORTS



Jeff Burton crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Busch Series' Norecorte 300 auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., Saturday.

Burton wins first Busch race since '02

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Jeff Burton passed Matt Kenseth with 20 laps remaining Saturday and raced away to his first NASCAR Busch Series victory in four years.

Burton is a regular with Richard Childress Racing in the Nextel Cup Series and the Nextel Busch Series. He won his first Busch Series race in 2002, driving for Roush Racing. The most recent of Burton's 17 Cup wins came at Daytona in October 2002 while driving for Roush Racing. The most recent of Burton's 17 Cup wins came at Daytona in October 2002 while driving for Roush Racing.

He felt bad for me the last few years. It's a pleasure to finally get something done.

"You question yourself. You question everything. But I'm proud of myself. I stayed focused through all of it," added Burton, who will race on the same track Sunday in the Golden Corral 500. "We're working really hard and trying really hard to get back to the top."

Burton right near tires brought out three of the six caution flags in the race, with defending race winner Carl Edwards, Kyle Busch and Ryan Newman all seeing their cars torn up by the blowouts. A Goodyear spokesman said the problems were caused by a combination of wear and failure to have the cars balanced properly.

Kahne checked out his right rear tire when he got out of his Dodge.

"It's all torn up," he said. "I tried waiting for a while and let my tires stay cool for a little bit and let Jeff and Matt get out front and race. Then I caught (left) and, by the time I got there, I wore my tires out."

Cup regulars have won all five Busch races this season.

The No. 21 RCR Chevrolet that Burton drove Saturday has finished in the top five in each of the Busch races this season with three different drivers. Kookie Burney Lamar ran second in it at Daytona, Burton was fourth at California and Kevin Harvick was third both in Mexico City and Las Vegas.

Lamar finished eighth in another Children's entry, and Harvick was 11th in his own car on Saturday.

California winner Greg Biffle was third, followed by Kenseth, who fell out of contention after losing the lead. J.J. Yeley, who survived bouncing off the wall twice during the race, and Jason Leffler, the top finishing Busch regular.



Oklahoma State wins fourth straight title

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Johnny Hendricks set off Oklahoma State's celebration of its fourth straight national title Saturday night with a dramatic victory in the 165-pound final.

Jake Rosholt became the 15th Oklahoma State wrestler to win three national titles and the Cowboys finished with 122.5 points for their 34th overall title. Minnesota, which also had two NCAA championships, finished second with 84 points and Oklahoma was third with 80.5.

Hendricks scored a takedown with 4 seconds left to beat top-

seeded Ryan Churella of Michigan 8-7 for his second straight championship. Afterward, he pumped both arms, yelled "That's two!" to the Cowboys, and then ran over and lifted coach John Smith into the air with a bear hug.

Smith then guided Hendricks toward the ringside steps, but that didn't stop him. He led a large section of orange-clad fans in an "O-S-U" chant, grabbed an Oklahoma State flag from a fan on the arena floor and carried it over his shoulders.

"I looked up and saw 3 crowds of lights and I went to my crowd

after that," Hendricks said.

Churella, who had taken a 7-4 lead with a four-point move at the end of the second period, complained to the referee, but to no avail.

Even in the interview room, Hendricks — known for drawing motivation from the ire of opposing fans — still hadn't settled.

"In my mind, I'm still cheering over that with OSU fans," Hendricks said.

Rosholt followed with a 10-3 win against Penn State's Phil Davis to win the 197-pound title, then leaped into the crowd to celebrate.

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made it to the round of 16 for the first time since 1994.

Brandon Dudley finished with 20 points and Tyrese Rice was strong from the outside, making four of six 3-pointers and scoring 14 points.

The fourth-seeded Eagles (29-7) on the rebounding battle 44-29 and had too much for the 12th-seeded Grizzlies (24-7).

Montana's Kevin Criswell had three points, 13 rebounds and UCLA (29-6) will play third-seeded Gonzaga (29-3) in Oakland, trying to get back to the Final Four for the first time since their 1995 national championship.

Good thing for the Zags, because they needed the whole package to get back into it. His vast collection of 3-point shooters.

The Zags proved they're much more than a one-man show Saturday in the second round of the tournament, defeating the Hoosiers 90-80 and making coach Mike Davis' resignation official despite getting only 14 points from their scungily halved superstar.

When the horn finally sounded, coach Mark Turgeon pumped his right fist in the air while fans began chanting "MVC" and "Sweet 16."

Washington 67, Illinois 64

SAN DIEGO — Brandon Roy helped bring Washington back from an 11-point deficit in the second half as the Huskies made the regional semifinals for the second straight year.

Dee Brown and the fourth-seeded Fighting Illini (26-7) go home, coming up short of reaching the regional for the third straight year. Illinoians reached the national championship game last year before losing to North Carolina.

Wichita State 80, Tennessee 73

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Wichita State stuck it to the critics of the Missouri Valley Conference as they won to open the NCAA tournament.

Now the Shockers are savoring an even bigger victory.

Karon Bradley hit a go-ahead shot Saturday in the second minute while left Matt Cousland followed with a big 3-pointer to help Wichita State beat Tennessee 80-73 Saturday in the second round of the Washington Regional.

The victory over the second-seeded Volunteers (22-8) marks Wichita State's first trip to the round of 16 since reaching a regional final 25 years ago.

Cousland finished with 20 points on 6-of-7 shooting to lead the seventh-seeded Shockers (26-6), who used a late 7-0 spurt to break a 65-61 tie. Wichita State next faces the winner of Sunday's George Mason-North Carolina game.

Wichita State opened the tournament with an 86-66 win over Seton Hall, silencing those who wondered why the MVC got four tournament bids when the Southeastern Conference East division champions means so much more.

LSU 58, Texas A&M 57

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — With the clock running out on LSU's hopes, Darrell Mitchell stepped up and made the biggest shot of his life.

Mitchell's long 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds capped a wild finish and gave the fourth-seeded Tigers the victory. Glen "Big Baby" Davis scored 21 points, including a key basket in the final minute. But it was Mitchell who saved the day after Texas A&M snapped a 55-55 tie with Acie Lashley's jumper over Mitchell's outstretched arms with 19.3 seconds left.

Florida 82, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 60

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Bruins pick up two road wins

The Times-News

NAMPA — Bruin bats came alive as Twin Falls had 12 hits by sophomores Remington Pullin and Kasey Jerome — as the Bruins defeated Mountain View 6-3 Saturday.

Senior Kenny Steelman and junior Nathan Robertson were both 2-for-4 and Jerome picked up five RBIs in his double.

Chance Elsh recorded no strikeouts and issued two base on balls.

Chance kept throwing ground ball pitches, said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "Mountain View scored two runs on two errors so he basically threw five outs."

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Pampering in control at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A 36-yr-old Aussie won all the difference between a light leaderboard at the Bay Hill Invitational and Rod Pampering taking charge with a four-shot lead.

From the first cut of rough on the 18-hole of the fairway, Pampering took the flag with a clean and accurate shot. He followed two paces to set up a 3-foot birdie putt and complete a solid round of 5-under 67, leaving him in great position to capture his second PGA Tour title.

A ball in the water could have led to double bogey.

Instead, the 36-year-old Australian wound up at 14-under

362, giving him a large cushion in the final round against Lucas Glover (72), Greg Owen (67) and Darren Clarke, who tied three tournament records on his way to a 63.

Pampering took the lead with a birdie on the par-5 sixth, and spent the rest of the warm, sunny afternoon at Bay Hill Club trying to keep his momentum. He had a four-time winner at Bay Hill, spluttered around to another 71 and was at 4-under 212, 10 shots behind.

Sarah Lee shot a 2-under 70 to take a two-stroke lead over Aree Song in the Safeway International.

Lee, also a stroke ahead of Song after two rounds, had a 67 on Saturday to open Superstition Mountain's Prospector Course. Song eagled the 18th for a 70.

Anna Sorenstam, the two-time defending champion, was tied with Redman after two rounds. But Sorenstam went in the other direction, shooting a 75 to fall out of contention.

Her bid for a third straight Safeway International title all but ended with three bogeys on the front nine.

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Arizona 80, Stephen F. Austin 61

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona State was too big and too deep for Stephen F. Austin.

Playing on the home court of arch-rival Arizona, the fourth-seeded Sun Devils routed the LadyJacks to advance to a matchup against fifth-seeded Utah in the second round Monday.

Austin Gaverdys scored 22 points on 8-of-12 shooting and grabbed 11 rebounds. Her backup, freshman Kirsten Thompson, added 12 points.

Alice Johnson was the only other Arizona State player in double figures with 10. Eleven players scored for the Sun Devils (28-6), all in the first half.

Oklahoma 78, Pepperdine 66

DENVER — Courtney Paris had her way inside for 27 points and 11 rebounds, and Oklahoma overcame a sluggish start to reach 30 wins for the second time in school history.

Britney Brown added 11 points and six assists, and Oklahoma (30-4) advanced to Monday's second round against the winner between Brigham Young and Iowa.

The Sooners had trouble getting the ball to Paris in the post against Pepperdine (14-17), forcing passes and looking away when she was double-teamed. But once Paris got the ball, the Waves had no chance.

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EDITORIAL

People power forces state to act on coal-fired plants

A monumental shift has occurred in the Idaho Legislature and the quakes epicenter is right here in the Magic Valley, with tremors continuing statewide.

To make the moratorium happen, the voices of concerned citizens, city and county governments, dairymen, fish producers, doctors and all those seeking to protect Idaho, must grow louder.

Magie Valley legislators in the House and Senate will continue to lobby for these bills, because they have heard local concerns. A moratorium on merchant coal-fired plants is not a permanent block on the plants. It's a moratorium on the coal that can help legislators and citizens use a five-year window of time, to understand the impact of these plants.

The legislation that provides for an emergency moratorium is equally as important as the moratorium. Now the third-fastest growing state in the nation, Idaho already has a greater demand for power. But state leaders shouldn't give a green light to these plant permits until we know how they will be regulated.

At the heart of this moratorium period will be one key question — are Idaho's elected leaders ready to reassess the stringency of its air and water quality regulations?

The current rule, which dictates that Idaho environmental laws cannot be more stringent than federal laws, needs a full legislative debate. If we do not adopt stringency rules that are crafted specifically for Idaho, we may be telling power industries our environmental warnings as much protection as Houston, Los Angeles or Atlanta.

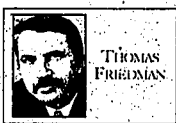
If the bills pass both houses, they will go to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. The governor has been ambivalent on the moratorium, saying through his spokesman that counties already have authority to enact power moratoriums.

But as he prepares to become the new Secretary of the Interior, Kempthorne can solidify his legacy by signing this bill. It can send the message that Idaho's pristine air, mountains, water and public lands deserve protection as elected leaders assess our electricity needs.

A growing, prosperous Idaho can develop and plan for that power, while not sacrificing what makes our state unique.

Our view: Public comment has forced state legislators to act on a proposed moratorium for coal power. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

When it came to the Dubai port issue, the facts never really had a chance — not in this political season. Still, it's hard to imagine a more ignorant, bogus, xenophobic, reckless debate than the one indulged in by both Republicans and Democrats around this question of whether Arab-owned company might oversee loading, unloading services in some of our ports. If you have doubts before, leave now: 9/11 has made us stupid.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

We don't need any more pre-9/11 commissions. We need a post-9/11 commission, one that looks at all the big and little things we are doing — from sanctioning torture to warrantless wiretaps to turning our embassies about into fortresses — that over time could eat away at the core DNA of America.

The real problem was recently spelled out by an Arab-American psychiatrist, Dr. Wafa Sulain, in a stunning interview with Al-Jazeera. Speaking about the Arab-Muslim world, Sulain said: "The clash we are witnessing is not a clash of religions, or a clash of civilizations. It is a clash between two opposites: between two eras. It is a clash between a mentality that belongs to the Middle Ages and another mentality that belongs to the 21st century. It is a clash between civilization and backwardness, between the civilized and the primitive, between barbarity and rationality. It is a

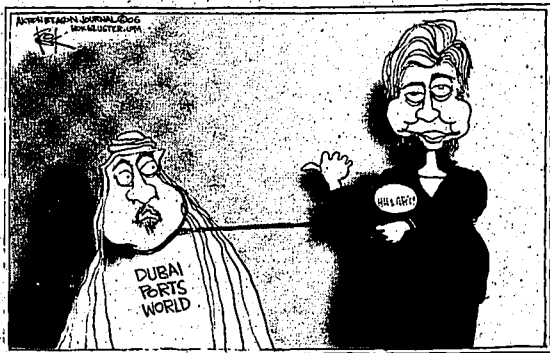


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clash between freedom and oppression, between democracy and dictatorship. It is a clash between human rights, on the one hand, and the violation of these rights, on the other hand. It is a clash between those who most women like and those who treat them like human beings.

The Al-Jazeera host then asked: "I understand from your words that what is happening today is a clash between the culture of the West, and the backwardness and ignorance of the Muslims?" Sulain: "Yes, that is what I mean."

Sulain voiced truths many Muslims know: Their civilization, in many places, is tumbling, falling apart and further behind the world in science, education, industry and innovation, while falling deeper and deeper into the mire of crackpot clerics, tin-pot dictators, violent mobs and madmen like bin Laden and Saddam.

President Bush keeps talking about Iraq and the Arab world as if democracy alone is the cure and all we need to do is get rid of a few bad apples. The problem is much deeper —

we're dealing with a civilization that is still highly tribalized and is struggling with modernity. Bush was right in thinking it is important to help Iraq become a model where Arab Muslims could freely discuss their real problems, the ones identified by Sulain, and chart new courses. His crime was thinking it would be easy.

I don't know how Iraq will end, but I sure know that we aren't going to repeat the Iraq invasion elsewhere anytime soon. Yet the need for reform in this region still cries out. Is there another way? Yes — nurturing internally generated Arab models for evolutionary reform, and one of the best is Dubai, the Arab Singapore.

Dubai is not a democracy, and it is not without wars. But it is a bridge of decency that leads away from the falling civilization described by Sulain to a much more optimistic, open and self-confident society. Dubais are building a future based on better not guns, private property not caprice, services more than oil, and globally competitive companies, not terror networks. Dubai is about nurturing Arab

dignity through success not suicide. As a result, its people want to correct the future, not blow it up.

What's ironic is that if Democrats who hate the Bush war in Iraq actually had a peaceful alternative policy for promoting reform in the Arab-Muslim world, it would be called "the Dubai policy," supporting internally driven Arab engines of change.

That's why Arab progressives are stunned by our behavior. As an Arab businessman friend said to me of the Dubai saga: "This deal has left a real bad taste in many mouths. I mean this was Dubai, for God's sake! You could not have a better friend and more of a symbol of globalization and openness. If they are a security danger to the U.S., then who is not?"

So whatever happens with the Iraq experiment — but especially if it fails — we need Dubai to succeed. Dubai is where we should want the Arab world to go. Unfortunately, we just told Dubai to go to hell.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTERS

High school seniors are not taxpayers

I have followed with great interest the proposal to build a new high school in Twin Falls. Tuesday, we voted on the proposal and it passed. This was good news for some and bad news for others, depending on their point of view.

I went to the high school Tuesday to vote, not knowing if I was eligible because I lived outside of the city limits. I was asked and received the following answer: "If you pay taxes and live within the boundary of School District 411, you are eligible to vote in this election."

While I was standing in line waiting to vote, several 18-year-old high school seniors registered their votes. Now I don't have anything against 18-year-olds voting; in fact, I think it is great! If they are old enough to be drafted into the service, they should be eligible to vote in this election? They live within the boundary of School District 411, they own property, they pay taxes and pay no taxes. Because of this conundrum, those who pay no taxes are forcing those who do pay taxes to pay for the new school. If they were probably responsible for

the bond passage, is this fair? Another thing that seemed a little strange to me was the voting place. Supposing the voting was held at MorningSide School, how many 18-year-olds would drive out there to vote? Not many, I think. So let's think about it!

JOHN L. HOUFGAARD
Twin Falls

The mystery of arsenic

Is anybody sure if it is arsenic in our drinking water? If so, how did it get there?

JOHN ANDERSON
Twin Falls

New bond should equal better fiscal stewardship

Like many others, I voted for the school bond levy. And I suspect that like many others, I did it with mixed emotions. Call me a curmudgeon, but far too often history shows that the bureaucrats which spend money and make other managerial decisions do not fully comprehend being accountable to those whose money they spend and who pay their salaries. Too often, funds are lost in a way not originally intended or are simply squandered to a lack of frugality. Too often, important decisions are

cloaked in darkness so as not to raise the scrutiny of taxpayers.

We would do well to run the school district and our various governmental institutions as a small business. The new high school and upgrades at other schools will bring with it the need for additional faculty. No part of these salaries, as understood, are included in the bond money. I wonder how many salaries the overrated and exorbitantly priced Open Court reading program could have paid for. I've heard it said that these new salaries will come from our property taxes.

With the influx of new population buying and building homes in our community, and the dramatic (some would say outrageous) increases in existing property taxes during the last year, when will the additional staff needed today? If we cannot manage the additional tax revenue we've accumulated and come up with enough teachers to properly staff existing schools this year, then how do we figure it's going to work over the course of the next several years? Where are these newly found property tax revenues going anyway? Police? Streets? Schools? Apparently not.

Have a tough time wanting to throw more money at a

wasteful and sometimes secretive system. Curmudgeon or not, we need, and should demand, visibility and accountability in the spending of these hard-earned funds. As I said, I'm happy the bond passed. To Individuals who make up the bureaucracy, I say: accept a mandate with that bond. Show it to your good stewards.

JAMES CASE
Twin Falls

Local doctor a true leader on civics

A tribute to a local leader: Dr. McClusky was a guest speaker at Magie Valley Regional Medical Center volunteer meetings. Never have I been so impressed with a speaker who does so much for mankind.

What could one do to celebrate this great man? One of his charities is Camp Rainbow Gold for cancer patients.

What a role model! I wish I were an AARRINGTON Twin Falls

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Congressman explains why his office leases two mid-size SUVs

I'd like to take this opportunity to respond to a story printed March 12 in The Times-News regarding the two vehicles I lease for my office's official congressional duties. ("Taxpayers foot bill for more than \$1 million in car leases.") From what I understand, my constituents came away with the impression that I lease two cars for my own private purposes in Washington, D.C. If that were the case, it would be a misuse of public funds. Nothing could be further from the truth, and I believe it is necessary to shed some light on this story.

Yes, I do lease two American made GMC mid-size SUVs. To make the moratorium happen, the voices of concerned citizens, city and county governments, dairymen, fish producers, doctors and all those seeking to protect Idaho, must grow louder. Magie Valley legislators in the House and Senate will continue to lobby for these bills, because they have heard local concerns. A moratorium on merchant coal-fired plants is not a permanent block on the plants. It's a moratorium on the coal that can help legislators and citizens use a five-year window of time, to understand the impact of these plants. The legislation that provides for an emergency moratorium is equally as important as the moratorium. Now the third-fastest growing state in the nation, Idaho already has a greater demand for power. But state leaders shouldn't give a green light to these plant permits until we know how they will be regulated. At the heart of this moratorium period will be one key question — are Idaho's elected leaders ready to reassess the stringency of its air and water quality regulations? The current rule, which dictates that Idaho environmental laws cannot be more stringent than federal laws, needs a full legislative debate. If we do not adopt stringency rules that are crafted specifically for Idaho, we may be telling power industries our environmental warnings as much protection as Houston, Los Angeles or Atlanta. If the bills pass both houses, they will go to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. The governor has been ambivalent on the moratorium, saying through his spokesman that counties already have authority to enact power moratoriums. But as he prepares to become the new Secretary of the Interior, Kempthorne can solidify his legacy by signing this bill. It can send the message that Idaho's pristine air, mountains, water and public lands deserve protection as elected leaders assess our electricity needs. A growing, prosperous Idaho can develop and plan for that power, while not sacrificing what makes our state unique.



U.S. REP. MIKE SIMPSON

gressional operating budget. The expense is reported to the public quarterly along with all other congressional expenditures. Because this news story insinuated that I was misusing public funds, I'd like to explain why I decided to lease instead of renting cars and reimbursing mileage. Given the distances we drive, leasing is efficient and cost-effective. The annual lease cost for both vehicles is \$17,419. Insurance is \$3,877, and gas and servicing amounts to \$2,769, which totals \$17,365. The two vehicles leased for my congressional offices are allowed 27,000 miles per year, and we are on track to put that many

on as my staff and I travel our district. If that were paid in mileage reimbursement, the cost would be \$12,015. If my D.C. staff and I combined rented a vehicle only seven days a month when working and traveling in Idaho, it would add up to \$3,780 in a year (not including fuel). Finally, my staff and I drive the leased vehicles between Idaho Falls and Boise at least 12 times a year. The plane tickets alone on one-way notice would amount to \$2,980, bringing our expenses for not leasing a vehicle to \$18,775. Leasing is an efficient way to pay for taxpayer dollars, much as businesses lease fleets of vehicles for the savings they can

achieve. The logic behind leasing extends beyond cost savings. First, and foremost, is the safety of my staff. Idaho's 2nd Congressional District is vast and rugged, and we experience harsh road conditions. Given the distances we travel, it is required to drive. I want them to be safe, and the modestly equipped SUVs have served them well. As mentioned earlier, I am saving taxpayer dollars, not exploiting them. Each member of Congress is given an annual operating budget that pays all expenses, including office rent, staff salaries, equipment, supplies, travel and any other

expense a congressional office incurs. I have my Washington, D.C., office and four district offices. Each comes with a set of expenses that are deducted from my annual budget. Some members in California and New York have districts that consist of only a neighborhood in the city. They do not need multiple offices or vehicles to reach their constituents. I do. Thank you for the opportunity to share this information with your readers.

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, lives in Washington D.C. and represents Idaho's second congressional district.

LETTERS

Opportunities need to expand in Kimberly

I am a Varsity Scout of Team 88 in the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward. I am writing to you for a requirement on a merit badge. I am required to write to an editor regarding a subject of my choice. Please bear with me. I have chosen to write concerning the sports page. On the heading, it talks about bigger schools than ours, but whenever we win a game, we seem to get a short paragraph saying, "Kimberly beat Filer last night, 50-37," then only a few sentences. If Filer wins, it is on the front page with a huge story about the event.

Kimberly School District is expanding at an incredible rate, and I feel that it deserves more attention in the area of sports than it is currently getting. With new homes going up all over the district and overcrowding due to all of the people from Twin Falls School District wanting to send their children to Kimberly for their education, I feel that the future of Kimberly School District is only going to expand. With that expansion will come even better athletes and better sports programs. We already have some of the best, and I don't feel we are being given our due credit.

I write not only for me but for others as well. I hope that you will consider this suggestion and that our "shortage of press coverage" will soon be rectified.

JORDAN CAZEAU
Kimberly

Elko BLM shunned talks with Watersheds

In an article published in *The Times-News* on March 13 about Western Watersheds Project's recent court victory over the Elko Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management that may result in the temporary ending of cattle and sheep grazing on almost 500,000 acres in Elko County, Elko BLM Manager Helen Hankins was quoted complaining that "The instrat-

ing there for a lot of folks is Western Watersheds. For the most part, doesn't want to sit down at the table with permittees and interested parties."

This statement is completely untrue.

The court record in this case shows that the BLM repeatedly cut the public out of the process and made significant changes in grazing terms and conditions in order to lower stream protections in accommodating the grazing permittees that include the largest grazing company in the world, Barrick Gold, a foreign-owned corporation, and Ellison Ranching that grazes more than a million acres of public lands and is associated with Elko County Commissioner John Ellison.

The problem isn't with Western Watersheds. The problem is Ms. Hankins and her senior staff doing the bidding of big ranchers and foreign-owned mines at the expense of wildlife, fish, water and the public lands that belong to all Americans.

Behind closed doors, and excluding Western Watersheds and all of the public, the BLM prepared a final livestock grazing decision tailored to Barrick Gold's desires.

With Hankins at the helm, the Elko BLM has been all about coddling rich and politically well-connected ranchers and corporate interests. Barrick Gold also subsidizes federal grazing permits to Ellison Ranches and to State Sen. Dean Rhoads, a recent recipient of federal taxpayer agriculture subsidies totaling at least \$420,875. Barrick Gold is also a substantial contributor to Dean Rhoads' political funds.

Such Nevada cronyism, and the close ties between foreign mines and powerful ranchers and politicians, is the real problem with decision-making by the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada.

KATIE FITE
Boise
(Editor's note: Katie Fite is the biodiversity director for the Western Watersheds Project.)

Write to us

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A.N.G.U.S. SPEAKS MORE ON THE MORATORIUM

Representative Bruce Newcomb is to be highly commended for his far-reaching vision by standing up for the health and safety of Idaho's people.

House Bills sponsored by Speaker Newcomb include a 2 year moratorium for the issuing of coal-burning plant permits (HB 791); protecting and preserving Idaho's precious clean and at times scarce natural resource, water (HB 792); and giving Idaho "Breathing Room" to come up with an intelligent, integrated energy policy that will "gift" to Idaho and its people a clean, safe and healthy future while ensuring positive economic growth and protecting Idaho's people, air, lands and natural scenic beauty for many generations to come (HB 62).

Bruce, thank you for standing up for Idaho and for all of us!

Election year or not, this is a fine display of Non-Partisan Politics at its best. Protecting citizens and not caving in, being bullied or threatened by a "Self Serving" industry is a great virtue. Again, we thank you.

Last week's A.N.G.U.S. column put Bert Stevenson, Maxine Bell, and Dean Cameron squarely in the Crosshairs. Since that writing, Bert and Maxine have now cosponsored HB 791 that places a 2 year moratorium on issuing coal-burning plant permits. Your change of heart from the 1 year self imposed moratorium for SEMPRA has been noticed.

Thank you Bert and Maxine

Worthy of passage is Senate Bill, Resolution 131, sponsored by Senator Charles Colner assessing mercury contamination in the environment.

The Coal-Burning Industries "so-called science expert" presented biased, twisted and misleading mercury statistics to our Elected Officials as well as to the citizens of Idaho. Here is other "TRUTH": Coal-burning power plants are the largest human-caused source of mercury emissions to the air in the United States, accounting for over 40 percent of all domestic human-caused mercury emissions (EPA). Power plants are the source of approximately one third of the nation's mercury pollution. Mercury released from power plants accumulates in the food chain and can be ingested as part of our diet. Individuals can also inhale mercury in the air, or be exposed to mercury in the water or soil (Physicians for Social Responsibility).

Scientists representing private industry groups that are not "transparent" with their "so-called facts and motives" should never be invited back to Idaho or the Boise State House again.

Mercury toxicity, quantities and sources of its production and relevant health risks due to its release into the environment by the coal-burning industry are extremely well-documented. Idaho Legislators must receive their information on the deadly effects of Mercury from the most respected non-biased Health Care and Medical Research Institutions and from our National Agencies such as EPA, FDA, and the NIH at a minimum. Honorable Legislators if you cannot gather non-biased information, A.N.G.U.S. will gladly assist you. Private industry and governmental agencies with a biased interest in Idaho's future energy policies should excuse themselves from the table now.

Open minds or empty chairs at the table please.

Idaho's Health and Safety Must Come First Then We Can Talk Energy Policy!

Ask A.N.G.U.S.

The A.N.G.U.S. is a non-profit organization of concerned citizens and environmentalists who are committed to the protection of Idaho's natural resources and the health and safety of its citizens. We are currently working to stop the construction of new coal-burning power plants in Idaho and to clean up the mercury pollution from existing plants. We are also working to protect the public lands in Idaho from the harmful effects of coal-burning power plants. We are currently working to stop the construction of new coal-burning power plants in Idaho and to clean up the mercury pollution from existing plants. We are also working to protect the public lands in Idaho from the harmful effects of coal-burning power plants.

SE.MP.R.A. = Stinking Emissions, Mercury Poisoning, Ruined Agriculture.

A.N.G.U.S. prefers that all your comments for the Semptra coal plant be directed to your Senators, elected House Members, and to the Jerome County Commissioners: Veronica Lierman, Joe Davidson, and Charles Howell, Jerome County Commissioners, 300 N. Lincoln Road, Jerome, ID 83338. But if you must: A.N.G.U.S. P.O. Box 5832, Ketchum, ID 83340.

To e-mail Congress

Sen. Larry Craig: go to <http://craig.senate.gov/email>
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Wish I hadn't said that — and I won't

Quick: What's the single most important factor in effective communication between a man and a woman?
"Empathy? Reason? A listening heart?"
Please. If you want to live long and prosper in a relationship, learn The Decent Interval.
The Decent Interval is the elapsed time between the point you notice something "that annoys you about your partner" and the point when you complain about it.
For guys, The Decent Interval averages about 12 years, which is why we are — as a gender — so darned nice.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

"Honey, you remember 1994? In January of that year, you backed over my golf clubs. I'd really appreciate it if you didn't do that again."
What's left to fight about? If it takes you more than 12 years to get your knickers out of a knot, then you belong on Fox News Channel.

Women, however, are far more likely to utter some plucky, extemporaneous observation without taking time to thoughtfully formulate a reasoned response.

Case in point: Last fall, I painted the deck of my wife's home in Boise, and it being October spent the bulk of my time picking ash and maple leaves out of the latex.

So there I was, at 10 o'clock at night, having just finished — and peeling layers of paint and blamoz off my person. I looked like a regrettable incident in Benjamin Moore's Desert Loam mixing room.

"I don't like it," my wife said. I thought about that for a moment, and thoughtfully retorted, "What?"

"I don't like it," Victoria said. "We'll have to strip it and repaint it because you've painted leaves onto the deck."

"I responded evenly. "I've painted leaves onto me. There's a difference. It's a Mars-Venus thing, I'm sure. My wife even explained it to me."

"You see those paving stones under the barbecue out in the yard? Well, there are spots of Desert Loam paint on them."

"So, it just ruins the look of the whole yard!"

I went outside and looked at the offending pavers, and counted four spots of Desert Loam on them.

"Forgive me, dear, because I'm thick-headed," I began as I returned to the living room, "but if they bother you that much, why don't we just turn the pavers over?"

"Oh," she replied. "I hadn't thought of that."

Well, of course she hadn't thought of that. She's a woman, and thus ever alert for The Hidden Flaw.

The Hidden Flaw is, of its nature, covert. And when something covert comes to a woman's attention, it just annoys the bejeebers out of her.

A couple of years ago, I repainted my wife's hair room.

When she got home from work that night, Victoria walked in the room, changed her clothes, took a look around, and came out at a full boil.

Now at this point — being

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Twin Falls to take off gloves about water

Fines will start next month

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Up to this point, the city has been warm and fuzzy about enforcing the residential landscape rules of the water conservation ordinance it passed in June 2004.

The city puts notes in water bills and on doorknobs, gently reminding residents of when they can and cannot turn on their sprinklers. Those with even-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, while those with odd-numbered addresses can water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Property without a street address, such as medians,

Conservation rules

City of Twin Falls Water Conservation Ordinance Residential Landscape Rules:
• People with even-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
• People with odd-numbered addresses can water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
• Premises with no street address, such as a median, can be

watered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. And all watering must be done before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

"Generally, most people are receptive and realize that we all need to be taking a proactive approach to our landscape watering," said Sherry Jeff, the city's utilities services director. In fact, Jeff said, some resi-

dents went even further to conserve water.

"Some people have even been changing their landscapes," Jeff said. "They've changed to rock landscapes and they're using different plants."
"Then there are those who have chosen to ignore the ordinance, turning on their sprinklers and washing their cars any time they

wanted. But come April, the gloves are coming off. That's when the water conservation officer officially comes on board.

Find out more

For more information on the City of Twin Falls Water Conservation Ordinance and on drought-tolerant plants, go to the city's Web site at <http://www.wtfd.org> or click on drought information and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Source: City of Twin Falls

going to make a dent in their wallet. The second violation will bring a \$40 fine, the third an \$80 fine. The fourth violation and violations thereafter will each bring a \$120 fine, Jeff said.

Jeff said there is plenty of information out there to help people better conserve water. Nurseries can provide information on drought-tolerant plants and trees. The city's Web site also has information on water conservation.

"Water conservation is our responsibility to the future," Jeff said. "Just one wet year doesn't get us out of a drought. Everyone needs to start thinking about doing their part whether we're in a drought or not. We need to look at water as a valuable resource."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3284 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com

ALL THAT JAZZ!



Buhl High School sophomore Emily O'Connor, center, sings "Fly Me to the Moon" with classmates Jessica Heaton, left, and Jamie Van Patten during their jazz choir class on Tuesday. The choir recently won top honors at the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho-Moscow.

Buhl High School Jazz Choir wins international festival

Mark your calendars

Don't miss the BHS Jazz Choir's next local concert. The performance is set for April 24 at 7 p.m. in the BHS auditorium.



Bassist Justin Heaton plays during his jazz class Tuesday at Buhl High School.

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Buhl — After returning from the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival held at the University of Idaho-Moscow, the Buhl High School Jazz Choir wasn't in the mood to be singing the blues.

Quite the contrary, the group was jubilant at bringing home first-place honors after competing against hundreds of other groups.

"Six choirs were picked by school size and they were one of them," said BHS Jazz Choir Director Jennifer Scholz. "Our choir won in the B Division and brought home a trophy, two microphones and got to sing in the winners showcase concert in front of 10,000 people."

The jazz event spanned four days from February 22-25 and is the largest educational and student competition in the world, drawing contestants from across the United States and Canada.

"The festival has grown from a one-day event of 15 student groups and one jazz artist featured in an evening concert to the multi-day extravaganza comprising student musicians from across the U.S."

"This win put Buhl on the map," said Angela Hutchinson, a senior at BHS and a choir member. "I felt really proud of our performance walking off the stage."

The jazz choir has attended the past three festivals and this year's win is first.

"The group always does well but this is the best we've done," Scholz said.

The familiarity of the festival was an advantage the group had, said Angela Oglesbee, who has participated in each festival.

"This year the pressure was off and we had a great time. This was the most fun we've had," said the BHS senior.

Besides competing, the choir attended clinics, workshops, and performances by other visiting schools and jazz musicians during the pilgrimage to Moscow. The educational aspect of the festival gives students the chance to pick up technique tips and pointers.

Artists performing at past festivals included Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Sarah Vaughan and the event's namesake — Lionel Hampton and his New York Big Band.

"We will be able to take what we learned from the extras and make our performances even better," said Hutchinson. "Now we know what it is like to compete in such a large event. And we know that we can win."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Wendell mystified by water puddles

Residents tired of muddy mess

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Some towns are concerned with a lack of water to make their grass green. In Wendell, it seems that the problem is too much water, or perhaps just the wet stuff in all the wrong places.

On more than one occasion, residents stepped on the City Council microphone Thursday night to voice a concern about water leaking from an unknown source(s) and accumulating in driveways, yards and alleys.

"The mud is getting deeper and deeper in the alley," said Richard Hagerman, who told the council that the problem has been known to the city for almost two years.

He said that the garbage truck must go around "spilling holes" and is causing damage to his yard.

Mayor Rex Strickland said that continuing precipitation has kept city workers from filling the hole, but if the weather clears up the hole will be filled, as soon as possible.

Jordan Ganeff said that he too had spoken with city officials in 2004 and 2005 about irrigation water collecting on his property.

"I wouldn't be here, but this summer I am building a garage and I can't do it with a mud puddle," Ganeff said. "I want someone to tell me when they will come out and fix it."

Even Councilman Don Hurm joined the crusade. "I have the

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Public meeting

The Wendell City Council will hold a public meeting for those who want to opt out of the recent annexation of land south of Interstate 84. The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. For more information, call 538-5161.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Fernando Herrera
Age: 24
Description: 5 feet 7 inches tall, 215 lbs, dark hair, black hair, brown eyes
Wanted for: Probation violation
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The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information on Herrera to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5367. Testifiers can stay anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.



State, congressional candidate filing deadline passes

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — It's late afternoon Thursday, and anticipation is building in the freshman legislator from Rogerson.

There's a little over 24 hours left until the 2006 candidate filing deadline. Sitting in his chair in the floor of the House, GOP Rep. Bert Brackeen is consid-

ing checking the Secretary of State's Web site to see if anyone has filed to run against him in the election this November.

At Friday's 5 p.m. deadline, Brackeen is in a tight race. He is currently the only candidate in the race for state and congressional positions.

Listing of local and state candidates

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U.S. Representative Mike Simpson, a Republican from Boise, will face two Democrats, an Independent and a Constitutional Party candidate. Ten will contend for the District 1 U.S. representative spot including Republicans Norm Semanko, with the Idaho Water Users Association, and

three current and former state legislators Bill Salt, Skip Brandt and Sheila Sorensen. The seat is open after C.L. "Butch" Otter decided to run for governor of Idaho rather than seek re-election.

Otter joins a gubernatorial race of eight, including the Democratic former Post Register

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% Season peak
Balmain	116%	104%
Big Wood	131%	119%
Little Wood	124%	116%
Big Lost	122%	109%
Little Lost	117%	106%
Upper Fork/Teton	117%	106%
Henry's Fork	111%	100%
Oakley	141%	134%
Salmon Falls	128%	117%

*A comparison of basin snowpack, as of this date, with a 30-year average, based on data from the National Weather Service.

Source: National Weather Service, Boise, Idaho

MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Robert "Bob" Haviland Sr. of full celebration of life many services at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Bull.

Mary Elizabeth Simpson of Nampa and ... of Ketchum, service at 7 p.m. today at Iowanian Funeral Parlor, 5525 N. Glenwood St. in Garden City. Visitation from 10 to 7 p.m. today. The funeral home provides service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Wendell Cemetery.

Clara Mae (Purdy) Kelly of

Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison E. in Kimberly; friends and family may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Sophia Grace Lemos Ward, infant daughter of Rex and Marlo Ward of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Kimberly, 163 2nd Ward Church; friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and one hour before

the service in the Relief Society room at the church.

Hurman Koch of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Roper Chapel, 710 Sixth St., visiting for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary.

Ethel M. Brown of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3268 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obituaries@timesnews.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Mary Ruth Woodhouse

OAKLEY — Mary Ruth Woodhouse, a 91-year-old resident of Oakley, died Thursday, March 16, 2006, in Sandy, Utah, of a stroke.

She was born March 3, 1915, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Frederick J. Samuel and Gertrude Halverson Elison. She attended Oakley Grade School and graduated from Oakley High School. She married Trafford Varley Woodhouse on Dec. 9, 1933. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on March 3, 1956. Following their marriage, they were engaged in farming in the Oakley Valley.

As a member of the LDS Church, she served in the Primary and Relief Society. She and her husband, Trafford, served as temple workers in the Logan Temple for three years. They were also honored pioneers of Oakley, a tribute to the Oakley Valley Heritage.

Ron enjoyed many forms of entertainment: dancing, traveling, attending plays, and music. She was a marvelous



cook! No one could make bread and candy like she did. Her home was always open, and everyone enjoyed their visit. Her wit will truly be missed but her memories will be with us forever.

For the past four and one-half years, Ruth has resided in Orem and Sandy, Utah, where she has lived with her daughter, Karen Greene.

She is survived by her three sons, J. Allen "Duff" (Renae)

Woodhouse of Oakley, Trafford Kent (Diane), Woodhouse of Burley and Frederick Kirk (Ann) Woodhouse of Oakley; one daughter, Karen (Harold) Greene of Sandy, Utah; two brothers, Glen (Charolotte) Ellison of Oakley, Jim (Sally) Ellison of Bakersfield, Calif., and Jerry (Barbara) Ellison of Orem, Utah; one sister, Ina Lou (Wayne) Clency of Weiser, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren, who were a joy and whom she loved and adored beyond measure. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Trafford; and two daughters, Sara and Ina Ellen.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 N. Center Ave., with Bishop Randy Handy officiating. Burial will be in Marlon Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Ranace Wade Boehler



help Susan's Aunt Mary, who was in failing health.

Ranace will always be remembered for his great sense of humor, kind heart and easy-going way of making friends. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, grandson and friend.

Ranace was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Phillip Boehler and John H. "Jack" Ashby.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Riverton, Wyo.; parents, Mahlon (Sara) and Bonny Boehler of Elko, Nev.; and Donnie Ashby Boehler of Riverton, Idaho; grandmothers, Louie Boehler of Gillette, Wyo., and Louise Jones of Burley, Idaho; his daughter, Micahlyn Boehler of Rupert, Idaho; his stepchildren, Sarah DeJozier of

Reno, Nev., Gabe Burns of Riverton and Kellie Peterson of Rawlins, Wyo.; his brothers, Brock (Corona) Boehler of Corinth, Texas, Craig Boehler of Fallon, Nev., and Adam (Tara) Boehler of Burley; a stepbrother, Timothy (Lisa) Cross of Spring Creek, Nev.; friend extra ordinaire, Pyke Bowle of Elko, Nev.; as well as 10 nieces and nephews, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Floral offerings may be sent to Floral Funeral Home, 2203 W. Main St. in Riverton, or in lieu of flowers, donations to a favorite charity in Ranace's name may be made. Cards and memorials may be sent to Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, ID 83318, and they will be forwarded on. A memorial get-together will be held at a later date in Burley for family and friends.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at Mountain View Cemetery, 3540 W. Main St. in Riverton, Idaho.

We know we will see you again and that you and the grandpas will have all the fishing holes scooped out and you and Terry will know all the best hunting places and Great-Grandma Poulton Rowley will have you up to date on your hugs. We love you and miss you.

Ronald Dean Clark



and could never get too much of it. The Salmon River was his stomping grounds with his family and friends, even to spending Thanksgiving there.

To loved camping in the mountains with his family. His children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews were his greatest treasures in life. He will be missed immensely by family and friends.

Surviving Ron is his loving wife of 41 years, Kathy Lanace Clark of Eden; his mother, Ilene Holsline Clark of Eden;

children, Rochelle (Brad) Black of Hazen, Ryan (Hilary) Clark of Bellevue, Crayton (Jon) Peavey of Carey, Jesse Clark of Boise and Samuel Clark (Cuddly) of Eden; siblings, Candy, Glenn, Steven of North Carolina, Diane (Howard) Sliker of Montana and David (Kay) Clark of Declo; grandchildren, Cassie (Derrick) Glassemann, Andrew Black, Kindra Black, Tel Clark, Cicely Peavey, Jaron Peavey and Saylor Peavey; great-grandchild, Cedar Glassemann; and several very special nieces and nephews. His father, Roy Clark; brother, Gary Clark; and father-in-law, Ray Cumrine, preceded him in death.

The funeral for Ron will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at the Trinity Lutheran church in Eden with Pastor Don Adoff officiating. Interment will follow in the Hazleton Cemetery in Hazelton, Idaho. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2006, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

EDEN — Ronald Dean Clark, 69, of Eden, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2006, at his home.

Ron was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Aug. 29, 1936, son of Roy and Marie Clark. He attended his elementary years of rural schooling at Greenwood and Canyonside, finishing up, his education at Valley High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathy J. Cumrine in 1964. In the spring of 1965, Ron was drafted by the Milwaukee Braves Atlanta Braves baseball organization and played one and one-half seasons for them in Florida.

He played for the Giants at the Twin Falls, Farm Club for the rest of his baseball career. In 1966, he went to work for Morgan Lindsay bean and bean products, and eventually worked his way up to plant manager. He had a long career in the bean and grain industry, and went through several acquisitions. He presently was employed by Hagen Inc. and back at his original plant in Hazelton.

Ron was an avid fisherman

OBITUARY

Bessie Atwood



several cafes and bakeries at different times and places, and after attending CSI started selling real estate and also did tax preparation.

She is survived by her children, Levon (Alan) Lieber-

TWIN FALLS — Bessie Atwood passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the age of 80. She was living at Bridgeway Estates at the time of her passing.

Bessie was born Aug. 28, 1925, at Monroe, Okla., the fifth child of Walter and Leta Turner. Bessie spent her early childhood in Montrose and then moved with her family to Limon, Colo. She graduated from high school in Limon and attended business college in Denver. Bessie was married to Noble Adfield in 1947.

They moved to Idaho in 1960. They had four children. This union ended in divorce. She married Homer Atwood in 1979. He passed away in 1999.

Bessie's children were top priority to her. She also enjoyed all crafts, gardening and preserving all she raised. Bessie managed

man of Pleasanton, Calif., Nancy (Rodney) Gratzlelski of Boise and Noel Adfield of Cheyenne, Wyo. She had eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and is survived by two of Homer's children and their respective families which Bessie thought lots of.

She is preceded in death by both her parents, two brothers and two sisters, two of Homer's children and two of Homer's grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at Twin Falls Cemetery with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Should friends desire, contributions may be given to their favorite charity. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

DEATH NOTICES

J. Riley Scott

WENDELL — J. Riley Scott, 71, of Wendell, died Friday, March 17, 2006, in Boise.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wendell with Bishop Kevin Lancaster officiating. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Demaree Wendell Chapel and from 10 a.m. until time of the service Thursday at the church. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Ralph W. Day

TWIN FALLS — Ralph W. Day, 79, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

An interment service will be held at the Oakridge Cemetery in West Chester, Ill. Arrangements are under the direction of Chapel of the Chimnes Funeral Home in Meridian.

Erna S. McFarland

HEBURN — Erna S. McFarland, 87, of Heburn, died Friday, March 17, 2006, in Pocatello. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Esther C. Short

BURLEY — Esther Christina Short, 97, of Burley, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at her daughter's home in Marysville, Calif. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Alice Marie Wheeler

PAUL — Alice Marie Wheeler, 87, of Paul, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Henry G. Wilcoxon

GLENN'S FERRY — Henry G. Wilcoxon, 74, of Glenn's Ferry, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at a local hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, McCurtury Chapel in Mountain Home.

Kenneth McClain

TWIN FALLS — Kenneth McClain, 77, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Cheryl Larson-White

TWIN FALLS — Cheryl Kay Larson-White, 62, of Sky Valley, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 16, 2006, in Palm Springs, Calif. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Nathan T. Lewis

JEROME — Nathan T. Lewis, 23, of Jerome, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Edna O'Rourke

JEROME — Edna O'Rourke, 85, of Ascadero, Calif., and formerly of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in Ascadero.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2006, at the Jerome Cemetery, West Avenue 1. Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

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They were deeply appreciated.

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EPA rule makes change likely at Saratoga pool

SARATOGA SPRINGS, Utah (AP) — The crown jewel of Saratoga Springs, a hot mineral-water pool area, faces drastic changes after a recent discovery that the pool contains nearly four times the arsenic level of arsenic for drinking water.

At 38 parts of arsenic per billion units of water, the pool used to be within acceptable levels determined by the Environmental Protection Agency. Recent changes to EPA guidelines, however, lowered the accepted rate from 50 parts per billion to 10.

Officials say the arsenic in the Saratoga Springs pool is likely a natural component of the mineral water from the hot springs, not a result of chem-

cal-laced runoff.

"It's nothing life-threatening — just a pool undergoing changes that's caught between new systems and old systems," said Ron Tobler, an environmental health program manager for the Utah County Department of Health.

The EPA adopted the change in January 2001; it was to take effect February 2002. Cities were given until January of this year to come into compliance with the new levels.

However, the Saratoga Springs housing association, which owns and oversees the pool, which sits at the edge of Utah Lake, didn't discover it exceeded the limit until Friday when it presented plans to the health department to change

the pool water from mineral to fresh water.

According to Jim Parker, general manager of the Saratoga Springs owner's association, the development's governing board, which represents a chunk of the 6,300-resident city, has looked at ways to cut costs of the pool for two years.

As it is, the pool runs through about \$1,000 in chlorine every month in addition to regular maintenance costs necessitated by excessive mineral build up.

"Mineral water destroys the controls; it destroys material and causes it to fail," Parker said. "The float valves that keep the water in the right place haven't worked for years."

The pump room for the pool

is filled with leaky, rusty pipes and controls that no longer work properly, Parker said. And that's a problem that could be remedied by replacing the mineral water from a tapped hot spring with water from city lines.

The pool would then be heated by a process that takes the natural heat from the hot spring and transfers it to fresh water.

Parker said the switch would alleviate the need for so much chlorine as well as reduce the amount of upkeep the pool requires, reducing the overall cost of the pool.

Changing the pool to fresh water would also bring the facility into compliance with EPA standards, Tobler said. An

alternative measure would be to implement a system that filters arsenic out of the water.

The downside of that process, Parker said, is that arsenic filters use high levels of iron, which would put excessive amounts of iron in the water, leading to discoloration,

a bad smell and a bad taste, among other side effects.







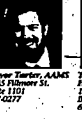

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Ex-activist pleads guilty to kidnapping

BOISE (AP) — A Nampa mother once praised for her work on legislation protecting teenage partners from abusive relationships has pleaded guilty to a kidnapping charge in a case involving abduction, drug dealing and violent drug use.

Barbara Dehl, 48, pleaded guilty to second-degree kidnapping in 4th District Court on Friday. In exchange for the guilty plea, Ada County prosecutors dismissed multiple charges against her.

Larry Hanslován, Dehl's live-in boyfriend at the time, also pleaded guilty to second-degree kidnapping Friday.

Prosecutors say Dehl, Hanslován, and another man, Ronald Huntsman, were involved in the kidnaping of a young couple they suspected of stealing jewelry, drugs and cash from a safe in Dehl's Nampa home in March 2005.

Police say Dehl, Hanslován and Huntsman were involved in a series of events that led to the killing of 22-year-old John Schmichel of Boise. An Ada County grand jury indicted the three in April 2005.

Huntsman is charged with first-degree murder in Schmichel's death. He awaits trial for kidnaping and murder charges.

Investigators said the three questioned the couple for hours at Dehl's home, at times beating them and threatening them with a gun and a hacksaw. After the interrogation, the three turned their suspicions on Schmichel, who was an associate, investigators said.

Police say Schmichel was fatally shot in Dehl's sports utility vehicle. His body was discovered in a shallow grave in the Owyhee County desert March 24, 2005; police suspect he had been killed several days earlier.

Ruling challenges Craig's plan to close salmon center

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court ordered the government late Friday to continue funding an agency that counts young salmon crossing dams in the United States.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals did not rule on the merits of two challenges on environmentalists' brought against a move to discontinue funding the Portland, Ore.-based Fish Passage Center, whose \$1.3 million budget was to expire today. Instead, the court said funding for the center's 11 employees should be continued until the litigation is resolved.

The lawsuits, by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation, Northwest Environmental Defense Center, the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, challenged a legislative move by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, directing the Bonneville Power Administration to eliminate the center's budget.

Craig's move came after U.S. District Judge James Redden of Oregon took control of dam operations along the Columbia River State rivers after concluding the Bush administration offered an inadequate plan for protecting salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Earlier Friday in Portland a federal judge denied a request by researchers to keep open the center open. The researchers said they were victims of political retaliation by the BPA and Craig.

U.S. District Judge Ancer Haggerty ruled that decisions on funding and government contracts are up to Congress, not the courts. He also said he doubted the researchers could prove the retaliation claim.

"The appeals court rulings and Haggerty's decision are separate and they challenge Craig's decision under two different legal theories."

Data from the Fish Passage

Center figured in Redden's order to spill more water over the dams to help young salmon reach the ocean, rather than running the water through turbines to generate electricity. Craig inserted a provision in a spending bill directing BPA to find another organization to count fish.

The lawsuit's court ruled on Friday argue that Craig's provision does not have the force of law, because Craig inserted it into the conference report, not the bill itself.

Created in 1984, the Fish Passage Center is funded by the BPA, which markets power produced by the dams. The funding is provided under the Northwest Power Act, which requires some of the profits from dam operations to benefit fish and wildlife.

The case is Northwest Environmental Defense Center v. Bonneville Power Administration, 06-70430 and Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation, 06-71182.



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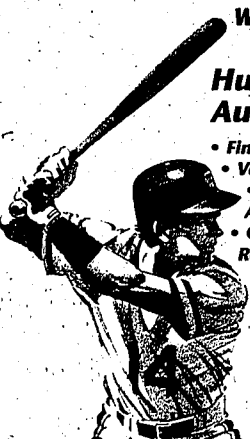
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Candidates

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publisher Jerry Brady. The list of contenders for governor, however, does not include Lt. Gov. Jim Risch.

On Friday, Risch put an end to speculation that he may seek the governor's spot — a role he will fill for roughly eight months if the U.S. Senate confirms current Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne as lieutenant governor, as nominated by Pres. George Bush. Instead, Risch will seek re-election as lieutenant governor — a race that took an interesting turn on Friday. Former Idaho Congressman Larry LaRocco filed his intention to run in the final hours before deadline. LaRocco and fellow Democrat Dan Ruppert will meet in the primary. Constitution party candidate William Charles Wellig rounds out the race.

As for Magic Valley legislators, several contestants will run unopposed.

In District 24, only Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, has an appointment in Democrat challenger Will Buhler, of Twin Falls. Neither Sen. Chuck Colner nor Rep. Sharon Block, both Twin Falls Republicans, will meet challenges.

The three Democrats in District 25 — Sen. Clint Stennett and Reps. Wendy Jaquet and Donna Pence — also will run unopposed.

In Districts 26 and 27, only two out of six seats have more than one candidate vying for the seats. Sen. Dean Cameron and Denton Darrington, and Reps. Scott Bedke and Madeline Bell, will not meet challengers in the race.

Incumbent Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, will run against Lee Halper and Scott McClure. In 2004, McClure, from Jerome, was written in Democrat candidate for U.S. Senate. Halper, also of Jerome, lost to Stevenson in 2004 when Halper ran as a Democrat. This time around, Halper will meet Stevenson in the May primary as a Republican contender for the seat.

Wendell

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same leak in my yard. It has been a two-to-three-year problem. It is an ongoing issue that needs to be fixed."

Strickland again said that he would personally look into the problem and promised that this year the water puddles would dry up.

"Having no water service to his newly constructed home was the issue Dave Randall brought to the attention of the city. If I would have known that there would be no water, I wouldn't have bought the property," he said.

Randall had purchased building permits to build a home on 6th Street West, thinking that water services would be available in time to close the loan for the family waiting to move in.

It was explained during the meeting that a city ordinance makes it the property developer's responsibility to know (if and when) water will be available; it was decided to stop issuing building permits to areas without water.

"I didn't know there wasn't, and wouldn't be — water available to the property," said

Crump

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a guy and all — was sitting on the living room couch kind of hoping that, for my hours of effort, I might get some food on the forehead or something.

"You've ruined the bedroom," she fumed. "There's paint on the baseboards!"

"Indeed there is," I responded. "I fence the cans of paint remover sitting in the middle of the floor."

"You're never again touching a can of paint in this house!" she said, slamming door behind her.

Well, that was a pretty silly thing for her to say, wasn't it? Who, after all, ended up painting her deck?

And who's gonna get that paint off the bedroom baseboards just as soon as Victoria goes through proper channels and puts a request into the job jar?

It is conceivable that she may be having trouble finding the job jar. After all, there are still paintbrushes soaking in it. Curiously, Victoria hasn't mentioned that possibility. Maybe she's waiting for a Decent Interval.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-2223, or write to him at scrump@magvalley.com

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District 24 Senate
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 Will Buhler, D-Twin Falls

House Seat B
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The fight for House Speaker Bruce Newcomb's representative seat will be sorted out in the May primary — with five Republicans filing for the spot and no Democrats seeking the seat. Newcomb announced earlier this month that he would not seek re-election after 20 years in the legislature.

All three incumbent GOP lawmakers in District 22 — Sen. Tim Corder and Reps. Pete

Nielsen and Rich Wills — face Democrat challengers this year. Retiring Rep. Francis Field's seat is being sought by GOP contenders Jim Patrick, of Twin Falls, and Jim Corder, of Filer. Democrat Peter Richards, of Twin Falls, also filed for the spot.

Brackett's fellow District 23 legislator, Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, will run against local environmentalist Bill Chisholm.

D-Buhl. The two squared off for the senate seat in 2002 and 2004 with Gannon getting the nod both times.

Brackett, who took over Doug Jones' spot when the Filer lawmaker resigned last October, says he's learned a lot this legislative session. Brackett is ready to apply that knowledge to another term.

"I feel I can do better," Brackett said.

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Retirement home residents learn to use canes as weapons

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A swiftness at the groin keeps things at bay. A couple dozen residents of the Seville retirement home in Orem gathered for an hour-long "Combat Cane" self-defense class last weekend.

It is important, for seniors to remember they are not defenseless, said Cheryl Nyman, who manages the Seville with her husband, Greg. "We thought it was a great idea to bring this to our residents," she said. "These are all vital seniors. A lot of them still drive their own cars, and we have an active walking group and I worry about them."

Any senior with a cane also has a weapon against thugs and muggers, said Rod Carmichael, a physical therapist and self-defense enthusiast who teaches Combat Cane classes across Utah.

The key is to strike decisively the first time you can.

"If you have to defend your-

self with a cane, do so much damage as you can do because it may be your only chance," he said.

A sturdy cane with a shepherd's crook is preferable because it can be used not only to strike but to grapple, pulling a neck or a knee to throw an assailant off balance, he said.

"I can use any part of this for self-defense," he said, holding up such a cane. "If you have a straight cane, a staff, you have two poking ends. If it's got a flat end, it's a striking cane."

Holding a cane in two hands, "you can redirect or block a punch," he said, demonstrating. The assailant now knows I'm not going to take whatever he gives me."

Over and over, Carmichael told the gathered that a strike to the groin is their best defense.

"There are vital targets on the body that are easily damaged," he said. "The groin is one. Strike the groin whenever you can with whatever you can — your

cane, your knee or your fist."

The slide of the knee, trachea and solar plexus are also good targets when trying to quickly defend against an attacker, he said.

"What is another delicate area?" Carmichael called out to the audience.

"Eyes," shouted a resident without missing a beat.

"Very good," said Carmichael. "Martial artist Bruce Lee was once asked if he could only do one punch in a fight, what would he use and he said poke out the eyes."

At this suggestion of violence, there were disapproving murmurs from a couple of residents.

When an attacker tries to choke you, the natural response is to try to pull their hands away — a mistake, Carmichael said. Instead, "make two claws and pluck," he said, demonstrating a swift yanking motion using sharply cupped fingers to knock an assailant's hands away.

"How do you ever know to do all this?" called out one resident in

a determined but wobbly voice.

"With a cane? No," he said. "But some of my students have."

One 60-year-old dentist at an ATM grew nervous when a young man began acting strangely behind him, he said.

"He felt threatened," Carmichael said. "He hit him in the groin. The kid went away. Now the kid may not have threatened him but he knew he wasn't going to take that."

A woman walking on the street was twice touched inappropriately by a stranger and when she turned around, the man grabbed her throat, Carmichael said.

"She plucked and kneed him until he went to the ground," he said. "She broke two of his ribs and his nose. There was a policeman across the street who was not able to get there fast enough. She took care of herself."

When Carmichael asked for a volunteer from the audience to

practice cane combat, a staffer, put her hands on the shoulders of 90-year-old Mae Hickman.

"I've got one," said the staffer. "For what?" said an alarmed Hickman from her chair.

"We'll take up a collection for you," joked one man in the audience.

When Carmichael explained he wanted Hickman to demonstrate a block with a cane, Hickman smiled, straightened up to her full height and got in Carmichael's face.

"I want you to tell me how to

remember all this stuff," she said to laughs and applause.

"We're old folks," Carmichael instructed Hickman to block him as he pretended to strike her.

"I don't have two good arms," she said loudly.

"How high can you lift the cane?" Carmichael asked. With a wide smile, Hickman held the cane up to her lower chest.

When Carmichael pretended to strike her, Hickman blocked and the room erupted in cheers.

House OKs state heating aid contribution

BOISE (AP) — Poor families who have had their heat shut off for failing to pay their fuel bills will likely get a reprieve this month, after House lawmakers agreed Friday to spend state money for heating help.

The House voted 62-4 to use \$3.75 million from the general fund to supplement the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

The money will be available immediately, said Christina Zamora, who coordinates the program for the Community Action Partnership of Idaho, a nonprofit organization that helps low-income people.

Zamora said it will be used to help the 800 people or more whose fuel was shut off earlier this month.

State law prohibits fuel suppliers from shutting off the fuel for nonpayment in the winter, but that prohibition ends March 1.

"When the moratorium is over, the best is to get the money," she said. "That's bad, because now it's starting to get cold again, and the (community action) agencies



are scrambling to find anything beside federal funds that they can use to help families who have already gotten a LIHEAP payment and can't get caught up because the bills are so high."

In the week after March 1, Idaho fuel companies reported to the state that 800 households had their heat shut off for non-payment, said Zamora.

The energy assistance program has helped about 34,000 Idaho households with their fuel bills this winter. To qualify, families must have an annual income that is 150 percent of the federal poverty level or lower — about \$30,000 a year for a family of four, said Zamora.

But there's only enough money in the federal appropriation for the program — \$11.6

million last year — to serve about 23 percent of the Idaho families who qualify and need help, said Zamora. So this year, the agency asked lawmakers to add a request that was supported by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in his State of the State speech in January.

When she introduced the spending request, Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, told her colleagues that the money would not go first to the families. The average payment per family is about \$280.

"This money goes right to the utility," she said.

Henbest said the measure won approval this year when it has failed in the past because the governor had shown support for fuel assistance in his State of the State speech in January.

Kempthorne proposed in that speech to use \$63 million, about a third of the state's \$214 million budget surplus, to give every Idaho resident \$50 to help with their energy costs. Lawmakers didn't approve that measure. But "we know that bills are going up," said Henbest. "The

governor said he heard from a lot of people about energy assistance needs."

Under the formula used for the program, Idaho will get more federal money for low-income energy assistance next year, because it is using state money this year, Zamora said. The additional money must be spent before March 31, said Zamora. She said it will go to families that have already received one low-income energy assistance payment, because there won't be time to determine who else qualifies.

Democrats had requested \$8 million for the program supplement, but that was taken out of the budget, said Henbest. Zamora said she would like fuel assistance to be available beyond the winter heating season.

"The summers are hot, and we don't have any funds to help people with cooling costs in the summer," she said. "If someone has a medical condition and has to stay at a certain temperature, we can't help them with that."

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Man sought in robbery shoots self after chase

TAYLORSVILLE, Utah (AP) — A man sought in a Taylorsville bank robbery led police on a high-speed chase — firing shots at two vehicles he passed — before shooting and killing himself in rural Millard County, police said.

A well-dressed man walked into a Zions Bank branch on Friday and demanded money from a teller, said Millard County Police Chief Larry Marx. No weapon was seen during the robbery, he said.

The man left with an undisclosed amount of cash, Marx said, and fled in a maroon Ford Mustang with Oregon plates. Police did not release the man's name Saturday, but Marx said he had a long criminal history that included several bank robbery convictions in Oregon.

A car matching the description was spotted on Interstate 15 near Holden by a Utah Highway Patrol trooper. An hourlong chase ensued, with speeds reaching about 120 mph, said Utah Sgt. Greg Williams. Millard County Sheriff's Lt. Roger Young told the Deseret Morning News the chase wove back and forth on I-15 near Scipion, where the car long turned onto a frontage road.

"We set up a roadblock on this frontage road," Young said. "He went around this roadblock and tried to hit one of our cars. He got back on the freeway and went southbound again."

As police pursued the car, Young said the man fired shots at a semitrailer truck and a passenger car.

The passenger car was hit just behind the driver's seat, and went across the rear of the car, Young said. A shot also was aimed at a semitrailer, he said. No injuries were reported in those incidents.

The chase continued on dirt roads that led to U-257, where the car continued southbound. "It's believed he shot himself while still driving and the car slowly came to a stop," Williams said.

The Millard County sheriff's office is investigating.

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Overlooked

Alaska oil spill went undetected for days

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — For two days or more, crude oil leaked from a pipeline through a corrosion hole about the size of a pencil eraser, silently spreading underneath the snow in what would become the biggest spill ever on Alaska's North Slope.

Ultimately it wasn't the pipeline's leak-detection systems that discovered the spill.

It was an oilfield worker who caught a whiff of the petroleum.

Industry watchdogs say the spill was absolutely preventable and should have been detected more promptly, and they blame cost-cutting practices at BP which runs the Prudhoe Bay operation. BP has defended its maintenance spending and inspection practices.

Nevertheless, state environmental regulators say the spill will lead to fines and possibly stricter pipeline regulations in Alaska, a state that has grown rich on oil since crude began flowing from the North Slope in the 1970s.

The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is investigating the week-long spill. It also inspected the affected pipeline and two other transit lines and make and any necessary repairs.

Up to 267,000 gallons are believed to have spilled into the frozen ground from a 34-inch diameter pipeline situated in the tundra about 250 miles above the Arctic Circle. The arctic tundra is a vast, flat, open landscape which leads eventually to the trans-Alaska pipeline, lies above ground but is covered by a layer of gravel, as well as the snow.

Former state oil analyst Richard Eitberger, author of a report issued Thursday on the spill by the Alaska Forum for Environmental Responsibility, said he knew there was a corrosion problem with the 30-year-old pipeline but was not conducting frequent enough inspections. BP also steadily refused to install a more accurate leak-detection system, he charged.

"How can you possibly not have the best available technology in the largest oil field in the U.S., in view of the fact that aging pipes have been a problem for years and years and years?" he said. "If you had a state-of-the-art leak detection system, you probably would have known about a spill on first day."

BP officials said they have an aggressive maintenance program, with a corrosion inspection budget for the North Slope this year of \$71 million, up from \$50 million spent in 2004.

"Our intention is to operate in Alaska for another 50 years," said company spokesman Eben Beaudy. "Part of that re-

quires renewed investments in our facilities and pipelines.

Also, company officials said that after an inspection last fall revealed corrosion, they stepped up their inspection schedule, and had been planning a follow-up look this month. They said they were stunned that the corrosion ate all the way through the line so quickly.

As for why the leak was not discovered sooner, BP said the leak may have simply been too small to register. The pipeline's leak-monitoring equipment, installed in 2002, is designed to detect a 1 percent drop in the oil flow over a 24-hour period, BP said.

Beaudy said the age of the pipe is not believed to be a factor. Instead, he said, the accident may be related to the fact that the pipeline is increasingly carrying viscous oil, a hard-to-pump heavy crude being tapped as the oil field is drawn down.

Viscous oil carries more sediments and water, and the separation chemicals used on viscous oil may interfere with corrosion-inhibiting additives that are put in the pipeline, Beaudy said.

"Viscous is a challenge to get out of the ground and it's harder to separate. That's presented new challenges," he said.

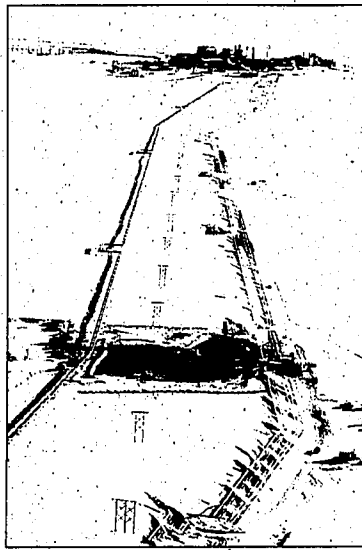
The spill — which was eventually discovered March 2 by an oilfield worker who smelled the arctic fumes — covers an area of about 1.93 acres, a vast industrial hub, traversed by pipelines, oil gathering stations and power plants.

At the time of the spill, officials believe the crude was pushing out of the quarter-inch hole for at least five days. About 63,500 gallons — or 1,513 barrels — of crude have been recovered, with work slowed in the past week by punishing arctic conditions that plunged temperatures to 70 degrees below zero with the wind chill.

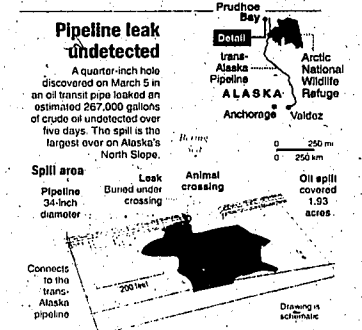
At the same time, the extreme cold thickens the crude, making it easier to scoop up and less capable of seeping into the ground.

Ed Siebert of the state Department of Environmental Conservation said he expects little permanent damage. "There could be a spot here and there that doesn't recover," he said. "But with revegetation it should look quite a bit like it used to by the end of summer."

Among the crews responding to the spill are Eskimos from North Slope villages who live off the land and consider themselves caretakers of the wilderness, North Slope Borough Mayor Edward Iita, an Eskimo hunter and whaling captain, is urging state regulators to require better



The Prudhoe Bay oil field spill on Alaska's North Slope is seen on March 13. Cleaning up the spill estimated at up to 267,000 gallons in the Prudhoe Bay oil field has been slow going because workers are having to take frequent breaks to protect themselves against extreme conditions.



SOURCES: Alaskan Department of Environmental Conservation; ESIU

Utahns join national rallies on war in Iraq

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — People for and against the war in Iraq gathered in separate rallies in Utah on Saturday, with both sides insisting they support U.S. troops.

About 300 people gathered at a Salt Lake City park to protest the war, and marched about a mile to a county administration building to hear speeches, drumming and even an anti-war cheering squad with pom-poms. It was the third anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

"It's a very conservative state and people are used to following authority," said Priscilla Kavakami, a war protester from Salt Lake City. "What this shows is that at least there are people in Salt Lake who are still concerned enough about the war to come out on a Saturday morning and show that they want to be counted."

She and others at the anti-war rally said the best way to support U.S. troops is to end the war now and bring them home.

About 10 miles away, supporters of U.S. efforts in Iraq gathered at the Veterans Memorial Park in West Jordan for the Thank a Soldier rally. Among the scheduled speakers were U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah; U.S. Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah; and Gov. Jon Huntsman.

Col. Ed Willis, a West Jordan High science teacher who served a year in Iraq, was to receive an award. Scheduled entertainers included the Utah Jazz Dancers, the West Jordan High School band and the Copper Hills High School drill team.

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Pioneering public smoking ban takes effect

By Bob Pool
Los Angeles Times

CALABASAS, Calif. — As a pioneering public smoking ban went into effect here Friday, enforcement came with a higher authority: Mayor Nature.

A pouring rainstorm snuffed out renegade smokers' torches and sent them scurrying for cover as security snufflers began issuing warnings at the town's main shopping center.

"You could get a \$500 citation," one of them advised Danielle Wajkly as she sat at an outdoor table at the Calabasas Commons mall and pulled on a Marlboro.

A moment earlier, shopper Fern Litvak had bummed a cigarette over as security snufflers. She listened to the guard's warning with her mouth agape.

"I'm putting it out," Litvak exclaimed. "Am I in trouble?"

As snufflers, an upscale suburb perched on the western edge of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, was generating international attention for what appears to be the United States' first ban on smoking in all outdoor public

spaces. Violators of the new law can be fined up to \$500.

As the day wore on, smokers were playing a cat-and-mouse game with mall security. Cupping their cigarettes in their hands and hiding them under patio tables, they flipped them to the outdoor mall's dump side-walk when guards approached.

While many anti-smoking forces have cheered Calabasas as it adopted its new municipal ordinance, the effort has met a decidedly mixed reaction within the city's 13.2-square-mile area.

Iita was pouring outside City Hall as Mayor Barry Grovesman offered assurances that enforcement of what he diplomatically called the "second-hand smoke control ordinance" would be phased in gently. He had just finished fielding inquiries about the new law from reporters in Australia and Spain.

"We're making it acceptable to ask what has been an uncomfortable question until now: 'Would you please put that cigarette out?'" Grovesman said. "We're putting the force of

law behind it."

He noted that the city is trying to accommodate those who just "must" light up. The new ordinance allows property owners to apply to set up "designated smoking areas" outside businesses and offices. These must be at least 20 feet from the doors, walking paths or other areas where nonsmokers might be. So far, only two such areas exist, outside a Calabasas Road electronics firm and behind City Hall itself.

During Friday's rainstorm, no one was using the City Hall smoking site, located next to a trash dumpster. Only one butt was visible in the area's ash tray.

The new rules exempt residences, backyards, balconies and patios to the point that they are directly adjacent to common areas, laundry rooms or apartment complex walkways.

Implementation of the new law was something of a fluke, one of those involved in proposing it said Friday.

Nineteen-year-old Calabasas High School graduate Margo Arnold said she was only asking

for some sort of outdoor smoking controls for the Calabasas Commons mall when she stood up during the public comments portion of a city council meeting last June.

She and boyfriend Matt Segal, also 19, were forced to change tables when they dined outside the MI Place restaurant because of chain-smokers. Later, Grovesman told her that her suggestion was something that might be applied to the whole city, Arnold said.

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Brewmasters: Utah rules mean better beer

By Kathy Stephenson
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — Matt Beamer, Jennifer Talley, Chris Haas and the state's dozen other brew masters work hard to make great brews that are busting Utah's beer myths.

But liquor lore is heavy here and many customers just won't shed their age-old thinking. "Take, for instance, the number 3.2, which refers to the percent of alcohol — by weight — contained in beer. Under state law, "three-two" beer is all that can be sold in grocery stores or on draft at bars and microbreweries. But Plaza 18 is like no other in the universe.

Producers from everywhere else — from California to New York and Belgium to Germany — measure the percent of alcohol in beer by volume. Brewers say it is a significant mathematical difference that is lost on the everyday beer drinker.

"It's apples and oranges," says Beamer, the brew master at Wasatch Brew Pub in Park City. When measured like the rest of the world, Utah's beer has 4 percent alcohol by volume. And while that is the lowest level in the nation, it is not far behind the national average of mainstream beers, which are about 5 percent.

That means all those youthful drives to Wyoming for "better beer" were probably a waste of time and gas.

"You'd have to drink a lot of beer to notice a 1 percent alcohol difference," said Haas, the brew master at Salt Lake City's Desert Edge Brewery in Trolley Square.

That brings up Utah Beer Myth No. 2: The point in brewing beer is to have as much alcohol as possible. In reality, beer is not brewed to be as alcoholic as possible — in Utah or anywhere else in the world. Beer is brewed to match a specific style or taste. Each style has a general color, flavor, bitterness and alcohol level.

A German-style pilsener, for example, generally has a light straw or golden color, a moderate flavor and aroma and an alcohol-by-volume level that is about 4.5 to 5 percent. An imperial stout has a dark copper, almost black color, a rich malt flavor and 7 to 12 percent alcohol by volume.

The list goes on since there are dozens of beer styles around the world. The Great American Beer Festival, the Oscars of the beer-making world, has nearly 70 beer-style categories, according to the Brewers Association, which sponsors the annual event.

That means lower-alcohol beers made at Utah's microbreweries — pale ales, English-style browns and bitters — are comparable to those made outside the state.

Many people assume that popular beers such as Guinness, a dark Irish stout and Corona, a beer from Mexico, have a higher alcohol content everywhere except Utah. But in reality those beers are 4 percent by volume (or 3.2 by weight) all over the country.

Large manufacturers like Budweiser and Coors make their beers fit all the different alcohol rules simply by adding filtered water, according to experts.

Of course, like any craftsman, Utah brew masters would love to have a full spectrum of beers in their arsenal like a bock (6 to 7 percent alcohol) or a barley wine (8 to 12 percent).

"There are some styles that I'd love to do but will never be able to do unless there's some sort of regulation that happens on the (State Alcohol Beverage Control) committee," said Beamer. "It's happened. I'm not crossing my fingers, but it's happened before."

However, Utah brewers with the ability to bottle their beverages are producing beer with higher alcohol content. Squatters Pub Brewery in Salt Lake City makes an India Pale Ale that is 6 percent alcohol by volume, while Uinta Brewing Company makes a barley wine that is al-

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— Ray Daniels, the associations director of craft beer marketing

most 10 percent alcohol. The beers are sold in Utah only at state liquor stores.

Karl Menzer worked as a brew master in Louisiana before coming to Tracks Brewing Co. in Tooele. He said it has been difficult to adapt to Utah laws.

"There are styles you can't make here, so I concentrate on the summer beers and fall beers instead of the traditional 5 1/2 to 6 percent I made before," he said. "But they are great beers nonetheless."

Menzer and other brew masters say working under Utah alcohol limitations has made them better brewers. With a higher alcohol brew, they say, the easier it is to hide any imperfections in the beer.

"That's the beauty of 3.2 beer," said Talley, the brewer master at Squatters Brew Pub. "Everything the brewer puts into a beer is right on the palate. You can't hide behind it."

Because of that, Utah brewers are forced to work smarter than some of their counterparts in other states, paying careful attention to the marriage between their hops and barley, said Talley. That careful attention has paid off in numerous gold, silver and bronze medals from Utah's microbreweries at the Great American Beer Festival as well as the World Beer Cup.

Sales figures say customers like what they are being served, as well. Talley said beer sales at Squatters Brew Pub grew 11 percent over the last year.

And last year, the Uinta Brewing Co. sold more than 15,000 barrels of beer, moving it out of the smaller "microbrewery" category and into the group known as regional specialty brewers, said Steven Kulliniec, the director of sales and operations.

Utah is following the national trend. In 2005, America's craft brewers sold 9 percent more barrels of beer than the year before.

That made, microbrewed beers the fastest growing segment of the U.S. alcohol beverage industry for the second year in a row, according to the Brewers Association.

"Small brewers lead the entire industry by offering flavorful, interesting beers," said Ray Daniels, the associations director of craft beer marketing.

And Utah has some of the best, says Spencer Alston, co-owner of The Bayou private club in Salt Lake City. "We outperform other states on a regular basis."

Coming up ...

In the coop

What you need to know to start raising chickens.


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I have many people to thank for their help in our hour of need. The folks at KMVT television, the local and state police, numerous people who called and offered their prayers, friends and neighbors who offered to do "whatever" they could, folks who stopped by our home with food and words of consolation and hope, the police who assisted me both in keeping my husband safe and all of the people here who offered prayers to God in the silence of their hearts. Finally I want to thank God himself for this unseen hand in our ordeal. You are in my prayers.

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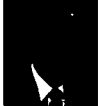




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WEST/NATION

Weekend warriors battle as trolls, knights, elves gather on ISU campus

By Elizabeth Ziegler
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — They call themselves by names taken from the pages of fantasy novels and medieval folklore. They dress the part of knights, goblins, elves and trolls. They go to battle-wielding swords, daggers, axes and bows.

And they do it on the Idaho State University quad every weekend.

The roughly two dozen local medieval combatants are affiliated with Belegarth, a national society of like-minded fantasy buffs who enjoy the physical exertion of sparring with medieval weaponry and the creativity that goes into creating a costume and fictional persona.

"It keeps me active. It allows for creativity and activity," said Frank Staples, a.k.a. Kargos, who's been fighting Belegarth battles for 12 years in the Gate City, known to the group as Koryn. "Nothing pushes you to excel harder than someone else trying to hit you. There is that threat there, but nobody is going to get hurt. I will never run faster or swing harder than when someone is trying to hit me. Nothing pushes you better than protecting yourself."

Belegarth battles are a full-contact sport, existing somewhere between a martial art and Dungeons and Dragons. The fighters create their own costumes and weapons, which are fully-functional, though covered in foam for safety.

The rules of combat are clearly defined in the Belegarth Book of War, available on the Belegarth Web site, <http://www.belegarth.com>, along with tips on how to make weapons, costumes and connect with other Belegarth fighters.

Staples said safety is the society's No. 1 concern and has kept fighters from injuring themselves, and others; for more than 25 years. The second most important aspect to the battles is ensuring the costume and weapons are functional. The third aspect is being true to the period — everyone must dress in period clothes and wield period-inspired weapons.

"We design the weapons to look like they actually did — the swords, daggers and spears — but that isn't as important as being able to use it, or more im-

portantly, to use it safely," Staples said.

As Kargos, Staples dresses in a medieval, samurai-inspired outfit, and is best known for his prowess welding double swords. His favorite weapon, however, is the bow.

"I like it for the sport and kind of for the creativity part — the making of the weapons and costumes," Staples said. "Some people like it more for the role-play, they have the background for the character and stuff, like that. It has a lot to offer for a lot of different people."

The group is fairly loose with their costumes, letting people incorporate aspects of fantasy alongside realistic medieval garb.

"We might have samurais fighting someone dressed like Robin Hood, or knight fighting a ninja, or an elf fighting a samurai, or something like that," Staples said. "People come up with their own personas. They make a persona out of it, wear the appropriate attire, they come out and fight everybody else."

Jeff Carson, known as Dopp to other Belegarth fighters, friends and even his parents, wife and kids, is another longtime Koryn fighter.

It's been fighting since he was a sophomore at Pocatello High School, 12 years ago. As Dopp, he dresses in orange and red medieval pants, checked tunic and sometimes wears a chain-mail shirt and skirt to the practices in the quad. Like Staples, he also prefers to use a bow on the battlefield.

"Characters are really kind of secondary — some people have them, some people don't," Carson said. "It is mostly about the fighting and just getting together with your friends. I don't know how many times we heard people say 'Me and my friends used to play-fight when I was a kid, using sticks instead of swords.' And this is just a safe way to do that."

Carson said the people who get involved in Belegarth, find that the society becomes an extended family of sorts, comprised of people who like to get together, dress up in fanciful costumes and fight.

"For those of us who get into it for a long time, it is really a lifestyle change because we make our own clothes, we have our own slang, our own way of

communicating that people on the outside don't know what we are talking about," Carson said. "And it just becomes an extended part of your family, if you will."

Although there is a strong following of Belegarth fighters in Pocatello, who meet regularly to practice their fighting moves on the ISU quad, they are not an official ISU club.

The people involved range in age from 14 years-old to often travel to Belegarth battles and gatherings across the country.

"As long as I can fight I am going to because it is fun. That is why, it is fun and the people who are involved they are an extended family — and I wouldn't know what to do if I didn't," Carson said. "You know how some people do martial arts, the root of this is in the same kind of thing, you get used to doing it and it is just a release, it makes me feel good, and it is good exercise."

The group picked ISU's quad to practice because the foot traffic helps recruit new members, who they call "nubes."

They practice every Sunday at 2 p.m. on the quad, and fight for two to three hours. When the weather warms up in the spring, the group meets twice a week to practice. They welcome the curious to stop by, pick up arm and give it a try. They always have a stock of safety-checked, foam "company weapons" available for the curious to borrow. But you must be 14 to play and if you are under 18, your parents must sign a waiver.

Reclamation commissioner retires after 40 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Keys, commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation for the last five years, said Friday that he will step down after nearly 40 years with the agency, which controls dams, power plants and canals across the West.

Keys is the second high-profile Interior Department official

to retire this month. Interior Secretary Gale Norton announced last week that she would step down at the end of March.

Bureau spokesman Kip White said Keys wanted to spend more time with his family. He and his wife live in Moab, Utah, where they both fly planes as a hobby.

He is a consensus builder who spent a long career with the Bureau of Reclamation and then agreed to join my team to lead the bureau as commissioner," Norton said in a statement. "He will be missed."

A native of Sheffield, Ala., Keys joined the agency in 1964 as a civil and hydraulic engineer and later worked as the Pacific Northwest regional director.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Mini-Cassia meth dealer goes to prison

BURLEY — On March 3, Maximo Chacon, 25, of Burley, was found guilty by the jury's Fifth District Court, for his part in a conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine.

During deliberations, jurors looked through 16 packages of evidence, most of which contained various amounts of methamphetamine. Jesse Chacon, Anthony Hood, Ben Salono, Rigoberto "Smoky" Tellez and Adrienne Winters, also face charges in connection with this case, according to court records.

Tellez, 26, of Burley, was sentenced Monday in Minidoka County's district court to a unified 10-year sentence in Idaho State Prison for his part in a conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine.

The court agreed to honor a plea agreement reached between Tellez and the prosecution. The agreement gave Tellez a three-year jail and seven-year indeterminate sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

Tellez has also been ordered to pay his share of \$47,000 in restitution to the Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force. The money will be dispersed to the various agencies that assisted in bringing down the drug ring. The funds included more than \$13,000 used to purchase drugs from the group during the case, according to Minidoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker.

Police investigating death of baby, awaiting autopsy

BURLEY — Cassia County investigators are looking into the sudden death last weekend of Johnny Angel Carranza, 10-month-old son of Maria-Alissa Carranza. The infant was transferred by Life Flight Air Ambulance after being brought to the emergency room at Cassia Regional Medical Center Friday for treatment of life-threatening injuries, according to Cassia County investigator Randy Kidd. Kidd said the circumstances surrounding the child's death are suspicious. Detectives will continue with an investigation through the time they receive the autopsy report, Kidd said.

Burley High School making the rounds for new track

BURLEY — Burley High School track team supporters are seeking help to raise \$140,000 for a new track facility. The Booster Club members visited the Cassia Joint School Board meeting to make their plea. They approached the Cassia County Commissioners and requested assistance for their cause to the Burley City Council.

The existing track's loose asphalt and cracking cause shin splints and stress fractures, Kramer told the trustees. His top priorities on the agenda for this meeting are no longer host fun meets for younger students because of the track's condition.

A decision on the facilities bond is expected by the next board meeting, scheduled for April 11. The track issue will be placed on the agenda for that meeting.

In other business, school board chairman Brad G. Bonner said that he will not be seeking re-election and Dee Lon Jones of Springdale told the *South Idaho Press* he had filed his candidacy for Bowen's Zone 4 seat. Jones graduated from Burley High school and is employed at Pickett Equipment.

Trustee Rex Dayvise, whose seat also is up for election, said he intends to run for re-election.

Some Minidoka schools will dismiss early for summer

RUPERT — Because the Memorial Elementary school campus will be converted to the new alternative high school, 214 kids must be redistributed to the district's other three elementary schools. This will require the schools to rearrange classrooms to accommodate the new students and teachers.

The school year is scheduled to end May 25 for all students except high school seniors, who will graduate May 22. To prevent teachers from working past their contract date and to give them time to move their classrooms, the Board of Trustees approved an early end to the school year for the elementary and alternative high school students.

The elementary students' last day of school will be May 19. Mr. Harrison students will get out only one day early, on May 24.

In other business, Assistant Superintendent John Fennell said the district has received a three-year grant for \$495,000 to train middle school teachers in math methods.

The grant, through the federal Math and Science Partnership, will be administered by the College of Southern Idaho. Both Cassia and Gooding counties also will participate, Fennell said.

Trustees also agreed to have Superintendent Scott Rogers draft a letter to present to the schools an opportunity to present and Zoning Commission to protest proposed address changes in the Jackson area.

The proposed address change is scheduled for a hearing in front of Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission on April 6.

— compiled by Jami Whited from the South Idaho Press

Watching & waiting



Michael Pollard and daughter, Jayme, 7, scoop up a batch of chocolate chip cookies they made after school.

Transplant patient celebrates five years

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Doctors couldn't promise him another five years, but the will to live is strong in Michael Pollard. He is a husband and father of five, and over the past five years he has been there for the transplant. "If we all gave up that easily, I wouldn't be here. I wouldn't have gotten to see my oldest daughter, Jessica, get married, my son, Jason, make Eagle Scout and graduate this spring," he said.

The list continues and includes Jenna, 16, learning to drive; Jordan, 12, excited for junior high; and his youngest Jayme, 7, start first grade. "I died five years ago, she would vaguely remember who I was. Just that I was sick all the time. At least now she knows, hey, dad's home, we can make cookies, do homework," Pollard said.

After nearly 40 years of an active, healthy life, and with his career in a groove as an accountant for Amalgamated Sugar Co., Pollard was diagnosed in 2000 with a rare disease called hollow visceral myopathy. It is failure of the gastrointestinal system, but its causes are not well understood. In real terms, it meant Pollard couldn't hold his food down and that he began to lose weight. Eventually he saw a specialist in Omaha, Neb. who after a week of running tests, blindsided him with the news.

"He basically said, 'You know Michael, you need to go home and get your life in order, because you're not going to live much longer,'" Pollard's local physician, Dr. Ted Rea, invited him to his office in Twin Falls after the devastating prognosis. Pollard wondered what the point was, considering the circumstances. But he

made the 40-mile trip. He found Dr. Rea's office overrun with stacks of paper. His medical history had been copied many times over to be mailed to physicians across the country. Specialists at Johns Hopkins University received Pollard's file and identified him as a transplant candidate. He didn't need just one organ. He needed five: a stomach, pancreas, duodenum, small bowel, and later it was determined a liver, too.

Survival rates for small bowel transplants are lower than for other organ transplants, because of the small intestine's penchant for rejection in transplant recipients. And they simply haven't been done as long. The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) that oversees the country's transplant network says that 105 multiple organ transplants involving at least the pancreas, intestine and liver in adults 18 and older have been done in the United States since 1991. UNOS says such patients have a survival rate of about 56 percent after four years and that there aren't enough earlier cases to calculate survival rates beyond that.

There were even, fewer numbers five years ago when Pollard had his surgery — just 27 transplants had been done in the U.S. between 1991 and 2000 — but there was no question for him about what he had to do.

"I had a lot to live for. I had a two-year-old. When I think back to all of that," said Pollard, his voice fading. He decided that if he was going to die, at least he would do it fighting with every fiber of his body.

"I asked them, how much time is this going to give me?" They told him that they didn't know, that they couldn't guarantee him five years, Pollard remembers.

These were the physicians at the

Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute — the center at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center named for the physician considered the father of transplantation.

Five years became Pollard's goal, and they have proved to be as taxing as the transplant itself. Transplant expenses cost \$1.7 million. Insurance through his former employer covered the bulk of it. The community raised more than \$70,000 for him — a "thank you" he deeply wishes to express. That left him with about \$35,000 left to pay, although the expenses continue to add up. His anti-rejection medication alone is at least \$100 a month, with insurance.

The logistics of undergoing the transplant from Burley are humbling. It took two trips in a rented Jet set — at more than \$16,000 a trip — to be in Pittsburgh when organs became available. The first time, he was halfway there when he was notified the donor organs weren't viable. The second time he was in surgery for up to five hours when doctors determined to put the transplant on hold, because he needed a new liver. His had been damaged by treatments he had received through a feeding tube.

The third time he got the call, it was Feb. 17, 2001. He still was in Pittsburgh, packing to return to Burley. A 15-year-old boy had been hit and killed by a car. A physician convinced the teen's parents to donate his organs.

Today Pollard is 46. His health remains fragile. Medication damaged his lungs and he is short of breath. He weighs just 120 pounds, nearly 90 pounds less than the 207 he weighed before the illness took hold. He struggles to hold down enough food to maintain his weight. He takes nutri-

ents through a feeding tube in the evenings.

In the first year after the transplant, he was hospitalized three times in Pittsburgh, including on the night of Jason's 13th birthday. They opened gifts in the intensive care unit in Burley before his flight.

"I was in the emergency room so stinking much, it wasn't even funny, I could have bought a whole wing," Pollard said.

"His family today is more prepared should he die," she said.

But Tammi, 42, says it's still a hard concept to grasp. They'll celebrate their 25th anniversary in June. "He just keeps bouncing back. He's got a real strong will," she said.

Pre-transplant, she had made her life as a stay-at-home mom. She hadn't earned a college degree. Suddenly, she faced not only possibly losing her husband but becoming the family's breadwinner. She found work as a District Court clerk for Cassia County. Her parents, children, and husband's fight have kept her going.

Pollard celebrated his five-year mark with a speech about organ donation to students at the College of Southern Idaho. He is a frequent speaker at local schools, and also fields phone calls from families considering multiple organ transplants.

Someone in the CSI audience asked him if he had a new goal. It stopped him. He hadn't thought about it. He has some ideas, though, and they involve charity, organ donation. Today there are more than 91,000 people on the nation's waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant.

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Man dedicated his life to educating Idaho's children

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

BOISE — Del Engelking dedicated his life to education and the betterment of public education in Idaho. Engelking died Saturday, March 4 at the age of 94.

He was born and raised in Albion, the son of Frank Ernest and Clara Nellie (Satchwell) Engelking and was the oldest of five children. He attended grade school and high school in Albion and after graduation he attended Albion Normal School to earn his teaching certificate.

Teaching seemed to be contagious. Two brothers and one sister followed his example and also dedicated their lives to education. In 1939, he married Thelma L. Bott who was a schoolteacher, and their two children pursued careers in education as well.

He completed a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Idaho in 1941, and a master's in education from University of Idaho in 1951.

His teaching career began in a one-room schoolhouse near Emmett in 1933. Engelking worked in every aspect of education including working as a teacher, coach, principal, super-

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remembered

Delmer Frank Engelking

Born: Nov. 14, 1911
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Survivors: Thelma, his wife of 66 years; daughter, Sandra Pollock; and son, Santa Rosa, Coll; and son, Jill (Ellen) Engelking of South Dakota; two grandsons, Christopher (Jody) Pritchard and David Engelking and his fiancée Alicia Moerke; and four great-granddaughters, Courtney, Hallie, Lanie and Emeline Pritchard; his brothers Glenn (Garnel) Engelking from Lovell, Wyo., and Leo (Viola) Engelking from Lakewood, Colo.; and numerous nephews and nieces and their extended families.

intendent and even filling in for school bus drivers when necessary. Although he really enjoyed work-

ing with the children as a teacher and coach, his favorite position was working as the state of Idaho superintendent of public schools because he felt he was able to make the biggest difference in the education of children for four consecutive terms.

"He was a strong supporter of public schools," Gov. John Evans Sr. said. "He was dedicated to education and dedicated to the public schools of Idaho."

Engelking was instrumental in the consolidation of the smaller schools and school districts. This was done to give the schools an opportunity to provide classes and programs they would not have been able to provide for the students individually, enabling them to be more competitive with other schools in other states.

The University of Idaho awarded him an honorary doctor of education degree in 1974 for his service to the state of Idaho and public education.

"He was highly respected by everyone who knew him," Evans said. Engelking was also active in many community and service groups as well. He was a 50-year member of Kamia Lodge No. 554 E.A.M. and a 2nd degree KCCh. member of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Boise,

which is the highest degree of the Scottish Rite. He was also a member of El Korah Shrine in Boise and the Cathedral of the Rockies First United Methodist Church. He was a charter member of the Northwest Educational Laboratory and served as a member of the Idaho State Board of Education, the Idaho State Land Board, Idaho Board of Regents and Council of Chief State School Officers.

His family was always very important to him and many family vacations were usually spent camping and fishing. After the children were grown, he and his wife Thelma would travel and spend time golfing or fishing.

The couple stayed active and frequently spent time bowling, dancing, reading and playing cards together and with others.

According to his daughter, Sandra Pritchard, he was a calm and thoughtful man who truly enjoyed working with others and making education for the children in the state of Idaho the best he could.

Trena Tegan writes for the *South Idaho Press* in Burley and can be reached at 678-2201.

Utah offers incentive to lure high-tech jobs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah has offered about \$15 million in its biggest business incentive ever — to Micron Technology Inc. and Intel Corp. to lure 1,850 new high-tech jobs to the state.

State officials said it will combine the high-tech giants to bring a new company, IM Flash Technologies, to Utah that will manufacture a new memory for consumer electronics. The operation could be up and running within two years.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development Board on Friday unanimously approved the incentive through the state's

tax rebate program, which typically is reserved for companies that have not yet decided where they will expand. The IM Flash Technologies partnership indicated it would expand in Lodi, Micron owns a Lodi facility built almost a decade ago that is nearly empty and can accommodate thousands of workers.

Micron owns a Lodi facility board said the incentive is justified because IM Flash will have operations in Lodi, Boise, Idaho and Manassas, Va. and could expand in any of those three cities, or others.

"We approved the incentive

to encourage them to base as much of their production in Utah as possible," said David Simmons, a board member.

Simmons said Lodi will be IM Flash Technologies' headquarters. The new jobs for the new jobs, in areas such as manufacturing, engineering, administrative and research and development, will be about \$50,000 annually.

Dave Bingle, co-CEO of IM Flash Technologies, said using the Micron facility was an "obvious choice" but that the company easily could expand elsewhere.

TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence sentencing

Sara A. Miller, 18, Burley; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Rafael J. Rodriguez Jr., 15, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

\$300 suspended; \$752.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Frances E. Klassen-Sher, 22, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$752.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Christopher L. Kelley, 27, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; fees waived; 30 days in jail, credit for time served.

Jenna L. Bills, 19, Twin Falls; inattentive/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$752.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Court records

Michelle L. Ybarra, 19, Buhl; obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$752.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Enrique A. Martinez-Najera, 22, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to disturbing the peace; disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$752.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Shane R. Beynon, 23, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$752.50 costs; 60 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Sara J. Johnson, 23, Twin Falls; pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs; pleaded guilty; \$752.50 costs; 60 days in jail, credit for time served.

JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 9th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Wesman Chase Johnson, 21; assault or battery upon certain personnel; resisting or obstructing officers; pretrial conference March 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Judy L. Kern, 30; driving under the influence; pretrial conference March 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Antonio Jesus Martinez, 21; resisting or obstructing officers; arraignment April 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Capetanus Perez-Marin, 43; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$414 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$414 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Carlos Trz-Heredia, 19; driving without privileges; \$725.00 fines/fees; \$520 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 170 suspended; two days eligible for work program; exceeding the speed limit; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Yodina Gonzalez, Seeking \$4,172.25, plus interest; \$1,290 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Barry E. Whiteless, Seeking \$1,181.56, plus interest; \$300 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Keely Emery and Ron J. Emery, Seeking \$2,263.74, plus interest; \$755 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Dynamic Strategies vs. Ferrino Casteneda Sedano and Marie Collette Llanza, Seeking \$5,078.34, plus interest; \$1,150 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Todd Richard Summers, 43; pedestrian — under the influence of alcohol or drugs; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Frederick Paul Borman, 27; battery — domestic violence; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Gregory C. Gagliardi and Kathleen Gibson, Seeking of Mr. Grob \$31 monthly support for Zachariah Grob, plus 9 percent of children's medical expenses; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Juan Carlos Guzman and Maricela Elizalde, Seeking of Mr. Guzman; \$353 monthly support for Valeria-Diana Chavez, plus 74 percent of children's medical expenses; attorney fees.

Civil

NCO Financial Systems vs. Reinaldo Ramirez, formerly known as Reinaldo Ortega, Seeking \$6,319.70, plus interest; \$2,875 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

NCO Financial Systems vs. Thomas L. Clifton and Tina M. Clifton, husband and wife, Seeking \$1,359.25, plus interest; \$1,650 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Divorces

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Miguel Angel Livia and Lilia Maria Livia, Seeking of Mr. Livia; \$531 monthly support for Angel Livia, plus 59 percent of children's medical expenses; attorney fees.

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Misdemeanor sentencing

Cheryl M. Hughes, 52, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Steven W. Fisher Jr., 23, Twin Falls; battery; amended to disturbing the peace; disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$752.50 costs; 60 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Christopher D. Stout, 30, Twin Falls; battery; amended to disturbing the peace; disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$752.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages.

Jeffrey L. Jewell, 17, Twin Falls; reckless driving; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$752.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Kenneth D. Steinhilber, 19, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; amended to possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$752.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 180 suspended; 12 months probation; one count inattentive/careless driving; amended to failure to stop at stop sign; pleaded guilty; \$65 costs.

Cassandra A. Gull, 24, Jerome; petty theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$100 suspended; 12 months probation.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Richard M. Buckingham, 33; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$414 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Jose Macaleno-Sanchez, 21; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$259.50 fines/fees, \$81.50 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Connaiah Niazee-Ramirez, 20; driving without privileges; \$422.50 fines/fees, \$200 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 170 suspended; two days eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Antonio Viljo-Solorzano, 19; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$414 fines/fees six months unsupervised probation; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$1,165.00 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. James Kelly Hylhurst and Marylou Hylhurst, Seeking \$2,634.60, plus interest; \$800 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Robert D. Stephenson, 46; Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.

Sandra M. Holler, 20; Twin Falls; frequent flyer; place where a controlled substance is used; dismissed by prosecutor officer could not identify defendant.

Teana Jones, 28; Twin Falls; domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Tribal hatchery aims to fight sturgeon extinction

By Christopher Smith Associated Press writer

BOISE — Each year, endangered white sturgeon lay millions of fertilized eggs on the silty bed of the Kootenai river...

Yet experts estimate perhaps only 10 of the baby sturgeon hatchlings...

The white sturgeon, the largest freshwater fish in North America, has not successfully reproduced in Idaho since Libby Dam was completed in Montana in 1974...

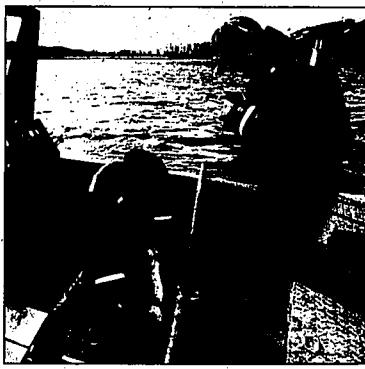
Downstream, however, pools at a hatchery run by the Kootenai Indian Tribe...

Thousands of year-old sturgeon, inch-long miniature replicas of the two armor-plated wild adults...

Old sturgeon don't die, they just fade away, said Sue Ireland, the fish and wildlife program manager for the Kootenai Tribe...

And the number of fish that will survive until that time will be significantly less than 80,000, said Bob Haddock...

The first year the fish are released, about 60 percent...



Tim Kiser, left, and Seth Richards both fisheries technicians with Idaho Fish and Game, place a young sturgeon into a water stretcher...

understanding projects in that section of the river that might affect the sturgeon, declared an endangered species by the federal government in 1994.

The habitat designation also means that Libby Dam operations must be modified to better replicate the higher, faster flows of the Kootenai before the dam...

That location is an 18-mile section of the river in Boundary County that was designated critical habitat for the white sturgeon by the Fish and Wildlife Service...

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Joshua C. Nelson, 25, Twin Falls; domestic battery; interference with a 911 call; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; released on own recognizance.

David W. Fenneveld, 22, Twin Falls; failure to stop/leave the scene of an accident; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; \$100 bond.

Bryan L. Richardson, 21, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; \$100 bond.

Rodrigo Perez, 16, Gooding; driving under the influence, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; released on own recognizance.

Eric A. Robinson, 42; Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; released on own recognizance.

Shannon M. Ferguson, 32; Ingerman; battery on a law enforcement officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; \$750 bond.

officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; \$750 bond.

Brandon Banks, 18; Twin Falls; two counts burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 26; \$1,500 bond.

Jose M. Gonzalez, 30; Twin Falls; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 26; \$1,500 bond.

John W. Jensen, 36; Twin Falls; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 26; \$1,500 bond.

William T. Stanger, 19; Kimberly; fraud-insufficient funds check; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 26; \$200 bond.

Sergio M. Valencia, 22; Idaho; possession of controlled substance; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for April 4; posted bond.

Joseph M. Lightfoot, 26; Twin Falls; probation violation-quit theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 4; released on own recognizance.

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Brenda L. Clark, 44; fondry; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 26; \$1,500 bond.

Jose M. Gonzalez, 30; Twin Falls; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 26; \$1,500 bond.

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LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

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

Misdemeanor arraignments Jeffrey Lee Hamilton, 35; failure to give immediate notice of an accident; jury trial March 23; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Lawrence Ray Miller, 51; battery — domestic violence; pretrial conference March 12; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Leslee L. Ellis, 21; dispensing alcohol to the underage; pretrial conference March 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

William Grepper, 18; reckless driving; pretrial conference March 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Shane Everett McKison, 25; battery; pretrial conference March 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments Jacobo Vazquez-Torres, 17; reckless driving; pretrial conference March 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor sentencing Emma L. Allen, 77; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

to fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Alonso Gil Salinas, 22; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Nicholas M. Lopez, 28; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Michele L. Thornton, 24; driving without privileges; suspended probation; 180 days in jail; 70 suspended; driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

William H. Striegel, 61; driving under the influence — amended to battery/childless; driving; \$372.50 fines, \$100 suspended; six months unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail; 70 suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Josephine Rubenack, 42; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; without privileges; one year unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Zachary Scott Hall, 18; inoperative/childless driving; \$207.50 fines/fees; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail; 70 suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Erikado Rodriguez-Munoz, 21; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

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Salmon fishermen will pay the price for Klamath River failures

By Jedd Barnard Associated Press writer

NEWPORT, Ore. — Just two years ago, Don Snow boated a chinook salmon that dressed out at 40 pounds...

Commercial fishermen were feeling good about 2004. As a result of aggressive marketing, prices for chinook caught by trolling the Pacific were up...

Those good times have gone bust this year. The third straight season of poor chinook returns to Northern California's Klamath River...

Because there is no way to harvest plentiful stocks elsewhere in the Klamath River, fans of wild salmon expect to have a tough time...

The problems affecting salmon in the Klamath River, including dams, poor water quality, deadly parasites attacking young fish...

For so many years we were told nobody wants your product, they just want it cheap, Snow said. We finally turn the tide, and now this.

Mark Newell, a salmon fisherman and wholesaler who serves on the Oregon Salmon Commission...



Bob Kemp titles up gear recently on his boat in Newport, Ore. Kemp and other salmon fishermen in Oregon and Washington are facing the prospect of no salmon this summer...

Sixty percent of world supply is farm-raised in Chile, Norway and Canada, and the bulk of the ocean catch — pink and sockeye — comes from Alaska.

The demand for wild salmon has encouraged fishermen to boost their prices by hauling their fish carefully — bleeding them before putting them on ice...

Some will still be caught off southeast Alaska and Washington, and small harvests may still come from state waters off Oregon and California...

They're saying next year doesn't look any better than this year, said Newell. If you lose this for two years, you'll lose a lot of these fishermen.

Commercial salmon landings last year were worth \$13 million in Oregon and \$23.3 million in California...

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U.S.-Iraqi sweep angers Sunni Arabs

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American and Iraqi troops pushing through a desolate area of Iraq's Sunni Arab heartland rounded up dozens more suspected insurgents, including alleged killers of a television journalist, U.S. and Iraqi officials said Saturday.

The three-day sweep through villages 60 miles north of Baghdad stirred growing unease among leading Sunnis. One called it a needless "escalation" at a time of difficult negotiations over forming a broad-based government representing all of Iraq's communities.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, a dozen more bodies were found as a shadowy war of Shiite-Sunni reprisals went on. And Shiite Muslim pilgrims heading to the holy city of Karbala again came under attack, with a roadside bomb killing one and wounding five.

Reports of violence came from elsewhere as well: an oil tanker driver shot dead 50 miles southeast of Baghdad, a tribal sheik slain 30 miles west of the capital, a car bombing near a U.S. base in the northern city of Tal Afar in which the suicide driver was the only casualty.

Visiting Baghdad, British Defense Secretary John Reid expressed concern about "a greater degree of sectarian violence" but said he didn't believe civil war was imminent. "The most urgent need at the moment is the speedy formation of a government of national unity," he said.

In a U.S. radio address the day before the third anniversary of the U.S.-British invasion, President Bush said the violence in Iraq has created a new sense of urgency among Iraqi leaders to form a such a government.

Those leaders — representatives of the squabbling Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish blocs in Iraq's new parliament — were taking a break from intensive all-party negotiations to observe Monday's major Shiite holiday and Tuesday's Kurdish new year.

They are deadlocked over how to apportion the most powerful jobs in the new government, as minority factions seek to limit domination by Iraq's Shiite majority.

In the counterinsurgency sweep, through a 100-square-mile area of semidesert northeast of the Tigris River town of Samarra, Iraqi soldiers and units of the 101st Airborne Division had detained about 80 suspected insurgents of Saturday, said Lt. Col. Edward S. Loomis, a U.S. spokesman. Seventeen were released after questioning, he said.

Among those detained were six people, not further identified, allegedly responsible for the March 11 killing of Amjad Hammed, a journalist for the Iraqi television network al-Iraqiya, and his driver, the interim Iraqi government said.

The U.S. military reported that two 101st Airborne soldiers were killed Thursday by indirect fire — usually meaning mortars

— at the Speicher operating base farther north up the Tigris. The deaths, which Loomis said were not directly related to the sweep, were the second and third involving division soldiers on the day Operation Swarmer began.

At least 2,314 American military personnel have died since the Iraq war began in the early hours of March 20, 2003.

The security net thrown down by Swarmer, described as the largest Iraq operation by helicopter-borne troops in three years, has angered residents of the area, which was a political stronghold of the Sunni-dominated government of Saddam Hussein ousted by the 2003 invasion.

The Iraqi Red Crescent said it sent tents and food to al-Jelam, 15 miles northeast of Samarra, to help people driven from their village by the military operation.



Iraqi children look at wreckage of car following a car bomb explosion Saturday in central Baghdad. A roadside parked car bomb exploded injuring six civilians just when police discovered it, police said.

U.S. ships exchange fire with suspected pirates

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Two U.S. Navy warships, exchanged gunfire with suspected pirates Saturday off the coast of Somalia, and one suspect was killed and five others were wounded, the navy said.

Seven other suspects were taken into custody after the early-morning shootout, said Lt. Cmdr. Charlie Brown, spokesman for the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet.

No sailors were wounded in the battle, which occurred at about 5:40 a.m. local time, approximately 25 nautical miles off the Somali coast in international waters.

The battle started after the USS Cape St. George and USS Gonzalez, which were patrolling as part of a Dutch-led task force, spotted a 30-foot fishing boat towing smaller skiffs and prepared to board and inspect the vessels.

The suspected pirates were holding what appeared to be rocket-propelled grenade

launchers, the navy said. When the suspects began shooting, naval gunners returned fire with mounted machine guns, killing one man and igniting a fire on the vessel.

Three suspects were seriously wounded and being treated on one of the Navy ships, Brown told The Associated Press. A Dutch Navy medical team was en route.

The suspects' nationalities were unknown. The Navy boarding teams confiscated an RPG launcher and automatic weapons, the statement said.

The Cape St. George, a guided-missile cruiser, and Gonzalez, a guided-missile destroyer, were conducting maritime security operations in the area. They are based in Norfolk, Va.

The International Maritime Organization has warned ships to stay away from the Somali coast because of pirate attacks, which surged to 35 last year from two in 2004.



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WORLD

Hammas ready to present new government without partners

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hamas said Saturday it had loaned a government two weeks before a deadline but could not meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday to present the new government and its platform.

Hammas Prime Minister-designate Ismail Haniyeh said he would meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday to present the new government and its platform. Haniyeh seeks to isolate the new Hamas government, and it could find more sympathy for those efforts now that the more moderate factions, including Abbas' Fatah Party, have refused to join the group's Cabinet.

"I spoke on the phone with President Abbas last night," Haniyeh told a news conference. "We have agreed to meet tomorrow evening in Gaza to present him the final government list."

Following the deep consultations with all the factions, the movement has decided to move a step forward and to form the government," Haniyeh said. "The movement decided to leave the door open before all the factions that have not given their final decision, like our brothers in the PLO."

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a small radical PLO faction, is not expected to join the Hamas government. Oppositionist PLO lawmaker Jamil Majdalani said differences remained between his group and Hamas.

Haniyeh said he would not request the names of the new cabinet ministers until after meeting with Abbas.

But Hamas officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they had not yet been approved by Abbas, said the group would appoint its own people to the key foreign, interior and finance ministries. Abbas was elected separately

and wields considerable authority. But he cannot impose his own Cabinet lineup on Hamas, which swept January parliamentary elections and controls an absolute majority in the legislature.

Abbas will accept the Hamas Cabinet even if it does not adopt his more moderate platform, spokesman Nabil Abu Rdenah said Saturday. However, parliament will not be asked to approve the government until after Israel's March 28 election.

"Abu Mazen will not place obstacles before the Hamas government," Abu Rdenah told The Associated Press, referring to Abbas by his nickname.

However, Abbas will advise Hamas that by refusing to accept a more pragmatic program, they could "get into trouble," Abu Rdenah said. "The United States, Israel and the European Union consider Hamas a terrorist organization. The West has threatened to cut off substantial foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority unless the new government renounces violence, recognizes Israel and promises to honor existing peace agreements."

Hamas so far has rejected those conditions. The Hamas government also is threatened by international economic sanctions, a move the World Bank said would devastate the already poverty-stricken Palestinian territories.

Mahmoud Zahar, a hard-line Hamas firebrand, most likely will be named foreign minister, according to a preliminary list of Cabinet ministers given to The Associated Press by officials in Hamas and the PFLP. The officials insisted on anonymity because the list has not been finalized.

Said Siyam, a popular Hamas lawmaker from Gaza, has been tapped for the Interior and Civil Affairs ministries, which control

three of the five Palestinian five security forces and are responsible for contacts with Israel's security services, the officials said.

Siyam, considered a relative moderate, was among hundreds of militants deported by Israel to south Lebanon in 1992. He recently joined a Hamas delegation to Moscow, where they met top Russian officials.

If the PFLP decides to join the government, it will be awarded the Finance Ministry, the officials said. If the PFLP stays out of the government, Omar Abdel-Razek, a professor at Bahgat al-Najati University, will be named finance minister. Abdel-Razek was released from an Israeli prison just a few days ago. In other developments Saturday, Israeli troops left a West Bank village after a failed attempt to arrest three militants overnight.

Tests: Woman died of bird flu

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Initial tests at a U.S. Navy lab show that a 35-year-old woman who died this week in Egypt had bird flu, officials said Saturday. If the results are confirmed, she would be the country's first known human death from the disease.

The lab in Cairo found that the woman, who died Friday, had the deadly H5N1 strain of the virus, lab spokesman Andrew Stepan said. The World Health Organization will conduct further tests in an effort to confirm the findings, said Hassan el-Bushra, the WHO's regional adviser for emerging diseases.

A number of people who came in contact with the woman also are being tested, el-Bushra told The Associated Press. He would not say how many people were being tested or whether they showed any symptoms of the flu.

El-Bushra said the additional testing would be done by a lab in London or Atlanta, but he could not say when results would be available.

Egypt's health minister, Hatem el-Gaballi, said earlier that the woman — from Qalyubia governorate, an area north of Cairo — was raising poultry at her home and some

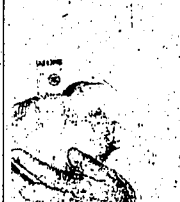
her birds also died, according to the official news agency MENA. Police identified the woman as Amal Mohammed Ismail and said she was hospitalized in the regional capital, Qalyoub, about two weeks ago. She subsequently was transferred to the Cairo FEVERS Hospital, where she died.

Ismail's home since has been sealed off, police said. The H5N1 strain of bird flu has killed or forced the slaughter of tens of millions of chickens and ducks across Asia since 2003, and recently spread to Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Health officials fear H5N1 could evolve into a virus that can be transmitted easily between people, potentially triggering a global pandemic.

"That has not happened yet, but at least 98 people — including the Egyptian woman — died from the disease worldwide, two-thirds of them in Indonesia and Vietnam, according to WHO figures."

If this case is confirmed, Egypt would join Turkey and Iraq as the only countries in the Middle East where humans have died of the virus, although birds in several countries have been afflicted. At least four people in Turkey and two in Iraq have died of the virus.

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World forum aims for better water use

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Of the thousands of entrepreneurs, painters, do-gooders and politicians here for the World Water Forum, few can match the passion of Suresh Baral.

Infants and young children were dying in Baral's village in Nepal of intestinal diseases spread by bad hygiene, primitive sanitation and filthy water, as they do by the many hundreds of other children each year throughout the Third World.

So 13-year-old Baral and his friends started going door to door to save some of them.

He was among a half-dozen children from 11 countries, including Bangladesh, Colombia, Kenya and Nigeria who spoke Friday at the World Water Forum about their work back home. They met and two hours later were flown here by UNICEF, which supports their projects with money and advice.

The weeklong forum has drawn some 11,000 participants from more than 100 countries, organizers said.

"We were telling each person that they should wash their hands after touching anything dirty, and each house should have a permanent toilet," said Baral, who chairs the Sanitation Club at his school and works to be a politician.

At first, the campaign felt flat, old habits, he said, were hard to break, especially with the lecture coming from kids. "We kept scolding for the world people trying to give a big message," he said.

Little by little, though, he and his pals won over the village. Of the 10 households in a small thimble, nearly two-thirds have added permanent toilets.

"We're trying to make our community a model," he said through an interpreter.

Children under five are most vulnerable to the vagaries of the world's clean water supply. They make up 90 percent of annual fatalities from malaria and water-related diseases.

About a billion people live without enough safe drinking water; another 2.6 billion without basic sanitation, according to research by the World Health Organization and the United Nations.

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Curious George (G) Today 1:00 - 3:15 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:00

Shaggy Dog(s) (PG) Today 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

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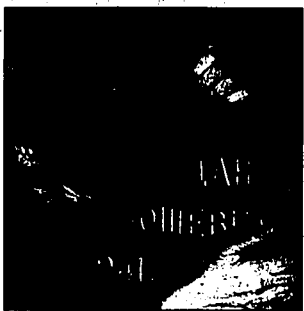
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Giving a fond farewell



Missing New Zealand man was on hot spot when volcano erupted

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A young conservation worker who was checking a volcano's crater lake when it unexpectedly burst to life, spewing mounds of ash and soot, most likely died in the eruption in the remote nature reserve, a conservation official said Saturday.



Photo taken by the rescue helicopter pilot John Funnell of the area affected by the volcano eruption on Raoul Island, on Friday. A conservation worker was missing and feared dead after a remote New Zealand volcano unexpectedly burst into life as he was checking its crater lake, officials said Saturday.

The eruption in one of Raoul Island's three main craters — the first there since 1964 — threw rocks and boulders into the air and buried the area around the lake in mud and ash up to 16 ft deep.

A rescue team was expected to set sail from New Zealand on Sunday to inspect the remote island and assess prospects for recovering the missing worker, who was part of a small team monitoring the nature reserve. By opting for a three-day sea trip, rather than flying, officials virtually ruled out finding the worker alive.

"He was at the exact epicenter of the massive destruction," Conservation Minister Chris Carter said after speaking to a rescue worker who had witnessed the devastation.

Carter said the rescuer estimated the worker, who left an hour before the eruption for the crater lake for a routine check of the water temperature, had only a "1 to 2 percent chance" of surviving.

Two of the five surviving conservationists went in search of their missing colleague but could not get past a twisted mess of trees and mud and the erupting volcano forced them back. All five — three men and

two women — were evacuated by helicopter to Auckland.

"They were very traumatized as one would expect. There has been only the six of them on the island since last October," Carter said. "They are like family members."

A member of the helicopter rescue mission said the group was distraught at leaving their workmate behind.

"They are clearly upset. The guy is a good friend and they're a fairly close group," senior Constable Barry Shepherd, a search and rescue expert, told reporters. The conservation workers did not immediately speak to the media.

An aerial search for the miss-

ing man, in his early 30s, was hampered by fading light and clouds of steam and ash. The man's name was not released.

John Funnell, the helicopter pilot who flew the rescue mission, said the eruption ripped up trees and dumped ash over half the 72-acre island. He said the dense clouds of ash would have brought the helicopter down if he had flown into them.

The rescue team would have had to "get right into the vent of the volcano which was still active in order to search for the missing party," he said. "Hovering in a crater lake when it has just been erupting is not where you want to be unless you absolutely have to."



Top, Slobodan Milosevic's long time secretary Miljana Dragoviclo mourns on the market by the grave of former Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic during funeral in his native town of Pozarevac, some 30 miles south of Belgrade, on Saturday. Above, Milosevic, supporters say a final farewell in Belgrade on Saturday.

Tens of thousands of mourners honor Milosevic

POZAREVAC, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Greeted with flowers and cheers, Slobodan Milosevic's body arrived in his hometown for burial Saturday after a farewell ceremony in Belgrade that drew at least 80,000 admirers in a strong show of Serbian nationalism.

The coffin of the former Serbian leader, who died a week ago while on U.N. trial for some of Europe's worst atrocities since World War II, was displayed outside city hall in this gritty industrial town before being taken in the backyard of the family estate.

As a brass band played a funeral march, some 15,000 people lined the main street into Pozarevac, cheering and waving as the hearse passed slowly. Many threw red roses, the symbol of Milosevic's Socialist Party.

In Pozarevac, Milosevic was to be buried beneath a backyard linden tree where he first kissed his wife, Miljana Markovic, who is living in Russia in self-imposed exile. She reportedly has said she wants to be buried with him when she dies.

Private BK television showed the empty grave in the middle of a square of crimson carpet framed by brass stands holding red velvet ropes.

Security was tight in Pozarevac, with police on heightened alert and extra ambulances parked around town. A curtain of red roses hung over the entrance to the estate.

member of the immediate family would attend the burial. Milosevic's wife faces Serbian charges of abuse of power during his 13-year reign.

Authorities refused to approve an official ceremony for Milosevic, who presided over four Balkan wars in the 1990s that took 250,000 lives during the breakup of Yugoslavia. But Saturday's farewell organized by his Socialist Party had many of the trappings of a state funeral.

In Belgrade, the capital, an estimated 30,000 people — many of them bussed to Belgrade from Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo — packed a square in front of the federal parliament building.

Many wept uncontrollably and chanted "Slobo! Slobo!" at the sight of the flag-draped coffin on a bier atop a red-carpeted stage. Some clutched photographs of Milosevic or the U.N. war crimes tribunal's two most wanted fugitives: Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his wartime military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic.

"Slobo is a hero and heroes never die," read a banner held aloft by the crowd. "Tribunal kills," said another.

Top ultranationalist leaders and at least five retired former Yugoslav army generals wearing parade uniforms stood by the stage. Serbian television, which broadcast the ceremony live, reported that an elderly mourner died of a heart attack during the two-hour ceremony.

"We are bidding farewell to the best one among us, fully

conscious of his greatness," Socialist deputy president Milorad Vucelic said.

"Our Serbia will rise like a phoenix from the ashes — it will forever be proud of you and your legacy," Vojislav Seselj, a Serbian ultranationalist leader in custody at The Hague, said in a letter read by Radical Party official Aleksandar Vucic.

"I promise to carry on the battle against The Hague criminals with the same fervor you had. May God grant you blessings of paradise. May the sacred Serb soil grant you eternal peace."

But some drivers passing by the square honked their horns and made obscene gestures at the Milosevic supporters, most of whom appeared to be middle-aged.

Ramsay Clark, a former U.S. attorney general and longtime Milosevic supporter now on Saddam Hussein's defense team, also spoke to the crowd.

"History will prove that Slobodan Milosevic was right," Clark said, drawing cheers in a eulogy that savaged the West for its "determination to dismember Yugoslavia."

"It is critically important to remember his struggle to preserve Yugoslavia," Clark told The Associated Press. "He became president at a time of greatest crisis. Everyone knew his health was failing but he was not granted proper medical care (during his captivity). Amid the struggle, his heart gave up."

Britain may push for talks with Iran

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Britain has come up with a plan to bring the United States into new talks with Iran over its nuclear program and may float the idea Monday at a high-level diplomatic meeting outside the U.N. Security Council, a U.N. diplomat said Saturday.

With Washington now ready to meet with Iran over Iraq, any such plan put forward by a staunch ally may offer the Americans a face-saving way to talk to Tehran about its nuclear program after years of refusing direct contacts on the issue.

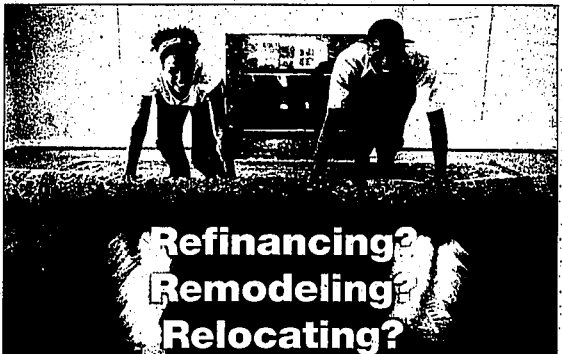
The diplomat, who is well-informed about international efforts to pressure Iran to make concessions on its nuclear program, spoke on condition of anonymity because the strategy was confidential. He said the British proposal would have the five permanent U.N. Security Council members sit at the same table with the Iranians, along with Germany.

The British are planning to make the proposal at a meeting of senior government officials from China, France, Germany, Russia, and the United States, the diplo-

mat told The Associated Press.

They would offer Tehran a new package of unspecified incentives in exchange for a negotiated settlement on Iranian plans for uranium enrichment, the diplomat said.

A White House spokesman said Saturday he would not speculate on the possible outcomes of Monday's meeting. He said the United States further in the Security Council and with members of the international community, which has sent a clear warning to Iran about its pursuit of nuclear weapons.



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Students, unions stage mass protests

PARIS (AP) — Tens of thousands of students and workers marched in Paris and other French cities Saturday in the biggest show of anger yet at a jobs pact that has sparked violence and threatened to weaken the government.

Youths set a car ablaze, broke a shop window and hurled stones, golf balls and other objects at police at the end of the Paris protest against a plan for a new type of job contract to in-

crease employment among less privileged youths by making the labor market more flexible.

Riot police wielding shields and batons rushed the crowds and fired tear gas in an effort to clear the streets of Paris.

Officials provided no estimate of the number of protesters in Paris, the biggest known march, but two unions claimed 400,000 people participated.

For the second time in three days, students' — this time,

joined by unions and employees — used marches to press conservative Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin to withdraw the measure, which could take effect in April. Strikes already have paralyzed 16 universities.

"If by (Saturday night), the government doesn't withdraw this contract, we'll continue," student union leader Bruno Juliard said.

"We are not disposable. We

deserve better," said Aurelie Sliam, a 20-year-old student.

The plan, known as the "new jobs contract," does away with the generous job protections the French are used to. It would allow employers to fire young workers in their first two years on a job without saying why.

Students fear the jobs law will cut away at long-standing measures protecting employees as France primes itself to better compete in a globalized world.



Young protesters hold a demonstration Saturday in Lille, France.

Acapulco sees rise in drug violence

Visitors keep coming anyway

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Ann Galeana, arranging geraniums at her Acapulco flower stall when heavily armed men in a convoy of jeeps opened fire on a police check-

point across the street. When she and her 5-year-old daughter finally emerged from hiding behind a crate of roses, four gunmen were dead, several policemen were seriously injured and bullet holes scarred the church and storefronts along one of the main avenues into the resort town.

"When you think of Acapulco you imagine beaches and discos, not a war zone," said Galeana, 25, pointing at a gaping bullet hole in her wooden stall.

In the past, the granddaddy of Mexican tourist towns was hardly touched by the gangland carnage seen elsewhere in the country. But this year, the city of more than 720,000 has been shaken by 15 execution-style slayings, four grenade attacks on police stations and the Jan. 27 shootout.

Federal investigators link the violence to a turf war between drug gangs in northern Mexico for lucrative smuggling routes into the United States.

The bloodshed in Acapulco poses one more headache for President Vicente Fox, whose administration already has been rattled by drug-related violence on the U.S. border. Acapulco lies on a major drug route to the United States, and Mexicans worry for the nation's nearly \$12 billion foreign tourism industry.

"The Mexican government has let the violence spiral out of control and now it's gone from the border to Acapulco," said the University of Miami's Bruce Bagley, an expert on drug violence. "This is very serious. We are talking about the potential loss of \$1 billion-\$2 billion."

The bloodshed does not appear to have deterred visitors yet. So far this year, Acapulco's hotel occupancy is up 9 percent from the same period last year, a trend that could break last year's record of nearly 6 million visitors, said Teresa de Jesus Rivas, Acapulco's tourism director.

The resort also has benefited from Hurricane Wilma, which walloped Mexico's Caribbean coast in October. Many vacationers, especially spring breakers, have switched from Cancun to Acapulco on the Pacific.

U.S. citizens, the majority of foreign visitors, have been victims, although a State Department advisory warns travelers to Acapulco to "be vigilant in their personal safety."

Bernadette Torres, 58, owner of Waco, Texas, who runs a bed-and-breakfast in Acapulco, said tourists have little to fear — as long as they watch out for the jeeps.

"If you see someone in a Jeep Liberty and they're young and they have no hair, then you get out of the way," Torres said, sitting in her house with a stunning view of Acapulco's bay. "People here will now move out of the path of a Jeep Liberty faster than a fire truck."

The government has sent more than 200 federal paramilitary police to Acapulco, and soldiers have raided several luxury houses, finding arsenals of automatic rifles and grenades and large bundles of cocaine and marijuana. Federal Attorney General Daniel Cabeza de Vaca says municipal police, who used to be underprepared or in league with traffickers, now are confronting the criminals.

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 See detailed description at: www.business-plus.org.
 Questions please email: BusinessPlusInc@man.com.
 Please send resume to: Executive Director Position; PO Box 929 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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Care Center
 Hang in at work and feel good about "your job."
 LPNs and CNAs needed to care for and help our sweet elderly residents. The most rewarding occupation there is. Awesome co-workers. A beautiful atmosphere makes Twin Falls Care Center an extraordinary nursing facility. We offer competitive pay, excellent benefits including health, dental, and vision insurance. Also a great 401k plan and generous PTO for qualified employees.
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MEDICAL
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 with med assist
 Full-time evening shift
 Full-time night shift
 Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
 8:00 pm to 6:30 am
 Contact Debbie
 at 208-322-4118
 Please call
 208-796-3933
 or fax resume to
 1828 Bridgeview Blvd.
 Twin Falls, ID 83301
 Fax 208-736-3941

MEDICAL
 Clinical Assistant
 Part-time. Days, Mon-Fri, CNA or CNA preferred, at least one year experience preferred.
 Oncology Info Specialist
 Part-time. Tues, Mon - Fri, two years of college in a medical field, biological related field, and three years' direct patient care or medical records experience required, and medical terminology preferred; must work independently oriented, and have the ability to multi task.
 Send applications / resumes to
 Non-OT drug test
 656 Addison Ave, W
 Twin Falls, ID 83301
 208-737-2884 fax
 208-737-2541

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 Inclusion South Inc
 450 Falls Ave
 Suite 104
 Twin Falls, ID 83301

MEDICAL
 South Central District Health is seeking a FT Nurse Registered in Jerome to assist in family planning, immunization and communicable disease control clinics and in school and community programs. Some local travel required. Vehicle provided. Salary range \$15.25-20.25/hr plus excellent benefits.
 Apply online at www.dhrh.idaho.gov
 401k Plan available. Registered. Closing date is March 19. For questions, call Tom Machala, 208-737-5983 or Kathryn Egbert, 208-737-5941.
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MISCELLANEOUS
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 •Tractor Operator, wheel loader
 •Mechanic
 •Furnace
 •Maintenance
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 Gooding, Idaho 83338
 208-934-4433 ext. 109
 208-934-9389 fax

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 •Have experience with employment physicals?
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EDUCATION
 Jerome School District #261 Vacancy Announcements

POSITION	Location	Requirements	Salary
Elementary Teachers	various	Valid Idaho Certification	District Certified Schedule
Secondary Math	Jerome HS	Valid ID Certification	District Certified Schedule
Secondary Science	Jerome HS	Valid ID Certification	District Certified Schedule
Secondary Vocational	Jerome HS	Vocational Tech Education Certification	District Certified Schedule
Special Education/Federal Programs Director	Jerome HS	Valid ID Certification w/endorsement as Director of Special Education	District Administrative salary schedule
Coaching Positions	Assistant Football, Soccer, Volleyball, and Cheerleader	2 yrs exp. Coaching in that sport, State Teaching Certificate or Certification by American Sports Education Program	District Extracurricular salary schedule

To apply please contact Linda Adams, District Clerk
 Jerome School Dist #261
 1073rd Ave W
 Jerome, Idaho 83338
 324-2392 ext 1010
 Fax 208-324-7609
 or email ladams@j261.k12.id.us

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HVAC
Full-time Journeyman and Apprentices.
Croy's HVAC Services Call 208-290-2808

OPERATOR
Mill Operator - Must have 2+ years Mill Operator experience with warehouse responsibilities. Full-time position. M-F 7:00 to 3:30. Benefits. 401K ESOP. Wage DOE. Apply in person at 816 Main Street, Hazelton, ID 83305. EOE M/F/D/V

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PROFESSIONAL
Assistant Water Manager needed at Irrigation District. Some experience with water delivery and equipment plus 3 bedroom house available. Wage negotiable, depending on experience. Send resume to Eden Valley Irrigation P O Box 174 Farsen, NY 82332 before the deadline of March 31, 2006. Salary 207-973-8566

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PROFESSIONAL
Management/Sales. Full service brokerage need attorney, broker, principal, broker or managing broker. E-mail resume to personnel@com or call Michael Flores at 208-733-7300.

PROFESSIONAL
South Central Head Start invites applications for a full-time Family Advocate in Twin Falls. \$10,995-12,100/yr. See description. Full and part time. 324 Hansen St, E. Twin Falls. Closes March 23, 2006. EOE

RECEPTIONIST
Part-time Receptionist needed immediately for local financial office. Must possess excellent customer service skills, and computer experience. 20-25 hours a week, Mon-Fri. Please fax resume to 738-7285.

RESTAURANT
Idaho Joe's is accepting applications for waiters and servers. Days & evenings. Apply in person 2-5, Mon-Fri. 698 Blue Lakes N.

RESTAURANT
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RETAIL
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Director of Housing Development. Non-profit National association with housing development, real estate and management experience who will lead and expand a homeownership program serving low-income families in Idaho. 5+ years experience in housing development and strong communications skills a must. Salary range \$40,000-\$60,000. Excellent benefits. Apply online at <http://www.housing.org> or fax to 208-223-4094.

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Rehab Specialist. BS in Social Sciences req. Must have at least 21 hours course work in human services field. Experience in Group Facilitation. Team player. Starting salary \$31,200/year. Benefits, vacation, holiday, sick leave, health insurance, 401K. Please fax your resume to Harmony PSR 208-738-7285 or call for an appointment 208-738-4867.

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Full service brokerage need attorney, broker, principal, broker or managing broker. E-mail resume to personnel@com or call Michael Flores at 208-733-7300.

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Waitress/Server. Must be able to work Wednesday & Saturday shifts 1 & 1/2 each month. Dish-wash. Fast paced environment. Good pay wage. Apply in person at: Twin Falls Livestock Commission Ranchers Cafe. 630 Railroad Ave. Ask for Linda in the cafe.

RETAIL
CLERK position available for Idaho Youth Ranch Thirt Store in Twin Falls. Fair experience preferred. Apply in person. 165 S. Main. Twin Falls. EOE

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Now seeking a Retail Sales Associate, for new Jerome location. Applicants should demonstrate: Excellent customer service and sales skills. Bilingual in English/Spanish is strongly preferred.

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SALES
Community Sales Representative. Alterra Healthcare Corporation, a Bookdale Senior Living company, an exciting sales opportunity at our Wynwood of Twin Falls residence.

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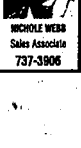
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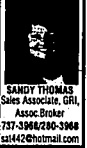
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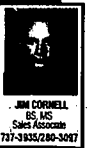
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 SWF, 51, outdoors-type, likes dining out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Alton ☎810168 @ DebFwyhebol

HI
 SWF, 21, very easygoing, Cancer, N/S, enjoys shopping and meeting new people. Seeking WM, 18-27, for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Hollister ☎916306

NOT AFRAID TO GET MY...
 hands dirty. SWF, 19, 5', dishwater-blond/hazel, Aquarius, N/S, enjoys dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 19-30, N/S, to chat with. Burley ☎318228

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 ☎893544 @ Kamater

SWEET, PETITE CHRISTIAN
 SWF, 67, employed part-time, seeks caring, honest SWM, under 57, 59-68, who enjoys the outdoors, mountains, reading, music, the simple life. Twin Falls ☎911920

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!
 SW FF, 50, 4'10", medical profession, HWTR. I enjoy yard work, walks, relaxing at home, animals, etc. Seeking a SWM, 55-67, to share special times together, friendship and more. Hollister ☎313531

YOU NEVER KNOW
 SWF, 26, 5'17", blonde/blue, mother, enjoys the outdoors, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, movies, relaxing at home, cuddling. Looking for a good-hearted guy to share simple fun, and friendship first. Hollister ☎923359

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

NEEDS SOME SUGAR
 SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SW/HM, 38-54. Hollister ☎844241 @ SemiBette

SINGLE MOM
 for 19, 5'8", black/blue, with an daughter, good cook, enjoys anything fun with the right person. Looking for WM, 18-25, to have fun with. Hollister ☎863300

LET'S HANG OUT.
 SWF, 36, hombody ready for a change, I am looking for somebody to hang out with and just have a good time. If your interested, contact me! Twin Falls ☎863033

LOOKING FOR A GREAT GUY.
 Spontaneous SWF, 19, competitive tennis player, enjoy having a good time, living life to the fullest. Seeking down-to-earth SWM, 18-23, for LTR. Appleton ☎505428 @ victoriak1

WHY WAIT?
 SWF, enjoys fishing, camping, walking, hiking, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, 21-50, to share interest with and get to know. Kimberly ☎857874

NEED A NICE GUY!
 Romantic, fun SWF, enjoys family life, 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 ☎898961

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
 45-year-old SWF, mother of two, CNA, I love camping, mountains, long rides, etc. ISO a S/DWM, 35-65, who has similar interest. Burley ☎907501

SEEKING GOOD FRIEND
 Attractive SF, 49, 5'4", 130lbs, Cancer, likes dancing, seeking open, honest SM, 45-55, to befriend and develop a relationship. ☎868687

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

JUST AN ORDINARY GUY
 HM, 41, shows dirt and handsome, very hard-working, seeks a woman, 25-45, to connect with. Hollister ☎899654 @ pokerpro

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
 Simple, easygoing, affectionate. SWM, 45, likes fishing, hunting, an ugging, laughter, BBQs. Seeking similar lady to share friendship, fun, special times, possible LTR. Hollister ☎318128

STILL SEARCHING...
 SWM, 48, 6'3", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoors, dining, sports, and more. Seeking SF, race open, 35-48, for friendship, and dating. Twin Falls ☎913296

I'VE BEEN LOOKING
 SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BBW that keeps herself up. Gooding ☎873880

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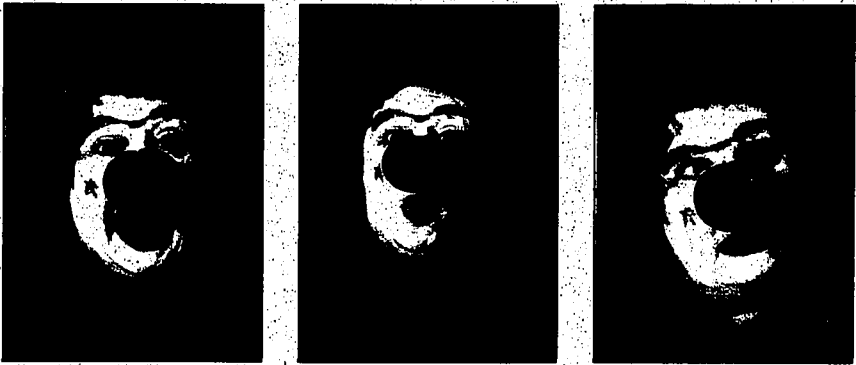
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Smiles of a summer night



“Just like Pagliacci did
I try to keep my sadness hid.”
— Tears of a Clown, by Mosley Robinson

Nobody puts on a game face like a clown

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Glenn “Frosty” Little really wanted to be a clown.
So as a teenager, he talked himself into a clowning gig at an amusement park in Denver. Trouble was, he knew nothing about clowning.

So he bought himself a costume and some makeup, and eventually an elaborate pliers-like contraption with which he pretended to extract teeth from the mouths of the unsuspecting.

“The teeth were fake, of course, but one time he persuaded a youngster to open his mouth, stuck the pliers inside — and dropped the prosthetic tooth down the unsuspecting youth’s throat.”

“The kid’s father was standing right there, but he had his back turned to me,” said Little, now 80. “So I reached down to the kid’s throat, grabbed the tooth, pulled it out — and ran like hell.”

Fortunately Little, like most “serious” clowns, got better. He spent 23 years touring with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, finally earning the title of master clown.

Now he’s the last surviving Ringling master clown. “It’s been a wonderful life,” said Little, who 15 years ago retired to the Mini-Cassia area with his wife Pat. “I loved my job. I couldn’t wait to go to work every day.”

Even on days when he wasn’t feeling especially funny? “It didn’t matter,” he said. “When I put that makeup on, I always had a great time.”

“Always.”

And so it goes with clowns. Jim “Nickel” Birdwell, an 80-



Burley’s 80-year-old Glenn “Frosty” Little remembers his days as a whiteface clown. Frosty, who earned the title of master clown, worked for years with the Ringling Bros., and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

year-old retired grocer who lives in Pocatello, performs regularly with the Jokers, a group of clowns who clown to raise money for the Shrine hospitals for crippled children.

“There are days when the last thing I want to do is put on the costume and the makeup,” he said. “But then a little kid runs up and hugs you, and you’re just on top of the world.”

Clowning is a venerable art and, increasingly, an aging one. Although “party” clowns — part-time clowns who work private kids’ functions — are commonplace in metropolitan areas, they’re rare in rural Idaho. Most local clowns are retired.

Two of the best-known Magic Valley clowns, Ringling

and Barnum & Bailey alumnus George Atwood of Jerome and Rupert’s James Nottle, died within the past year.

“There isn’t anybody working around here that I know of,” said Birdwell’s joker teammate and fellow Shriner Dave Annis of Filer.

“In part, that’s because clowning requires a serious investment of time. It takes me an hour, hour and a half, to put my makeup on,” Birdwell said. “Dave may take a little longer. It’s not something you do on a whim.”

Like Little, Birdwell is a whiteface clown — the elite class in the clown pecking order. White clowns are the straight men of clowning, and

the leaders of the pack. “That’s not to say that they never get a pile in the kisser, but they more frequently dish out than they receive.”

“I have this gag that I do with a balloon,” Birdwell said. “I speak up behind another clown and release a blown-up balloon inside their pants. It makes a whistling sound, they jump, and then they chase me. It’s great fun.”

Little took clowning many notches above that. “We didn’t drink, we didn’t smoke, and we were in always pretty good physical shape,” he said. “That’s how we got through all those shows.”

Those shows ranged from New York City’s Madison Square Garden to tank towns in

The whiteface, the august, the character. Learn about the big three in clowndom.

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the West, but the fun was the same. Little recalls a particular 1982 stunt.

“Eighteen clowns and six suitcases came out of a Volkswagon Bug,” he explained. “How did they do it? I can’t tell you,” Little said. “It was a secret.”

He recalls the clown who walked on stilts 31 feet high. After the performance, the fellow cut up the stilts, autographed each section and passed them out to the other clowns. Little still has his.

Every year at Ringling, 55 different gags were used in the shows. “We never went up into the audience because kids might grab our costumes and delay us getting buck onto the floor,” Little said. “The rule was, you’d take your costume off between shows, but never your makeup.”

Little toured with Barbara Mandrell, Red Skelton, Dick Van Dyke, Ernest Borgnine, Natalie Wood and Dornie Wagner, but whenever he was tempted to take himself too seriously he just looked at a photo of himself in whiteface with a silly hat on his head.

“I never thought about being a clown when I was growing up in the Midwest,” he said. “We never saw a circus. The Depression was on. But in 1940, my dad got a job in a defense plant in Denver, and I started

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Our 15 minutes of fame

I don’t get out much. I have a desk job, and when I’m not working, I’m home with the baby. So it was actually my husband who started getting recognized first. His new clients would hear his name and say something like, “Did you know your wife writes a column for the newspaper?”

MAMA TALK Suzanne DeSelms

He tells me that he’s never sure what to say at that point. His natural urge to say something funny and sarcastic must be balanced with maintaining a professional atmosphere. Usually, he nods.

But the first time somebody said to me, “Hey, I read your column,” I blushed a little and said, “Really?”

It’s easier for me when people meet me, hear I have a column, and then start reading it. But when someone at the dentist’s office asks about my new baby when I don’t even have him with me, it catches me off guard.

When I ask what people think, everyone says nice things. Of course, I wouldn’t really expect anyone to tell me I’m boring to my face, but I ask anyway. Mostly, I like to hear specific reactions or suggestions.

The only thing I’ve heard from more than one person is: You should run a photo of your baby.

I guess I makes sense. He is the subject of 99 percent of my writing. People naturally want to know what he looks like. And far be it from me to object to bragging to the world about how cute my baby is.

The bragging will be brief. I promise. But you can’t really expect that I could write so much about my son and never mention the adorableness of this baby.

My favorite feature is his skin, and it’s also what other people seem to comment on the most. I never thought about baby skin one way or another before Ben was born, but now I’ve definitely noticed that not every baby has soft, smooth skin.

Ben also has big, bright eyes and likes to tip his head to one side when looking at people. He gives the impression that he is regarding his surroundings, contemplating things, and in a few seconds will get back with you when he has decided on his reaction. If we play our cards right, he will decide on a smile.

I am proud to declare that Ben has the cutest smile of any baby per. Even when I’ve been up feeding him every two hours on a workday, a single smile reminds me why I wanted a baby. He seems to be saying, “Don’t be sad, Mama. I love you.”

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Book offers help to avoid the pitfalls of picking a college

By Jay Mathews
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It is college anxiety season. High school juniors are facing SAT or ACT tests. High school seniors are checking their mailboxes. Family peace and mental health are in jeopardy, but a new book has come to the rescue. “Getting In Without Freaking Out,” by Alene Matthews.

The 253-page paperback, which sells for \$10.74 on amazon.com, offers easily digestible ultra-short chapters, each containing a “stress-free secret. There are 101 of them. Here are a few of my favorites:

Secret 1: Relax, it’s Only College. I am pleased she made this No. 1. I’ve often emphasized research showing that it is character traits, not the ped-

gree of your college, that bring success. She comes at this from another angle: “Although college graduates do earn more, studies show that what one studies has far more economic impact than where. A recent National Bureau of Economic Research study showed that graduates of so-called selective schools boast no earnings edge. And, at last count, the four wealthiest Americans (all self-made), numbered three college dropouts and a graduate of the University of Nebraska.”

Secret 4: It’s Not Where You Go, It’s Who You Are. This reinforces the point, reminding parents of the many successful and admirable people they know who did not go to brand-name colleges. Friends want to know if you are a good person. People at work

want to know if you have delivered and will continue to do so. If you don’t measure up in those ways, a degree from a three-year-old college will not help you.

Secret 15: Not All Invitations Are Inviting. This chapter skewers one of my favorite targets, the search letters that selective colleges send out to innocent high schoolers, encouraging them to apply even though their chances of getting in are no better than one in five.

Matthews imagines how the search-letter writers might compose a party invitation: “Greetings! I’d like to invite you to a party at my house. Well, no, not really. I’d like to invite you to apply to come to a party at my house. Actually, my house is kind of small, so I can only accommodate a few party guests. In

truth, I get to be extremely picky about who they will be. Since my parties are quite popular, but I’ve heard nice things about you, and, hey, who’s to say you haven’t got a shot?”

Secret 20: Accept That the Process is Flawed. I have long preached the irrationality of the admissions process for the most selective schools.

Many of the people they don’t accept are just as smart and talented as the ones they do, which is one reason some of their wait lists are longer than their accept lists. Matthews takes this one step further and encourages parents to assume always that the process will at some point hurt their kid for no good reason. “Railing against the inevitable amount of random unfairness to which your child will be sub-

jected will only make you crazy,” she says.

Secret 50: Imperfection Is Better. Matthews is talking about the college application essay, and the perils of letting it get into the hands of one’s parents, or a paid polisher, or a friend who thinks he is a 21st century Thoreau. Her advice reveals the corrupt desire to which this part of the application has sunk, but it makes no sense to ignore it. “The person who should have the very final edit on the personal essay is the essay’s owner,” she says. “Ask your kid to go off into their room and read it aloud. Does it sound like something they would say? Does it sound remotely like the way they would say it? If asked to do so extemporaneously?”

“If not, it’s back to the drawing board.”

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

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. Karaoke Center open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Menus:
Monday: Springtime picnic, hamburger deluxe, macaroni salad, chips, salad bar, fruit pie
Tuesday: Baked potato bar, fruit salad, dessert
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, diced carrots, carrot-raisin fruit salad, ice cream, cake
Thursday: Beef stew, vegetables, roll, fruit salad, cottage cheese, peas with cream
Friday: Beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, broccoli salad, french bread, dessert

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.
Menus:
Monday: Swedish meatballs over noodles, scalloped corn, pickled beets, collards
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with hot dogs, carrots, perfectation salad, brownies, fruit
Wednesday: Chicken noodle casserole, beans and pearl onions, pears and bean salad, rice pudding
Thursday: French dip sandwich, tossed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, fruit, pudding
Friday: Hot turkey sausage, potatoes and gravy, creamed corn, fruit salad, cake, ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Gem State Bowling
Wednesday: Ticket Tuesday Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6-8 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Taxes, 10 a.m. to noon
Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Putting for prizes
Friday: Birthday dinner

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Menus:
Monday: Creamed chicken, biscuits, oriental blend vegetables, salad, apricots, cookies
Tuesday: Pork patties, potato casserole, peas, strawberry shortcake
Friday: Macaroni with mushrooms, glazed carrots, salad, lemon pudding, cookie

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 7 p.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.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tax aid, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7 to 11 a.m.
Adults pay \$4, and children pay \$2.50.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menus:
Monday: Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with cottage cheese, fruit, garlic bread
Tuesday: Liver and onions, gravy, potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, cabbage, cornbread
Wednesday: Vegetable soup, pasta, crackers, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, spinach, carrot, pumpkin squares, rolls
Friday: Leftovers

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Glenns Ferry potluck, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Friday, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St. Buhl
Menus:
Monday: Chicken dinner, chili, Jell-O, dessert
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich
Wednesday: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, beans, chili, Jell-O, dessert
Thursday: Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, California blend, salad, bread, dessert
Friday: Spaghetti, green salad, green beans, garlic bread, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
\$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: AARP tax assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wendover trip, leave center at 1 p.m., arrive home at 8 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.
Menus:
Tuesday: Meatballs, curly noodles, green beans, tossed salad, sliced bread, peach sauce, cookies
Wednesday: Smörgåsarshbord
Thursday: Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit salad, hot rolls, cookies

Activities:
Monday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 to 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Penny bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Taxes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.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 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.
Menus:
Tuesday: Lasagna, fruit, salad, vegetables, garlic bread, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken and dumplings, fruit, salad, bread
Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, fruit, salad, roll, dessert

Activities:
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.

Minidoka 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 shops are held every 2 weeks. Art classes are held every 2 weeks.
Menus:
Monday: Pork chops, potato casserole, vegetables, salad, rolls, sherbet
Tuesday: Chili cheese dogs, french fries, vegetables, ice cream
Wednesday: Anniversary and birthday dinner
Thursday: Chicken coronation, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, pudding
Friday: Smörgåsarshbord

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHIBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Dinner/tea social show concert

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas, Mexican beans and rice, green salad with mandarin oranges, strawberry shortcake
Wednesday: French dip with white gravy, deviled eggs, wax beans, carrot-raisin salad, biscuits, mixed berry pie
Thursday: Chicken, mashed potatoes with white gravy, deviled eggs, wax beans, carrot-raisin salad, biscuits, mixed berry pie

Activities:
Monday: Dinner at Pioneer, 5 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 11:5 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday: Trip to Rupert for lunch, 10:30 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 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.
Menus:
Monday: Beef tips, noodles, beans, Brussels sprouts, Jell-O with fruit, bread
Tuesday: Country bread, biscuit topping, stuffed cabbage, corn, tossed salad, bread
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, pears, bread

Activities:
Sunday: Chicken sundae, noon to 4 p.m.
Monday: Tax aid, 1 to 4 p.m.
Friday: TOPS open house, 10 to 11 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

SCIENCE FORESEES A BRAVE OLD WORLD

By Alan Bayley
Knight Ridder News Service

ST. LOUIS — Arthur Berrier and Irene McAnally are still exceptions in our society. They've both made it past their 100th birthdays, living healthy, productive lives. They've seen their children grow up and their grandchildren mature and become parents themselves.

But the rare status enjoyed by centenarians such as these is likely to change.

Scientists are predicting that new technologies could extend the average person's life span decades or longer.

It may be possible, according to one theory, to increase longevity virtually indefinitely, making Biblical life spans of hundreds of years, even 1,000 years, a reality.

Just adding several decades — among the more modest predictions to be offered — would have enormous consequences for society, experts say.

If scientists could turn their anti-aging hopes into reality, life expectancy for U.S. adults from 75 years currently to 101 in 2050. The median age in the United States would rise from 35 to 48. About a fourth of the population would be older than 100.

At a session recently at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, researchers clashed over how long humans might one day live. But they all agreed that the prospects were good for adding decades.

"People alive today may be able to live indefinitely," was the startling claim by Aubrey de Grey, a biomedical gerontologist at the University of Cambridge.

Of course, if people live much, much longer, retirement accounts would be emptied and health-care resources would be strained.

"If I live another 30 years, that's a substantial amount of money and it has to come from somewhere," said Shirpad Tuljapurkar, a professor of population studies at Stanford University who has been making such projections.

"The scenarios we came up with say that we've got major challenges we need to think about."

Agging occurs as the body becomes less able to cope with the byproducts of metabolism and other chemical processes that make life possible.

Exercise becomes harder; thinking gets slower. Eyesight dims. Bones grow frail.

Hailing the aging process completely is far beyond the current understanding of science, de Grey said. Instead, researchers

should act like engineers, repairing damage to the body's cells and tissues before it progresses to disease.

"The techniques for doing that are within reach, according to de Grey."

"The engineering process is more realistic," de Grey said. "Repairing, reversing or in some cases making harmless the damage caused by metabolism."

Given enough financial resources, scientists have a 90 percent chance of doubling the life span of laboratory mice in 10 years, de Grey said. Given 15 more years, they have a 50 percent chance of doubling the remaining life span of a 55-year-old.

De Grey's claims have raised a storm of criticism in the scientific community. A group of prominent scientists went so far as to call his ideas more science fantasy than fact.

One of those researchers, Steven Austad of the University of Texas Health Science Center, spoke at the meeting immediately after de Grey. Austad dismissed de Grey's ideas as mere "thought experiments."

Austad agreed, however, that progress in delaying aging would come in the next couple of decades.

"People will live to be 150, he predicted."

"I think that person is alive right now," he said.

But slowing the aging process will not be as easy as de Grey suggested, Austad said, and it could have unintended side effects.

For example, scientists have been studying the Ames dwarf mouse, which differs genetically from average mice. The Ames mouse lives 50 percent longer and retains its ability to learn well into old age. But the mouse is very slow on its feet.

"If you put an Ames mouse out in the field, it would be dead before tomorrow," Austad said.

Arthur Berrier has been living the kind of healthy life that helps slow the aging process. He walks every day in Lee's Summit, Mo., where he lives. Every Friday, he boards the bus to the supermarket to do his grocery shopping.

Berrier was born on his family's farm in Missouri 103 years ago. During the Depression, he worked on a road crew for 25 cents an hour. He ran a country store, and he spent most of his working life as a custodian at the same school where his wife was a teacher.

For much of his life, he ate vegetables from his own garden. He stayed away from cigarettes and heavy drinking.

"One doctor told me — I was in my 90s — he said I'd live to be 100," Berrier recalled. "I laughed. I didn't think I'd make it."



Retired Isamu Shishido poses in front of a console booth for Nintendo's DS software outside a store in downtown Tokyo on March 5. Like millions of elderly across the country, Shishido, 87, is desperate to get the game-maker's latest machine, Nintendo DS Lite. Facing a dwindling market of young people in one of the world's most rapidly aging societies, alling Nintendo has scored a smash hit by courting Japan's burgeoning gray market.

Nintendo brain-training game a smash hit with Japan's elderly

TOKYO (AP) — Like many retirees, Isamu Shishido sometimes forgets names and even his own telephone number. But now the 67-year-old says he's found a product that could sharpen his thinking: a new brain-training game from Nintendo Co.

The brain-trainer of Mario and Pokemon games has scored a smash hit by courting Japan's burgeoning gray market with "Brain Training for Adults" — a number and puzzles game that Nintendo says can stimulate the brain and ward off dementia.

"I don't want to end up some crazy old man," Shishido explained at a crowded Tokyo electronics store after trying the game on display. "I want to play a little everyday before going to bed."

The game, played on the company's handheld DS console, is part of an effort by Nintendo to broaden its customer base amid falling profits.

The DS software hits let players study English, raise a virtual puppy, or converse with animals in an imaginary village — all departures from traditional games that cater to young males by focusing on sports, shooting and fist fights.

The brain training game has sold 3.34 million copies since its May 2005 launch. That in turn has fueled the popularity of the easy-to-use Nintendo DS console, which is operated with only a push button and touch pad, rather than a complicated set of controls.

In December 2004 and has sold 4.2 million units in Japan and the rest of Asia.

Customers like Shishido, a food company retiree, will have to wait to buy a DS console, however: A new slimmed-down version was launched in March and promptly sold out, forcing eager buyers to scour Japan's electronics shops in hopes of finding one in stock.

"We're not surprised. People who never even liked computer games are now getting hooked," said Ken Toyoda, a Nintendo spokesman.

To cater to older consumers, the Nintendo DS is user-friendly. With just pen and touch pad, players can turn the console sideways to make it feel more familiar, like a book.

Nintendo's strategy seems to have worked. Some hospitals have even started putting Nintendo DS units in waiting rooms and wards for patients.

"We've made 10 Nintendo DS's available around the world, always ready to go out," said Atsuko Uchida, an administrator at Kyoto's Uchida Hospital, which runs a "memory loss clinic" for patients suffering dementia.

Doctors at the hospital even recommend elderly people purchase the console to stimulate their brains regularly at home, and watch patients playing the game as an informal method of diagnosis, Uchida said.

"The game won't cure dementia. But it's a good form of stimulation, especially for old people living alone," said Dr. Takeshi Kihara, a neuropsychiatrist at the clinic.

Nintendo now hopes to bring its winning formula overseas with "Brain Age," an English language version of the brain training game.

Scientists link brain chemistry, bonding

By Thomas H. Maugh II
Los Angeles Times

Children adopted from abroad often have difficulties adjusting to their new families and to life in the United States, exhibiting poor social skills, problems bonding with new family members and reticence in dealing with strangers.

Those difficulties are generally traced back to emotional deprivation in large orphanages, where infants often outnumber staff by 40 to 1, and caregivers do little more than feed and change the infants.

Now Wisconsin researchers have found that such deprivation can produce relatively permanent changes in a child's brain chemistry, impairing production of hormones, such as oxytocin, that are crucial to bonding and social interaction.

That work makes a link between complex emotional behaviors and the developing brain," said lead author Seth D. Pollak, a psychologist at the University of Wisconsin.

But, he said, "It's extremely important that people don't think that this work implies that these children are somehow permanently 'delayed.' Pollak and his colleagues reported their findings recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Many children adopted from abroad grow up to be perfectly normal, he noted.

"All we are saying is that in the case of some social problems, here is a window into understanding the biological basis ... and how we might design treatments," Pollak said.

Oxytocin, sometimes known as the "peptide of love," plays a crucial role in many social situations. Studies in animals have shown that increased levels are stimulated by pleasing sensory experiences, such as comforting touches and smells. As levels rise, animals — and presumably humans — form social bonds, display parent-child attachments and form memories of the experiences.

Another recent study in humans showed that spraying oxytocin into the nose can increase trust among strangers.

"Children raised in orphanages where they had no contact with adults beyond the

basic necessities aren't able to produce the hormone in such situations, interfering with their ability to develop normally, Pollak said.

The findings are important because about 200,000 children adopted abroad are now living in the United States and an additional 20,000 are brought in each year, a third of them from Eastern Europe.

A key to the studies was a technique developed by University of Wisconsin endocrinologist Toni Ziegler to measure levels of oxytocin and vasopressin in urine and correlate them to levels in the brain.

For the new study, researchers led by doctoral student Alison Whittaker Pines in Pollak's lab studied 18 children who had spent, on average, the first 18 months of their lives in orphanages in Romania and Russia before being adopted into upper-middle-class U.S. families. They compared them with 21 children born into similar families.

Their primary tool was a 30-minute video game that promoted interaction between the child and the mother or another caregiver. The adopted children did not show an increase in oxytocin levels while playing with their mothers, but not while playing with the strangers. The adopted children did not show an increase in oxytocin levels while playing with their mothers, but not while playing with the strangers.

The researchers measured hormone levels before and after the session. The children who had not been adopted showed a distinct increase in oxytocin levels while playing with their mothers, but not while playing with the strangers. The adopted children did not show an increase in oxytocin levels while playing with their mothers, but not while playing with the strangers.

The adopted children had slightly lower levels of vasopressin, but the levels did not change in either group when they played the game.

Pollak said the research eventually could lead to treatments for such children. "Given what some (adopted) children struggle with, wouldn't it be great if there was a treatment that could make them feel safer?"

Long-distance love: Living apart together

By Elizabeth Large
The Baltimore Sun

When Kelley and Brendan James said their marriage vows in June, they could have promised to love, honor and cherish "till death do us part, and even if a great job opportunity comes along that has us living in different cities."

This April the two will join the growing number of dual-career couples who are married but separated most of the time by their jobs. Demographers report that there are more than 1 million of them in the United States, a figure that doesn't include people in long-term relationships who aren't married.

Brendan, 30, had the choice of moving with his company to New York — they both agree it's a great opportunity — or finding other work in the Baltimore area. Kelley, 27, a recent law school graduate, loves her job in Towson, Md., where she's working on litigation and family law. She just started in the summer, and if she moves to New York she'll have to pass the state's bar exam before she looks for another job.

She's worried about the separation, but they've taken what counselors say is one of the most important steps in dealing with a commuter couple lifestyle: They have a set-in-stone plan for when they'll see each other. It will be something they can count on and look forward to.

"I've decided we're not going to skip weekends," says Kelley, even though they know it will be expensive and exhausting to commute between New York and Baltimore at least four times a month.

Couples have always had to live apart for reasons including military service and travel for work. What's new is that more women's careers are just as important as their husbands'. A shrinking job market makes it harder to find equally good jobs in the same city and couple worry that if one of them moves with the other and takes an inferior job, resentment will follow.

Less expensive and more frequent nonstop flights between cities make the commuting seem doable. And while they are apart, couples can stay in touch better than they used to by e-mail, in-network cell phone plans, and new technology like Skype, the free global Internet phone service. One reason long-distance relationships are on the increase is that many of them start with online dating. Long-distance relationships so common they are referred to casually as LDTs.

Living together apart no longer seems like the beginning of a bad relationship. No one contends that living separate homes is the best way to stay in love, but researchers are divided about the long-term effect of LDTs.

David Popenoe, a sociologist and co-director of Rutgers University's National Marriage Pro-



Brendan James, 30, and his wife, Kelley James, 27, soon will work and live in separate cities. "We decided we're not going to skip weekends," she says.

How to make it work

Dr. Gregory Guldiner, author of "Long Distance Relationships: The Complete Guide" (JP Mine, 2003), has six suggestions for making the commuter lifestyle work:

- **Be positive.** Couples do best if they see the separation as something that will enrich their lives or test the strength of their relationship — rather than a catastrophe.
- **Learn how to be intimate.** Research has shown, for instance, that sharing mundane events and thoughts when you talk on the phone is just as important as expressing heartfelt emotions.

- **Some things must be laid.** Often couples are worried that arguing will spoil the limited time together, while conflict is one way a relationship can grow.
- **Don't isolate yourselves.** A confidant other than the partner is important.
- **Expect disappointment.** There's a tendency to idealize the time when you aren't together all the time. Not every evening is going to be perfect, and that's OK.
- **Sex is an issue.** Realize that one partner, for instance, might need more time than the other to reconnect before jumping into bed.

ject, takes the traditional approach, that couples do better if they're together on a daily basis. Pointing to the country's high divorce rate, he worries that living apart is yet another of many pressures on today's marriages. "It might be the so-called 'tipping point.'"

But, he adds, "It's not a permanent arrangement usually, and you do the best you can."

Jaline Carter, a psychologist and co-author of the book "The Worksite Works" (Center-Carter.com, 1996), is more outspoken. The only benefit, she says, is to the career growth of each person. "The relationship is not forefront in your life. If you're not there, you're not there. The only way I've seen it work is if you set a time limit."

She recommends having firm guidelines for visiting each other, as the Jameses have done, and re-evaluating regularly whether the commuter lifestyle is working.

Some research suggests that LDTs fail (or succeed) at about the same rate as other relationships. A decade ago, Dr. Gregory Guldiner started studying these nontraditional unions and analyzing the research of others. He found, he says, that couples break up for various

reasons, but distance doesn't seem to be one of them.

"The research is relatively sparse but, that said, the conclusion that geographical separation is a crisis for a relationship isn't borne out by the literature."

Guldiner, director of the Center for the Study of Long-Distance Relationships, an online clearinghouse of information for researchers and others, also reports that people aren't more likely to have an affair when they are separated from their partner. If people are going to cheat, they are going to cheat. But couples in LDTs worry more about fidelity than those living together. Trust becomes an issue.

Contrary to what some researchers believe, Guldiner says, how often couples visit or talk to each other on the phone has little impact on whether they stay together; but couples who more often visit or talk to each other are twice as likely to send handwritten letters to each other as twice as likely to stay together as those who don't.

And there is one benefit to a long-distance relationship, researchers has shown: Couples in traditional relationships might get bored with each other sexually over time, while those in LDTs report having more exciting sex lives, possibly simply because they don't live together or see each other as regularly.

Keith Pion, 33, and Angela Whittaker-Pion, 31, both lawyers, live together in Catonsville, Md., but during their engagement and for the first 16 months of their marriage, he was in the Air Force in Tampa, Fla., while she stayed in Baltimore.

"We discussed her coming to Tampa," he says, "but it made sense for her to stay because she had a wonderful job." Originally his assignment was for two years, so their decision to be a "commuter" couple made more sense. But it ended up being four years.

"They spent thousands of dollars traveling two or three weeks out of the month. Sometimes they would meet in a neutral city, such as New Orleans."

"It definitely made the weeks fun," he says. "It was like a honeymoon a lot. But those Sunday evenings when we had to leave were tough. I'd get a feeling in the pit of my stomach."

They made a point of calling each other every night before they went to sleep, and Keith would send Angela unexpected gifts, like a certificate for a spa treatment, to let her know he was thinking about her.

"We communicated a lot," says Angela. "That helped. We don't take each other for granted, even though we're now together. We haven't forgotten that."

Ambivalence toward baby can last months

By Armin Brott
Knight Ridder News Service

Question: My wife and I had a beautiful, healthy baby boy four months ago. My problem is that I have become very depressed and I don't know if we're bonding properly. He seems more comfortable with my wife than with me. He smiles at me sometimes, but to other people — even when I'm meeting for the first time — get more smiles. I also don't feel the "overprotective" love that lots of fathers describe.

I've tried, but the feeling doesn't come. I desperately want to be a good dad, but I worry that my son somehow senses this and that he will feel our relationship. I've recently started taking antidepressants, but the situation doesn't seem to be getting any better. What can I do?

Answer: First of all, you should know that what you're going through isn't as unusual as you might think. People don't talk about it a lot, but the fact is that about half of all parents (moms included) feel ambivalence toward their child. It can last months.

It's really important that you stop taking your son's "opinions" of you so seriously. Bonding with a child is kind of a circular thing. You satisfy the baby's wants and needs, the baby stops crying, you feel confident and do something else. The baby learns to trust you and to associate you with good feelings.

The problem here is when the dad doesn't get any kind of positive feedback from the baby. When think about babies differently than moms; we imagine walking, reading, playing ball and other interactive things — things babies won't be capable of for quite a while. So the trap that some new dads fall into is to imagine that they're being rejected by the baby and then to retaliate by pulling back emotionally and physically from the baby. Don't let this happen.

You just have to keep hanging in there. Do as many happy, good things as you can with the baby — change diapers, keep trying to give him bottles, take him around on your errands, read stories to him. The more time you spend with him the more comfortable and confident you will be. He'll pick that up. Instead of the tension he feels now — and will respond positively.

Don't give in to the temptation to turn him over to your wife if he needs to be changed or if he's crying. You need to learn how to do these things for yourself.

It's good that you're getting some treatment for your depression. Research has shown that babies do pick up on parents' depression and it definitely affects their mood. Hopefully the combination of the medication and the confidence that will come from spending more time with him will make both of you feel better.

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by Laura Fitzgerald
RE/MAX American Dream Realty

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FAMILY LIFE

Parents push for virtual visitation

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Divorce put David List and his 2-year-old daughter on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean, and he worried that she would soon forget him.

She hasn't, though. List's divorce agreement guaranteed him "virtual visitation" — the chance to talk with his daughter through an Internet video connection — and he and Ruby Rose, now 5, usually connect at least twice a week. The chats sustain them in between their in-person visits, which come only a few times a year.

"When she gets off the plane, I know what she had for dinner last night," said List, 49, of Santa Cruz, Calif. "She'll run right up to me and jump in my arms because I know exactly what she's all about."

Advocates of virtual visitation want states to spell out in their laws that judges can make it part of a divorce agreement.

The benefits go beyond helping parents and children stay close, supporters argue. They say noncustodial parents are more likely to pay child support regularly if they can stay in touch, and electronic visits can help keep children from getting caught up in fights with a bickering exes meet in person.

Utah made virtual visitation an official option in 2004, and similar legislation awaits the governor's signature in Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Virginia lawmakers have introduced proposals, too.

"A telephone call only go so far," said Republican state Rep. Ruth Munson of Illinois.

The idea has its critics, though, who fear judges might have the option of ordering less justification for ordering fewer real visits with children or letting one parent move away



Michael Gough sits with his daughter Saige on Feb. 6 in Brookfield, Wis. Gough is on the forefront of getting states to guarantee that divorced parents can have "virtual visitation" rights in custody cases.

with the children. "Real parents need real time. Real kids need real time," said David L. Levy, director of the Children's Rights Council.

"It can be a wonderful accessory, but the danger is that it will be used as a substitute for real visitation."

Virtual visitation agreements can cover things as mundane as telephone calls, e-mail and instant messages, but the focus is on video connections. With the technology becoming more commonplace and affordable, divorce lawyers say more parents are using it, often without any formal court agreement. But many lawyers and judges

are still unaware of it. "I think that it is an evolution and, unfortunately, a lot of older attorneys aren't even aware that it is an option," said Cheryl Hepler, president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a Rockville, Md., attorney.

Hepler said she has seen cases where virtual visitation helped keep the peace between exes because seeing the child's face eased the absent parent's fear that the child was being manipulated or mistreated. She also called it "common sense" that parents using virtual visitation would be more willing to pay child support.

"In my experience, I have found that parents who feel connected to their children are much more invested and much more gracious," Hepler said.

While most judges already can authorize virtual visitation, they hesitate to order it because it's not addressed in the laws, experts said. Lawyers can be reluctant to fight for it for the same reason.

"Lawyers have tried. It's very hard," said Jeffrey Leving, a divorce lawyer in Chicago who specializes in fathers' rights cases.

Utah passed its law partly because of efforts by divorced dad Michael Gough, who fought in

The best time to see planets — maybe

Some folks hold the mistaken belief that planets reappear at the same place in the sky at the same time each year. On the contrary, because planets have unique orbital periods, the best time to see them varies each year. For example, Venus is currently the morning "star" after having spent most of last year as the evening "star."



Nonetheless, there are seasons when planets tend to be better placed than others. That's standing the planet in the same plane of the solar system, also known as the ecliptic, is tilted with respect to the Earth's equator. Here in mid-northern latitudes, the ecliptic crosses the horizon and sets along tilted paths as the Earth turns. The degree of tilt equates to the latitude. So at 42.5 degrees north, when facing west, we see celestial objects set on paths that are tilted 42.5 degrees from the vertical.

The ecliptic is tilted 23.5 degrees from the equator, causing it to rise and set at an angle once a year like a loose hubcap. At times, the seasonal shift of the sky leaves the ecliptic tilted low toward the southern sky at vertical (that's 42.5 plus 23.5, by the way). At other times, it's just the opposite, with the ecliptic standing high in the sky only 19 degrees from vertical (42.5 minus 23.5).

Now is that time. Near the vernal equinox in late March, the ecliptic stands highest in the sky after sunset. So if any planets happen to be east of the sun around this time of year, they stand well above the horizon and are less likely to be obscured by trees, buildings or distant clouds. Mars and Saturn are currently in the evening sky, so the tilted ecliptic carries them high across the sky, with each standing around 60 degrees above the horizon at 8 p.m.

What next? Does Earth have a weight problem?

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observation manager at the Frank R. Meade Planetarium at the Herriot Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets:
 - One hour before sunrise:
 - Mercury: ESE, very low
 - Jupiter: SSW, low
 - One hour after sunset:
 - Mars: WSW, high
 - Saturn: SE, very high
 - Moon: Third quarter 12:10 p.m.-Wednesday, Below Jupiter this morning.
 - Other data: Vernal equinox 11:26 a.m. Monday.

Regular family dinners offer more than food

By Lori Borgman
Knight Ridder News Service

Parents burn vast amounts of money, pavement and energy shuttling children from one activity to another in the name of raising successful kids. We have become like ants in plastic ant farms, constantly on the move.

The only difference between the ants and us is that they scurry about on six spindly legs and we rely on mini-vans and SUVs.

What if there were something that would not require an enrollment form, a new uniform, time in the car or a registration fee, that you could start doing today to ensure the success of your child?

The answer is dinner with the family.

In recent years, the benefits of having dinner together as a family have been so thoroughly documented that the statistics can't be well disputed.

Allow me to present a few a la carte:

Teens who ate five or six meals a week with their families had slightly less than a 1 in 4 chance of smoking cigarettes, using marijuana, drinking alcohol, growing depressed or attempting suicide.

Children who ate with their families were not only less likely to end up in trouble, they also were more likely to have higher academic scores, confidence in their parents and feel that their parents are proud of them.

Apparently, the only things dinner with the family can do for kids is give them good posture, straight teeth and keep them from using the annoying phrase "I'm totally."

Commentary

could count on our Catholic friends having fish on Fridays.

What's more, nobody did take-out. As a kid, the only person I knew who did take-out was Mrs. Davis in "With Six You Get Eggnog."

When dinner was over, Mom and Dad often set the dishwasher in motion, my brother and me and disappeared into the living room to finish their coffee. After the last plate was put away and the dishes were hung to dry, we knew we would do it all over again the next night, and the night after that and the night after that.

The husband and I have not been as successful as my parents at doing dinner. We hit most of the time, especially when the kids were small, but not all the time.

When too many nights passed without dinner together and the husband could not seem to make it from the office to home, I scolded the kids, and dinner from home to his office. He got the meal as well as the message. Dinner is imperative because it is the time when you talk, laugh, argue, rant, set like a bomb and cement as a family.

Dinner is where you put together the puzzle of the world and, sometimes, the puzzle of yourself.

In the midst of all the shutting and driving and keeping crazy schedules to give our children the very best, isn't it ironic that the real key to success is as close as the kitchen table?

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Clown

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seeing clowns and circus. Little spent the first part of his career working for the U.S. Postal Service, but eventually earned an invitation to enroll in Kingdome's new Clown College.

"I don't think you can be a good clown if you don't like kids, or people in general," he said.

And, yes, you do need a sense of humor.

After I retired, I got a call from some folks in Pocatello. "We'd like to become clowns, but we don't know how to get started," the woman said. "Well, I don't give advice over the phone; you'll have to come over here and see me," and they did. "Little said."

They sat there in the living room and never cracked a smile. Finally I said, "You'd ever laugh? They looked at each other and said, 'No.'"

Happily, laughter can be an acquired skill. Little's visitors are now professional clowns, and he hears from them from time to time.

Birdwell, who does several dozen appearances a year — Shriners clowns specialize in making and handling out balloon animals — says flexibility is the key to success in clowning.

"You just never know what's going to happen," he said. "And you're better off if you just expect anything."

Be prepared — always — to laugh at yourself, Birdwell counsels.

"Part of my clown costume is a pair of pants, size 16," he said. "I normally wear 36."

The big 3 of clowndom

1. The whiteface
The white clown is highest in the clown hierarchy and oldest of modern clown types. When a whiteface performs with other clowns, he or she typically functions as the "straight man," the leader and the smartest of the group.

The white clown uses "clown white" makeup to cover his or her entire face and neck with none of the underlying flesh color showing. Features are then usually painted on in either red or black.

The whiteface is traditionally costumed more extravagantly than the other two clown types. He or she is also the only type to wear the ruffled collar and pointed hat.

2. The auguste
Accompanying the white clown there is often another much sillier type known as an auguste, or red clown. In classical European circuses, the auguste wasn't even considered a clown because, technically, his role is different.

The white clown almost always gets the better of the auguste. The auguste is the one who gets the pie in the face, is splashed with water, is knocked down on

his backside, sits in the wet paint or has his pants ripped off. The base color for the makeup is red or flesh tone. The eyes and the mouth are accented in white and the features are highlighted, again, traditionally in red and black.

The auguste is usually costumed in baggy pants decorated with colorful polka dots or loud stripes with wide-collared shirts, long neckties, wild wigs and oversized noses and shoes.

3. The character clown
A character of some common type, such as butcher, baker, policeman, housewife or hobby. Circus tramps such as Emmett Kelly, Red Skelton, Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin all fit the definition of a character clown.

The character clown makeup is a comic simon on the standard human face. Makeup begins with a flesh-tone base and may make use of anything from glasses, mustaches and beards to freckles, warts, big ears or strange haircuts.

Sources: *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *Clowns of America International*, *World Clown Association*, *Shrine Clowns*.

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STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Brooklyn Josephine Pool, daughter of Gina Rayne Stapleton and Preston Joseph Pool, was born Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006.

Kada Lee Massie, daughter of Shaylene Rose and Travis Richard Massie of Bulli, was born Thursday, March 2, 2006.

Andrew Jeremy Burrill, son of Sarah Elizabeth and Jeremy Joseph Burrill of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 5, 2006.

Tavis James Seamons, son of Skyler Dawn and Jeremy Edwin Seamons of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 6, 2006.

Alden James McCoy, son of Grace Beth and Gary James McCoy of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 6, 2006.

Daphne Violet Keller and **Ivan Urtas** Keller, twin daughter and son of Corren and Brett Urtas Keller of Twin Falls, were born Monday, March 6, 2006.

Jackson Dean Haake, son of Amy Lee and John Andrew Haake of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Alex Reese Sage, son of Jamie Dawn Sage of Hazelton, was born Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Ava Brylee Black, daughter of Barbara Elaine and Kevin Douglas Black of Hazelton, was born Wednesday, March 8, 2006.

Kenadee Lisfe Carson, daughter of Heather Kristan and Dustin Leon Carson of ? was born Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Adrian Joel Espinoza, son of Patricia and Julio Armando Espinoza of Jackpot, Nev., was born Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Kadin Carter Taylor, son of Lianne Renee Taylor of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 10, 2006.

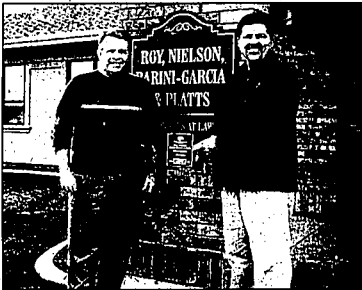
Clara Rose Goodman, daughter of Lori Jean and Raymond Clyde Goodman of Gooding, was born Saturday, March 11, 2006.

Gracey Marle-Hammons, daughter of Michele Marie and Dean Harrison of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 11, 2006.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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The Times-News
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DONATIONS TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS



Several companies were recently awarded by the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley for their contributions. Far-left column: Top, Rich Silvers and Todd Blass, right, with TitleFact and Don Hall, middle, executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley. Second, David VanEngelen with VanEngelen CPA's & Co. is shown with Hall. Third, Brent Nielson, left, with Roy, Nielson, Marini-Garcia & Platt stands next to Hall. Bottom, Bob and Janelle Maloney with Pomerelle Portrait Design Studios stand with Hall.

Column at left: Top, Dr. Chris Scholes with Scholes and Scholes Dermatology receives an award from Hall for his contribution to the club. Second, Wade Mason with Gem State Awards receive an award from Hall for their contribution to the club. Third, Tim and Jill Carroll with BSR Design and Supply receive an award from Hall for their contribution to the club. Bottom, Mark Swenson with Dad's Telephone receive an award from Hall for the company's contribution to the club.

Photos courtesy of DON HALL

SERVICE NEWS

He is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School and the son of Bradley and Laura Anderson of Twin Falls and grandson of William Halford of Twin Falls and Florence Anderson of Jerome. His wife, Debbie, is a physical therapist in Colorado.

Marine PFC Amero will return to Camp Pendleton
Marine Private First Class Albert "Sarr"

Amero completed basic training on Aug. 12 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.
Amero's training included repairing radios in the field. He graduated from school March 3 at 29 Palms, Calif. Following two weeks of leave, he will return to Camp Pendleton March 22.
He is a 2005 graduate of Magic Valley High School and the son of Eldon and Julie Amero of Filer and Bonnie Johnson of Twin Falls.



Sergeant Anderson completes tour of duty
Army Sergeant William James Anderson of Twin Falls, has completed his first tour of duty on the Syrian border in Iraq. He returned March 5.
He is a member of the 3rd ACFT Battalion stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo. He has two years left of his six years of service. He will be in Twin Falls March 19 through March 22.

CSI North Side Center offers variety of courses

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center is offering several courses this spring.

"Intermediate Quickbooks" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 29 through April 26, at Gooding High School, 1050 Seventh Ave. W. Topics include advanced customer invoicing techniques, handling customer deposits and credit memos, using estimates, collecting and paying sales tax, writing off bad debts, accounting for NSF checks, memorizing entries, creating and using reports, setting up budgets and setting up and using inventory. The cost is \$117. Students age 60 or older are \$22.

"Introduction to Excel" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, March 27 to April 24, at Gooding High School. The cost is \$117 plus the book. The class will provide hands-on training in practical applications of Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, creating and saving and print spreadsheets using simple formulas and for-

matting commands. "Introduction to Computers" is a prerequisite for the course or permission of the instructor.
"Using Image Editing" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 29 to April 27, at Jerome High School, 104 N. Tiger Drive. The cost is \$117. Students will learn Adobe Photoshop 6.0, a premiere image-editing program, the basics of digital image capture, editing, compression and distribution. Basic keyboarding, mouse and computer skills are necessary to enroll.
"Introduction to Word" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 30 to April 27, at Wendell High School, 750 E. Main. The cost is \$117 plus the book. The course will provide hands-on training in practical application of Microsoft Word. Students will create, edit, save and print simple word processing documents. "Introduction to Computers" is a prerequisite for the course or permission of the instructor.
"Infant and Child CPR" will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. March 30 at Twin Falls High School. Upon successful completion of the course an American Red Cross

Universal Certificate in Infant and Child CPR that is valid for one year will be given. Students will learn to recognize the need for and provide basic care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children until advanced medical personnel arrive.
"Sign Language 3" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 28 to April 20, at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. The cost is \$35 plus the textbook. Seniors age 60 and older are free. Students will learn to meet the needs of the experienced social signer with activities for expressive and receptive fluency; expanded vocabulary and information to increase awareness and sensitivity to the local deaf community. This class is not for specialized vocabulary needs of persons in professional or paraprofessional settings.
For more information or to register, call the center at 934-0670 or visit the office.

Seminar sheds light on home ownership
TWIN FALLS — Under-

standing Home Ownership" will be held from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at First Horizon Home Loans, 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 115.
Participants will receive a free credit analysis, a manual and handouts covering topics on loans, credit scores and loans.
There is no charge, but registration is required to provide adequate seating.
For more information, call Deb Drake at 735-6550 or Susan Stevens at 731-1355.

Bereavement Support Group meets Tuesdays
BURLEY — A Bereavement Support Group sponsored by Cassia Hospice of Intermountain Health Care will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4 through May 9, at Cassia Home Care/Hospice, 1501 Hilland Ave., Suite D.
The group offers emotional support and education about grieving, as well as an opportunity to become acquainted with other adults who have suffered a loss of a loved one through death. Pre-registration is required.
For more information or to register, call Marlee Bedke, LSW, at 670-0944.

Buhl High School class of 1996 plans reunion
BUHL — The Buhl High School class of 1996 is planning for its 10-year reunion to be held the weekend of July 15. Organizers are still collecting information on classmates.
For more information, contact (208) 861-8172 or e-mail roomingjob@hotmail.com.

Weather leads AARP to reschedule driving class
RUPERT — Due to bad weather, the American Association of Retired Persons had to reschedule driver safety classes for Rupert, Burley and the surrounding areas. The refresher course will be held Tuesday and Thursday at the Rupert Fire Station.
For more information, call 733-9680.

T.F. Optimist Club holds lost wages night
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Optimist Club is having its annual "Lost Wages, Casino

Night" from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.
Games of 21 and Texas Hold 'em will be played. Prizes include an automobile from Latham's, three furniture packages from Everton's Furniture and a 32-inch television from Magic Valley Campuses.
Proceeds will benefit the club and its children's programs like Coats for Kids, Childhood Cancer and Back to School.
Tickets, which are \$15 each or two for \$25, are available from an optmist member or by calling 732-0967 or 539-1836.

Family Council meets Wednesday at noon
BURLEY — The Family Council will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Armory of Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2303 Parke Ave.
Rayette Wright of Recreators Health & Fitness will be the guest speaker.
A light lunch will be served. All family members of residents are urged to get involved. This is an open forum for sharing ideas, concerns, challenges and solutions. For more information, call 677-3073.

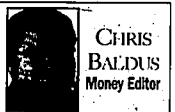
California fishing trip may produce employers

Watch for an announcement of a small company from Southern California relocating to Twin Falls. It will come soon, City of Twin Falls Economic Development Director David McAlindin said Friday.

He and Jan Rogers, executive director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, recently returned from a trip through southern California where they talked with seven small companies about relocating to the area. None of the companies had more than 25 employees, he said.

"Of the seven companies, five were pretty darn good finds," McAlindin said of the prospects for relocation.

"This is the second time he and Rogers have taken this kind of trip. After the first trip, Millibland Positioning Systems, Inc. announced its plan to relocate from Southern California to Burley.



CHRIS BALDUS
Money Editor

That section of Pole Line Road that was gobbling up alignments like 4-year-olds in a cereal cupboard is smooth these days, although construction on the road continues.

Signs announcing continuing business continue to grow along the route, however. One is announcing a new Les Schwab Tire Center next to the Ebertson Business and Furniture Gallery. On the other side, of Evertrott Farmers National Bank has announced it's building.

Fashion Cents, a new store carrying contemporary women's fashions and accessories, will open April 3 at 161 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

WildBlue Communications Inc. announced that its high-speed Internet via satellite service is now available throughout Twin Falls. WildBlue provides high-speed Internet access via satellite to homes and small businesses in communities not currently served, or underserved, by other high speed providers, says its press release.

REE Construction and Valley Steam Carpet Cleaning have completed an agreement that formalized the operation of Mr. Steam Carpet and Tile Cleaning in the Wood River Valley to Valley Steam Carpet Cleaning as of March 1. As a part of that agreement, REE Construction will provide emergency water damage response in cooperation with Valley Steam and Mr. Steam in the Magic and Wood River Valleys.

ve Budge, who has been president and CEO of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. for 32 years, will become its president and CEO on July 1, when Ralph Burton retires. Burton has been with the company for more than 26 years.

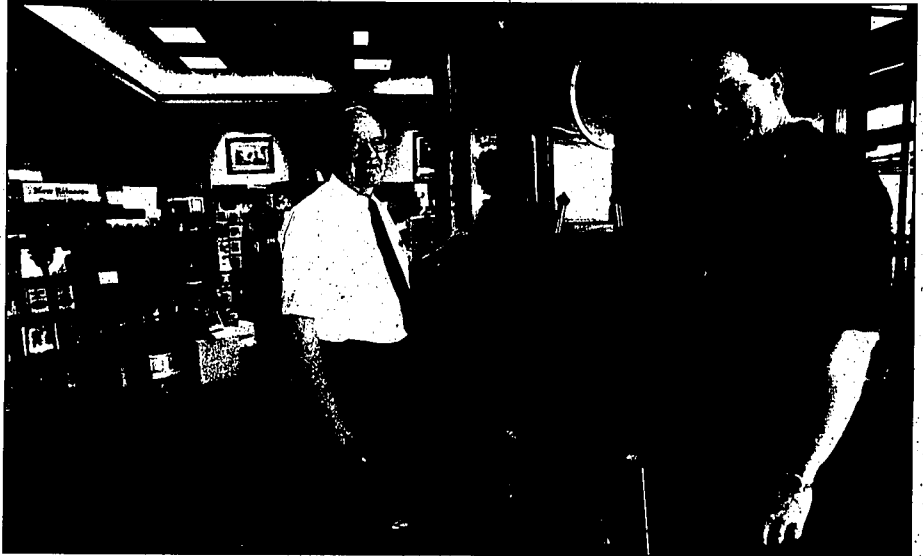
Budge's most recent position with the company was executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Amalgamated Sugar, the processing division of Snake River Sugar Co., employs more than 1,500 at its facilities, and processes sugar beets grown on more than about 200,000 acres in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. It is the second largest beet sugar company in the U.S. with facilities in Nampa, Twin Falls and Paul.

Population note: The population of Idaho's six largest counties — Ada, Blaine, Bonneville, Canyon, Kootenai and Twin Falls — jumped 3.3 percent from mid-2003 through mid-2005, nearly three times faster than the more rural counties making up the rest of the state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Keeping the business all in the family



Richard Crowley, right, and his father Bob Crowley pose Thursday morning outside of their Magic Valley Mall book store, Crowleys on the Quad. They also own and operate the Crowley's soda fountain and bookstore in historic downtown Twin Falls.

Crowleys, Bozzutos find needed balance to pass businesses between generations

By Karina Metzler Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Richard Crowley's grandmother saw how he'd remodeled the family's downtown soda fountain a few years ago, she was apparently surprised.

"She said 'What did you do? We bought it like this,'" Richard Crowley recounted.

At one time, the building housed the family's pharmacy, bookstore and soda fountain, but when Crowley took over the business from his father, he looked at the future and made some changes. The pharmacy would have to go. The bookstore needed to grow and the soda fountain needed a facelift. By the time he was done, the building looked much the same as it did when his grandfather bought the business in 1942.

The third generation head of Crowley's Inc. made changes with the blessing of his father and took the business to some of its most profitable years ever.

Growing up, Richard Crowley hadn't planned on managing the family business. Tony Bozzuto didn't either, but took over for his father at Bozzuto Furniture in Shoshone. What they both learned is that stepping into a family-owned business is stressful. It takes time and patience and the ability to separate the personal



Photo courtesy of the CROWLEY family.

In this 1992, three generations of the Crowley family gathered at their downtown store. From left to right, Bob, Stephen, Lailie and Richard Crowley.

from the professional. In fact, maintaining the balance of peaceful family and profitable business is one of the most difficult challenges business owners face.

"In Idaho we start a net 2,000 new businesses a year and almost all of those are family businesses," said Jim Hodge of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at Boise State University.

"As time goes on it becomes

more and more challenging to remain a family business. We don't want to take the baggage from the family to the business and baggage of the business to the family. But that's easier said, than done."

Coming home

When Richard Crowley left home, he had planned on doing something in the medical field. He was away from Twin Falls for 16 years, but

found himself constantly in search of a business that treated customers the way he'd learned to treat them — like family. He found it at long last in the Magic Valley.

But then, Microsoft happened. Word Perfect soon disappeared to make room for Microsoft Word and other programs of the software giant.

Here in Twin Falls, Leslie Crowley was 50 and still working in his downtown pharmacy

with his son Bob who was 61. It was 1995.

Richard Crowley already knew the business and had picked up an expertise in marketing during a decade in corporate life. Richard had moved his family half-a-dozen times and his children couldn't claim any place as their home town. Wanting to give his children the stable foundation he'd grown up with, Richard Crowley moved home and assumed the helm at Crowley's.

First on the agenda: "polishing the jewel." The Crowleys knew they couldn't compete with the giant corporate chains moving into the Valley. But they weren't going to turn their customers over to just anybody. They'd wait until the right offer came along. In the meantime, sales increased 35 percent in the first year.

Then, in 1998, Albertsons bought Crowley's pharmacy. What was left was a book store specializing in Mormon titles and the soda fountain that had been a fixture in downtown Twin Falls since just after the city was founded.

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Salmon fishermen pay the price for Klamath River failures

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

NEWPORT, Ore. — Just two years ago, Don Snow bought a chinook salmon that dressed out at 48 pounds 6 ounces — the biggest he's ever caught in the lower 48 states.

Commercial fishermen were feeling good about salmon in 2004. As a result of aggressive marketing, prices for chinook caught by trolling the Pacific were up after years of being driven down by more plentiful farmed fish.

Those good times have gone bust this year. The third straight season of poor chinook returns to Northern California's Klamath River to spawn have federal fisheries managers considering closing 700 miles of coastline to salmon fishing for this year's May through October season, despite plentiful stocks elsewhere. They have already closed this year's spring season and forecasts for next year are not good.

Because there is no way to harvest plants, stocks from other watersheds without killing Klamath fish, fans of



Salmon fishermen Mark Newell, left, and Don Snow talk over the prospects for a commercial salmon season this summer while their boats are tied up in their home port of Newport, Ore., March 10. Federal fisheries managers are considering closing salmon fishing this summer off Oregon and Northern California due to poor returns to the Klamath River.

wild salmon expect to have a tough time getting troll-caught chinook, and salmon fishermen like Snow will be scrambling to keep their boats. The problems affecting

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salmon in the Klamath River — angling dams, poor water quality, deadly parasites attacking young fish, and battles over allocating scarce water between farms and wildlife — remain.

"For so many years we were told nobody wants your product, they just want it cheap," Snow said. "We finally turn the tide, and now this."

"I'm sure if we have a zero season or a severely restricted season, some people will get broke, and it doesn't really need to be," he said. "We need proper science and agreements with water users for habitat."

The Pacific Fishery Management Council makes its final decision the first week of April. If it shuts down sport and Please see SALMON, Page F5

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Magic Valley Sleep Institute

Magic Valley Sleep Institute in Twin Falls has received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. To receive the five-year accreditation, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care. Magic Valley Sleep Institute, directed by Dr. Richard Hammond, is affiliated with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and is located at 650 Shoshone St., Suite 230.

Magic Valley Medical Center Foundation

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors recently announced its elected officers for 2006. New officers are J. Terry Dodds, owner of Dodds & Associates, president; Dean Selbel, stockbroker at Edward Jones, vice president; Patricia Neale, radiology technologist at Magic

Valley Regional Medical Center, treasurer; Ben Katz, retired pediatrician, secretary; Debbie Hetherington, a partner at Premier Insurance is past president. Executive officers at large are Bill Koch, owner of K & T Steel; Sallee Middlekauff, co-owner of Middlekauff Automotive Group. New board members elected to the foundation's board of trustees are Michael J. Hagl, senior trust officer at Wells Fargo Bank Trust Department and Renee M. Avram, manager at Key Bank.

Twin Falls/Jerome KOA

Kampgrounds of America Inc. recently honored Oscar and Kimberly Carranza of the Twin Falls/Jerome KOA. Kamnground with the President's Award for their outstanding facility and operation. "We honor the Twin Falls/Jerome KOA with the President's award and recognize them for their top-notch facility and for delivering the best camping experience possible," says Jim Rogers, KOA president and chief executive officer.



First Federal Savings of Rupert is presented with an award from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. Pictured from left to right are USDA Rural Development Area Director Becky Dean, First Federal Savings loan assistant Vivanna Ramirez, First Federal Savings loan officer Mary Bauscher, and Tony Ballestero of USDA Rural Development, Rupert.



Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce President Joel Rogers of Minidoka Memorial Hospital presents a plaque to outgoing president Diane Newman of Burley Inn for her service to the chamber over the past year. Under Newman, the Chamber introduced Chamber Cash and made other progressive changes. Chamber Cash is a gift certificate that can be purchased by anyone and redeemed at participating Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce members. It is a proactive means by which purchasing dollars remain in the Mini-Cassia area.

CAREER MOVES

Bill Long

TWIN FALLS — Bill Long has been chosen as the All District Performance Leader for 2005 at Frigo Lay. He has been with the company since 1993 and has achieved the performance leader three times during his career. Long, his wife Lisa and their family live in Twin Falls.

David Moller

BURLEY — David Moller has completed the real-estate investment course entitled "Creating Wealth Through Residential Real Estate Investments" conducted by the Council of Residential Specialists of the National Association of Realtors. The course was conducted in Twin Falls and is one of the classes that can be taken by real estate agents and brokers who will eventually qualify for the coveted Certified Residential Specialist designation. The course covered the fundamentals of investment, taxes affecting real estate investment, and investment strategies.

to create wealth.

Twayne O. Buhler

TWIN FALLS — Twayne O. Buhler, of Buhler Insurance Agency has earned his fifth year membership in the Million Dollar Round Table annual meeting to be held in San Diego, Calif. in time. Membership is for those agents who demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, expertise and client service. Buhler has been in the insurance and investment business since 1971. He is the owner of the Buhler Agency which was founded by his father, Jay O. Buhler, in 1965.

Hair and Nail Perfect

TWIN FALLS — Hair and Nail Perfect announced the addition of two new employees: Melissa Brown and Jennifer Lee. They both previously were at Perfect Look Salon.

CONTRIBUTIONS



George Hilarides from Team Con Paulus, left, presents a \$1,354.38 check to Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman for BILLS Place, a nonprofit transition home in Twin Falls. The dealership raised the money during the 2005 'Got Milk?' Fishing Derby. BILLS Place is operated by a community board of volunteers and houses young men ages 18 to 21 who need temporary assistance to transition into responsible and independent living. Residents are required to be gainfully employed and participate in community service activities. Individual independent living plans include items such as organization skills, time and money management, social development, goal setting and problem solving. This generous donation will be a tremendous help in providing this much needed service for those young men working toward becoming self sufficient.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your Business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Money editor Chris Baldus at cbaldus@magvalley.com

Or contact Baldus at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 733-0931, Ext. 259 Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538



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First Federal branches honored

Branches of First Federal Savings in Burley and Burley were presented with special Certificates of Recognition by representatives of United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The branches were recognized for their commitment to homeownership in rural Idaho and their outstanding delivery of USDA Rural Development programs. First Federal Savings is a leading lender in the guaranteed programs for Idaho and during fiscal year 2005 loaned over one million dollars in the Magic Valley using USDA's Guaranteed Housing Program for moderate income families. The program helps rural Idahoans become homeowners when they would not normally qualify for a home loan.



Pictured from left to right are Burger's Etc. assistant manager Jennie Cotton, owners Roger and Sindy Gray, owners, and Kim Halbert, manager.

Burgers Etc. celebrates 25 years

RUPERT — Burger's Etc. in Rupert celebrated its 25th year in business in Mini-Cassia. It held a silver anniversary celebration on March 11 which included special buys and a drawing for two mountain bikes. Owners, Roger and Sindy Gray have been in the fast food business for many years. In 1980, they purchased the restaurant, which had just changed its name from Arctic Circle to Burger's Etc. The business serves a wide variety of made-to-order items including hamburgers, chicken salad, fries, tots, shakes, drinks and combo specials. Manager, Kim Halbert has been with the business for more than 25 years. Assistant manager Jennie Cotton has been with the company for 10 years. The Grays place a strong emphasis on customer service and cleanliness. "Our customers are number one and we do our best to make sure they're happy," Roger Gray said. The Grays enjoy living and doing business in the area. "We love Rupert and believe in it every much. We hope to continue doing business here for many years to come."



The 2006 Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce board of directors are, from left, front row: Chloene Smith of DL Evans Bank. Immediate past president; Diane Newman of Burley Inn, Marvia Brice of Advantage 1. Really; back row: Ward Maxfield of First Federal Savings Bank, Brent Stoker of Moo Mountain Milk, Jason Lynch of Rupert Lumber and Paint, president Joel Rogers of Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Brent Tolman of Idaho Commerce and Labor, Annette Braeger of College of Southern Idaho, and Susie Rios of JR Pivot Service. Not pictured are Ina DiGrazia of Sage Mountain Grill and first vice president, Marianne Welch of Recollections.



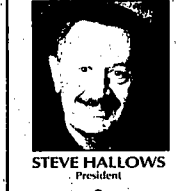
Capicorn Financial Strategies located at 1426 Addison Ave. E., Suite B, Twin Falls, hosted a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors to celebrate its new financial services business. They are a financial services firm that also meet the needs of retirees and women in transition. Planning income for life is its mission. Pictured from left to right are Jean Hanson, registered securities broker, financial advisor, certified financial planner and fiduciary; Beth Tippey, assistant; Jo Ann Mueller, financial associate.



Valley Woodworking located at 639 Eastland Drive S., Twin Falls, hosted a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. The business specializes in business and home woodworking. Pictured from left to right are Ken Way, associate; Ray Way, resident; Sharon Way, vice president; and Al Simer, secretary/treasurer.

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Author tells how to master the business cycle for profitability.

By Cecil Johnson
Knight Ridder News Service

Cisco Systems got "whipped by the bullwhip effect" when it "speculatively bought" its production and inventory control in the months preceding the 2001 recession, says University of California at Irvine business professor Peter Navarro.

In his latest book, "The Well-Timed - Strategy," Navarro, author of the best-seller "If It Ain't Broke In Brazil, Buy Starbucks," describes the bullwhip effect as a situation in which "shortage gaming" and "phantom demand" lead to an inventory buildup that hugely exceeds actual demand for a product.

In other words: To avoid a supply shortage, someone higher up the sales chain they actually expect. They may ask for 100 units, for example, to make sure they get 80. Excess product results from the effort to meet that phantom demand.

Navarro says that midway through the 1990s economic expansion, Cisco was having problems filling orders fast enough, which caused customers to back-order more product than they really needed. After catching up with the real demand, Cisco kept trying to increase production to meet the phantom demand and wound up with billions of dollars of inventory write-downs on its hands.

In Navarro's view, that could have been easily avoided.

"If Cisco's executive team had explicitly rejected the use of macroeconomic indicators in its business-forecasting model, it would have been better able to see the 2001 recession coming and, more important, distinguish ever-growing phantom demand and a suddenly shrinking real demand," writes Navarro.

Taking such an approach would have earned the executive team the distinction of having behaved like what Navarro calls "master cyclists," instead of the Cisco executives had to be "reactive."

The thrust of "The Well-Timed Strategy" is to provide instruction in how to master the business cycle to assure contin-

"The Well-Timed Strategy: Managing the Business Cycle for Competitive Advantage," by Peter Navarro (University of California Press, 272 pages, \$27.99)

uing profitability in good economic times and bad. The master cyclist does that, according to Navarro, by preparing for the peaks of the business cycle during the troughs and vice versa. The author provides numerous examples of companies that have succeeded over the years by taking such a counter-cyclical approach, as well as many others that have suffered great losses by not focusing on macroeconomic indicators and taking a pro-cyclical approach.

In an increasingly global and fiercely competitive economy, the line between corporate success and failure is now being drawn by the ability — or lack thereof — of the modern executive team to first understand the business cycle in all of its strategic and tactical richness and then proactively manage that cycle for competitive advantage," Navarro writes.

The author provides instructive real-life examples of countercyclical strategy for every phase of one's business — production and inventory control, marketing and pricing, risk management, capital expenditures and finance, acquisitions, and diversification, and human-resources management.

With regard to human resources, for example, he advises cherry-picking the talent pool and "protecting your highly skilled work force during a recession in anticipation of the recovery. In other areas, he recommends:

- Instead of cutting advertising during a recession, increase it to build the brand and market share.
- Develop new products and markets in response to such macroeconomic shocks as war, terrorism, epidemics and natural disasters, and human-resources management.

Capit expenditures during an economic expansion to protect cash flow in the next recession and increase capital expenditures during a recession in order to develop new products for the recovery.

Hydrologist floats aquifer recharge plan

IDAHO FALLS — A hydrologist has devised a simple plan for recharging the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer: a plan that irrigators using the Snake River for their water source says has merit. But in today's water environment, even something "simple" is fraught with complications and controversy.

As he looked at measurements for both wells on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and flows in the Snake River, Brian Higgs began to realize an interesting trend beginning in the 1970s — well levels declined while the river flows increased. Higgs has been working as a hydrologist across the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer for more than 20 years.

When he adds up all the numbers — and Higgs is quick to point out that his is using only raw, unmanipulated data — he thinks one part of the recharge equation should be to encourage irrigation districts and canal companies to run as much water through their systems as they did before 1970.

Instead of dumping return flows into the river, Higgs proposes developing a system of injection wells to put that water in the aquifer.

By diverting every bit of water the irrigation districts and canal companies can and then identifying injection well sites that will immediately benefit spring users, it's a win-win situation, Higgs said.

Environmental group questions 'news'

TWIN FALLS — Bill Sedivy, executive director of Idaho Rivers United, questioned why a press release by The Coalition for Idaho Water last week qualified as news.

"Then he answered the question himself.

"Nawak (Semanko) running for Congress, and he thinks we're a good target," Sedivy said.

Semanko, executive director of Idaho Water Users Association and coalition spokesman, has thrown his hat in the race for the 1st Congressional District seat soon to be vacated by Rep. C.J. "Bud" Craig. Primary elections are two months away.

Sedivy said there was nothing

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In the case, American Rivers vs NOAA Fisheries — said Sedivy's political job "doesn't dignify an answer."

Spud growers face tough negotiations

"Negotiations between the Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative and potato processors continue to go on even though at least one processor claimed it would not pay any more for potatoes.

SIPCO spokesman Dan Hargraves said one reason growers are asking for higher contract prices is the continuing rise in energy costs.

Hargraves said input costs have risen 16 percent from last year, and at the very least, growers are trying to offset that cost.

"We've all seen it at the gas pumps, fuel has risen considerably," Hargraves said.

Even though last year, negotiations weren't complete until April, Hargraves said moving forward is very important right now. Growers who are a month

away from planting, need to know what's going to happen.

If processors and growers aren't able to reach a contract agreement, SIPCO could go forward with a 10 percent buy-down for next year's crop.

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Sugar manufacturer installing drying system

NAMPAs — Anamalgated Sugar Co. has started installing a \$15 million steam dryer system in its sugar factory at Nampa to reduce plant emissions, officials said.

The steam dryer will extract heat from steam created by the plant's boilers and use the heat to dry beet pulp, company Agricultural Manager Vic Jaro said.

The new dryer, which should be operational by late fall, will replace wet coal-fired furnaces that now provide heat to dry the pulp, which is sold for dairy cattle feed, he said. The new system will have advantages.

"It's very highly energy efficient," Jaro said. "It provides some environmental benefits."

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Tech booms south of the border

By Evelyn Irtani
Los Angeles Times

TIJANA, Mexico — This border city — perhaps best known for tunnel-digging drug smugglers, bottomless margaritas and maquiladoras that churn out cheap toys — is quickly transforming itself into a high-tech manufacturing hub.

Although thousands of Baja California residents still live in squalor camps without electricity or running water, pockets of technical innovation are cropping up in unlikely places. A new report says northwest Mexico is reaping the benefits of an ambitious government program aimed at leveraging the region's low costs and proximity to leading-edge companies in San Diego.

In heavily guarded industrial parks a few miles south of U.S. territory, Mexican workers are producing implantable medical devices and other sophisticated products for foreign companies eager to take advantage of lower production costs and to hire high-skilled workers for bargain wages.

Tarred with fierce competition from China and other low-cost countries, dozens of plants in Baja closed their doors in 2001 and 2002, shedding about 70,000 jobs. But Baja officials said they had reversed that trend, overseeing the creation of 20,000 jobs in the last three years, many of them higher-paying positions. The region now boasts the highest average wages in Mexico.

U.S. medical-device companies such as Medtronic Inc. and DJ Orthopedics Inc. employ 23,700 people in Baja California, compared with 6,000 working in the industry in San Diego, said 2002 Wilson Greenfield Technologies Inc., a producer of components for implantable medical devices, closed its facilities in Carson City, Nev., and opened a 140,000-square-foot plant here.

Of the more than 60 medical-device companies operating in Baja, at least 40 have U.S. parent companies and U.S. headquarters, according to the report by San Diego Dialogue, which collaborated with the University of California-Davis.

Even veteran observers of Mexico such as Kipp Morris, one of the report's authors and a Baja-based consultant, are impressed by the amount of sophistication south of the border. Facilities here not only produce heart valves and pacemaker elements, but produce jet engines, high-tech missiles and software programming for Samsung and other multinational firms.

"It was a very big surprise to me that the biomedical industry we considered so strong in San Diego was more than three times as large in Baja California," Morris said.

But Baja companies can't sustain a healthy talent pool at the salary level of American tech centers and benefit from rent, utility and other costs that are at least 10 to 20 percent lower than in the United States, according to executives here.

Still, Baja's economy faces challenges. A big problem, said Bill Grayson, an attorney and official with Coparmex, a national business confederation, is the shortage of adequate housing and social services for the Baja new arrivals that stream into the city every year in search of work. Rapid development is also putting a strain on the region's water, sewage and energy systems.

Along with crime and infrastructure problems, companies sometimes must grapple with the Mexican bureaucracy and the long delays at U.S. border crossings.

But John Wiley, chief executive of B.M. Manufacturing, which helps set up and manage Mexican operations for foreign companies, said the biggest barrier to investment was perceptions. Many U.S. executives



Marco Santillan of Amplitec is among the Mexican entrepreneurs joining in the tech boom.



Gerardo de la Concha manages operations in Mexico for Medtronic, which makes complex cardiac devices.

still need convincing that Mexico has grown beyond a guy leaning against a lamp post with an antenna sticking out of his shoulder. Andrew Kinnross, a medical-device consultant, said some U.S. firms remained hesitant about moving sophisticated production because of quality concerns. "It's going into a person's body, it's got to be 100 percent perfect," he said.

Medtronic's sprawling Tijuana facility, located in an industrial area minutes from the Olay Mesa border crossing, is evidence of Baja's ability to move beyond low-tech assembly jobs.

Gerardo de la Concha, director of Medtronic Mexico, said many factories in Tijuana had been certified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to produce the most sophisticated Class III devices, including those that could be implanted in people's bodies. "An engineer is an engineer," he said. "It's just a matter of the level of training you give to those people." De la Concha

people on the U.S. side," he said. "It's a mental barrier, there really isn't a physical barrier. After losing thousands of television assembly and apparel jobs to low-cost competitors in China, Baja officials worked to replace them with higher-paying positions. To increase allure, they offered tax breaks, training programs and other incentives.

In the last two years, the state has attracted \$4.1 billion in private investment.

"If we care to base our competitiveness on low labor costs, we've...staked to disappear," Baja Governor Secretary Sergio "Tijuanita" said.

Baja officials are promoting the area's new image abroad, taking trade missions to Europe and Asia and opening trade offices in Tokyo, New York and Madrid, Spain.

This technology boomlet has touched off a reverse brain drain, entrepreneurs and officials said. "The growth is attracting ambitious engineers and programmers back to Baja from the United States as well as other parts of Mexico, and it is stemming the exodus of talented Mexican graduates to the United States.

"The barrier is more with the

Credit agencies adopt uniform scoring system

By Eileen Alt Powell
Associated Press writer

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NEW YORK — The three major consumer credit reporting agencies announced last week that they have created a new credit scoring system aimed at simplifying the loan process for both lenders and borrowers.

The announcement by Equifax, Experian and TransUnion said the new "VantageScore" was a direct result of market demand for a more consistent and objective approach to credit scoring.

The agencies in the past each used their own proprietary formulas to create their own scores, meaning that a lender dealing with a consumer's application for a credit card or a mortgage might have to reconcile three widely different scores.

With the new system, a single methodology will be used to create the scores.

"Under the new scoring system, credit score variance between credit reporting companies will be attributed to data differences within each of the three consumer credit files and not to the structure of the scoring model or data interpretation," the agencies said in a joint statement.

It added that VantageScore will provide consumers and businesses with a highly predictive, consistent score that is easy to understand and apply.

Kerry Williams, group president of Experian's credit services division, told The Associated Press that his agency was making the new scores available immediately to financial institutions and expected wide adoption, but said he did not expect the scores to be rolled out for consumers until later this year.

"Credit scores are important because they measure how much debt a consumer is carrying and how well the consumer keeps up with bills.

"The higher the score, the more creditworthy the consumer is considered and the lower the interest rate the consumer is likely to be charged.

"The three credit agencies termed the move to a unified score as "unprecedented."

The scores will range from 501 to 900. The top end is slightly higher than scores currently in use.

Colleen Timney, spokeswoman for TransUnion, told a conference call with reporters and credit industry representatives that the new score was created by looking at millions of consumer files at the same time to ensure consistent readings across the three bureaus' data.

She and spokesmen for Equifax and Experian said it was not immediately clear how quickly the new score would be

adopted by lending institutions.

"Step one is we're talking to our credit grantors as we speak," said David Rubinger, spokesman for Equifax. He said each agency was marketing the news to its own customers.

He added: "For any score to have merit in the marketplace, all parties need to be at the table."

Many lenders, especially those in the mortgage business, use FICO scores, which are named for the Minneapolis-based Fair Isaac Corp. which developed them. Others used proprietary scores from the individual credit bureaus or use the bureau data to generate their own scores.

Spokesmen for Fair Isaac could not immediately be reached for comment.

Rubinger said the new score was expected to reduce the variance in a consumer's scores by about 30 percent compared with what it was under the old system. He gave no other details.

He said the score would reflect a consumer's frequency of borrowing, delinquency in paying bills and other "risks" but that an equal weight would be given to the weights for the components.

In a separate statement, Experian said the new scores will be grouped on "the familiar academic scale," Experian gave these groupings:

- A — 901-990
 - B — 801-900
 - C — 701-800
 - D — 601-700
 - F — 501-600
- Experian said it was hoped that "as consumers increase their awareness of the importance of credit scores and credit reporting, the consistency of VantageScore will provide the type of information they need to evaluate their credit standing and make sound financial decisions."

VantageScore is being independently marketed and sold separately through each of the three national credit reporting companies via licensing agreements with VantageScore Solutions LLC, the joint announcement said.

The spokesman said that VantageScore was jointly owned by the three credit bureaus. They said it did not yet have a headquarters, although an informational Web site had been set up at www.vantagescore.com.

The credit reporting agencies are operated by Equifax Inc. of Atlanta, Experian Information Solutions Inc. of Costa Mesa, Calif., and TransUnion LLC of Chicago.

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Choosing a guardian for your children

By Marshall Loeb
Knight Ridder News service

NEW YORK — It's highly unlikely that you will ever need it. But the decision is more important or difficult than choosing a guardian for your minor children in the event both you and your spouse should die.

The choice generally has to be made in a will, so if you don't have one, find an attorney and write a will.

If you're a guardian, comes down to finding someone you trust and who will accept the job. Don't spring the decision on a friend or relative because they can decline the responsibility after you're gone.

Common choices for guardians are uncles and aunts, family friends or even grandparents.

"Plan your estate" from the Nolo series of do-it-yourself legal books, recommends naming an individual, even if that person is part of a couple, in case they later split. But Fred Sanders, a partner in the law firm of Moore Schwartz in New York, who specializes in estates and taxes, says the chances of a problem are remote and most clients name couples to steward their children if they die.

Once you've decided who will raise your children, you need to transfer sufficient assets from your estate to aid in their upbringing and select someone to

oversee that money.

The Nolo book says you should generally choose the same person to look after your children and their funds. Sanders' comment that 60 percent of his clients pick someone else to watch after the money, even though that creates the potential for conflict between the two parties.

As a trustee, his clients typically designate a friend who is a lawyer, banker or other professional with relevant experience, or name their family attorney, accountant or a bank. The thinking is that a couple who may make great substitute parents may also make poor money managers.

How to find experts to digitize analog movies

Q. You recently answered a question about how to use a digital camcorder to record the screen where film reels are being projected. I would love some suggestion instead of where to send such film to have it transferred to DVDs. I no longer even have the equipment to view the film reels that I possess.



ASK JIM
James Coates

Bobby Schindler asked questions this column receives are ones about how to digitize our old analog movies, videotapes and photographs. The Q&A you refer to dealt with making copies of one's old celluloid movies just like pirates with camcorders who photograph Hollywood movies in theaters. That answer brought me a lot of commentary about flicker problems encountered when recording projected films as well as lots of notes, like yours, Ms S., asking how to get this work done by pros. So I'd like to answer you and then deal with the issue of flickering frames when trying to do it yourself.

My literary license doesn't go far enough to let me tell folks where to buy stuff but there are several things to be said about shopping for a transfer service. First, the most visible outfit by far transferring film and 16mm reels as well as old video tape to DVDs is Santa Clara, Calif.-based YesVideo Inc. They ask \$50 for the first 250 feet of film and then 10 cents per additional foot.

This company has deals with many photo stores and drug stores where one can drop film off and pick up DVDs afterwards. Locations of available retailers can be found at www.yesvideo.com where you can enter your ZIP code for information.

Not everybody has been blissfully satisfied with this mass-market service but the complaints seem to focus on issues like color quality and where individual clips are trimmed rather than any failure to deliver DVDs with digital files for the celluloid film.

One way to seek a more hands-on service is to do a Web

search on Yahoo, Google, MSN or AOL using a search term like "transfer film to DVD." A number of the many companies doing this all over the country offer hand-holding like testing customers send in just a small amount of footage for a test transfer.

Do-it-yourself transfers aren't for everybody purely because the process requires still owning a projector and a whole lot of folks' projectors broke long ago. Also, making the copies introduces the issue of flickering because, modern camcorders pretty much record at 30 frames per second while the old projectors flash images at 24 fps or slower.

Not all camcorders have settings that directly permit reducing speeds to these slower rates so the process can require some tweaking of the camcorder's effects settings. Usually it is the brightness effect that slows down frame rates so some flickering is seen. By slowing down the shutter can overexpose the images so one also needs to experiment with lens aperture settings, reducing them from perhaps F4 to F8, etc.

The best way to carry this off is to connect the camcorder to a video monitor and then move the projector close to the screen to make the image small and bright as possible. Flicker can be spotted in the monitor and it is easier to make certain that the screen is filled completely and not distorted because of the angle of the camcorder to the screen versus the angle of the projector to the screen.

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Fishing boats all tied to the dock March 20 in Newport, Ore. Due to poor returns to the Klamath River in Northern California, federal fisheries managers are considering closing salmon fishing in the Pacific Ocean from northern Oregon to central California. Some salmon fishermen can switch to other fisheries, such as black cod and albacore, but others have fewer options.

Salmon

Continued from F1

commercial salmon fishing from Cape Falcon on the northern Oregon Coast to Point Sur south of San Francisco, salmon won't disappear from supermarkets. Sixty percent of world supply is farmed in Chile, Norway and Canada, and the bulk of the ocean catch — pink and sockeye — comes from Alaska.

"The 668,000 chinook or king salmon caught by some 1,200 active West Coast trollers last year account for less than 1 percent of U.S. consumption. But it is the fillet mignon of salmon, wanted for superior taste and texture as well as heart-healthy oils.

The demand for wild salmon has encouraged fishermen to boost their prices by handling their fish carefully — bleeding them before putting them on ice, avoiding bruising, and sometimes flash-freezing them at sea.

Some will still be caught off southeast Alaska and Washington and small harvests may be allowed in state waters off Oregon and California. But millions of pounds will be off the market.

Mark Newell, a salmon fisherman and wholesaler who sits on the Oregon Salmon Commission said the \$3.18 per pound he was paying fishermen last year is likely to go over \$4 this year if there is any fishing allowed.

"They're saying next year doesn't look any better than this year," said Newell. "If you lose this for two years, you'll lose a lot of these fishermen."

Commercial salmon landings last year were worth \$13 million in Oregon and \$23 million in California, according to the council. Recreational fisheries were worth another \$5.2 million in Oregon and \$17.9 million in California.

By the time that money runs through restaurants, seafood markets, and gear stores, the overall losses from closing the season will be more like \$150 million, said Glen Spain of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, which represents California salmon fishermen.

That money depends on healthy salmon in the Klamath River.

Cutting through the Cascade and Siskiyou mountains in southern Oregon and Northern California, the Klamath was initially the chief producer of salmon on the West Coast, after the Columbia and Sacramento, which this year expect healthier returns than the Klamath.

During the gold rush of the 1850s, the Klamath suffered the ravages of hydraulic mining. In 1917, the first of a series of hydroelectric dams blocked hundreds of miles of spawning habitat. Political and legal wrangling continued over how much water goes to irrigating 100,000 acres of potatoes, hay, mint, grain and cattle pasture in the Klamath Reclamation Project and how much goes down the river for salmon.

In 2001 those farmers paid the price. Drought forced the federal government to cut back irrigation as there would be enough water for coho salmon, a threatened species that shares the Klamath with chinook. An Oregon State University study put crop losses between \$27 million and \$46 million. That's comparable to the \$36.3 million in 2005 commercial salmon landings in



Standing at the wheel of his boat, Silver Quest, in Newport, Ore., salmon fisherman Mark Newell talks March 10 about the prospects for no season this summer from Cape Falcon in Oregon to Point Sur in California.



Bob Kemp tidles up gear March 9 on his boat Judy II at the marina in Newport, Ore. Kemp and other salmon fishermen in Oregon and Washington are facing the prospect of no salmon this summer due to poor returns to the Klamath River in Northern California.



Commercial salmon fisherman Bob Kemp displays lures, from left, a plug, two hoochies and a spoon, that he uses to catch chinook salmon from the Pacific Ocean.

Oregon and California that fishermen stand to lose this year.

The Bush administration threw its support behind farmers, and in 2002 Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman made a special trip to turn the valves that restored full irrigation. That September, low warm water led to the deaths of some 70,000 adult chinook returning to the Klamath to spawn, according to the California Department of Fish and Game.

"The fish kill meant thousands of fish would not be spawned to return this year.

"The fix is obvious. It is the political will that is not," said Spain. "You've got to put more water in the river and you need to take down the four hydropower dams."

The Oregon Natural Resources Council, a conservation group, figures the Bush administration has put \$100 million into the Klamath to boost flows for fish, help struggling farmers, and improve fish habitat, but problems remain.

Four dams block salmon from hundreds of miles of habitat upstream. Their reservoirs warm the water, which carries high levels of agricultural runoff. Young fish migrating to the

ocean run a gamut of parasites whose impacts are poorly understood, but may be exacerbated by the poor water quality and the lack of high flows.

"The dams are up for relicense this year by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which will decide whether they need to be modified or removed to restore salmon access to hundreds of miles of habitat. Indian tribes, fishermen and conservation groups would like to see them removed, but the Portland utility PacifiCorp wants to keep them. Participants in closed-door negotiations report a growing spirit of cooperation after years of fighting.

Bob Kemp, who bought his first salmon boat in 1973, is planning to fill a cooler with crab and beer and head to the Klamath Basin to get to know farmers better. He is less interested in getting disaster relief than fixing the Klamath so he can fish for salmon. He's already been working as a deck hand on a crab boat, putting out traps for black cod, and is a partner in an obscure canning operation, so figures he can survive a closure.

"I'm determined not to get angry," said Kemp. "And I'm not going to give up."

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High-tech systems promise to cut time in braces

By Harry Wessel
Knight Ridder News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — John Coplen has had teeth problems since he was a child. Braces helped some when he was a teen, but not for long. Shortly after the braces were removed, he had several front teeth knocked out playing football.

Now 40, the Oviedo, Fla., engineer has spent most of his adult life with a loose-fitting bridge that, over time, has caused significant damage to his teeth, gums and jaw.

It's now in the midst of a dental makeover still a year from completion, but he says the procedure has been speeded up by a new, high-tech orthodontic system that relies heavily on computers, three-dimensional imaging and robotics.

This Ormco Corp. Invisalign braces accomplished in 18 months what would have taken at least 20 months with regular

braces, Coplen said. He was skeptical when the braces first went on, but within two months, "I saw the results and how fast it was amazing to me."

The Invisalign system is in final testing stages, said Coplen's Whitest Springs, Fla., orthodontist, Dr. John Smith, a consultant to and instructor for Ormco. It won't be available to the general public until late this year.

That puts Invisalign slightly behind a competing system, SureSmile by OrmcoMetric Inc., which also uses computers, three-dimensional imaging and robotics to make things easier and faster for both patient and doctor. And it's not just a two-way fight: Another computerized orthodontic system, Clear OrthoCAD, has been available in Central Florida since 2003.

At least two more companies will introduce similar high-tech systems within a year or two, predicted Smith, who has 48 patients at various stages of treatment with Invisalign.

"This is just the beginning," Smith said.

Oviedo orthodontist Dr. David Lach, the first orthodontist in Florida to offer SureSmile, agrees that such high-tech systems represent the future for his profession.

"I see this as a paradigm shift in orthodontics," Lach said. "Pliers will be things of the past. This is keyboard orthodontics that enhances the orthodontist's role," he added, giving orthodontists "full control and much more predictability."

Control and predictability start with three-dimensional imaging of the teeth. The im-

ages are fed into a computer and used to calculate the most efficient way to move the teeth to where they need to be. Robotic manufacturing is used to customize the hardware so the calculated movement is precisely followed.

Smith and Lach say the metal-and-bracket system is more precise than Invisalign, another popular orthodontic system that relies on 3-D imaging and computers. Invisalign uses a series of teeny invisible plastic mouthpieces that move the teeth over time. Invisalign,

however, doesn't work as fast and isn't as effective for more complicated orthodontic problems, the doctors agree.

"They disagree, however, on the relative merits of their high-tech systems, which both use metal brackets and wires. SureSmile relies on conventional brackets, using computers and robots to custom-make just the wires. Both promise to cut wearing time by as much as half, with a similar reduction in office visits.

Crowley

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be essential as Twin Falls continues to grow.

"The (Magic Valley) Mall offered us a great opportunity," he said.

Crowley's 2006 goal was to...

The book scene had a regional opportunity. We quadrupled sales by coming here," Crowley said.

Book downtown, he gave the book fountain a facelift, restoring the look to something traditional. It's a natural destination that has been recognized in national magazines like *Success* and listed as one of the best things to do in Twin Falls by *Forbes* magazine. The problem is, nostalgia is not enough to keep things from...

Both the band and husband worried the soda fountain's future is in jeopardy. And while they continue to look for ways to keep the fountain financially viable, what they do know is that the book store is now prime real estate with sales predicted only to increase as a result of the new Amazon branch to built just blocks away from the Mall.

The big picture

When Richard Crowley looked at this market he made significant changes to the family business plan. Crowley and grandfather could rely on local traffic in downtown Twin Falls, the economy of the Magic Valley is driven by commuters who visit Twin Falls for either work, is-tel or other, or both.

"It's all about outside money," Richard Crowley said. "We've found a niche. The biggest players come and offer what we can."

In Shoshone, Tony Bozzuto has also had to look outside the customer base on which his father had relied. Tony Bozzuto took over Bozzuto Furniture 43 years ago when his father, Vic, was ready to retire.

The transition wasn't always easy.

"The only thing we agreed upon was that we had to sell things," he said.

Tony said his dad's customers were local — mostly in the county farm families who would shop at harvest when they were paid for their crops and then again in the spring when they'd caught up on the Christmas bills.

Tony Bozzuto markets the business across southern Idaho, positioning it as a destination for discerning furniture shoppers.

"Sixty percent of our customers are from out of the county," he said. "Everything has changed."

The key to family business success, at cutting to Hodge is having clear written agreements about the operation of the company and how family members will share in the profits. It also means clear expectations about the work.

"It's saying, 'how we work at Bozzuto said. "It's not putting in your eight and going home."

According to *Family Business Review*, family businesses are the economic engine that drives America. Research shows there are 212 million family businesses in the U.S., at accounting for 80 percent of the business tax revenue. Sixty-two percent of the workforce is employed by family enterprises, but of those about 30 percent of family-owned businesses survive into the second generation and only 12 percent will make it to the third.

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