

Spring ahead

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GOOD MORNING



Today: slight chance of showers.

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Apology accepted New law allows doctors to say 'sorry' without fear of lawsuits

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Caring for patients means never being afraid to say you're sorry. At least, that's true now that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has signed House Bill 634 into law.

Under the new law, health care providers' expressions of apology, condolence and sympathy to patients and their families can't be used against them in court. However, statements of fault will still be allowed in the courtroom in malpractice cases.

The Idaho Medical Association sponsored the bill.

"It has been the healing process when there has been an outcome that was not anticipated," said Bob Seehusen, the association's chief executive officer.

"It allows the doctor to show his grief and that he feels very badly about it. It allows him to explain the conditions that led to the undesirable outcome."

Seehusen said doctors have been reluctant to express their sympathy in the past, fearing it could be used against them later in court.

"Most suits that are filed against doctors are non-meritorious suits," Seehusen said.

85% of malpractice cases are won by doctors, local attorney says.

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people are angry. "They're done because they're angry, frustrated and wanting to get back at the physician who hasn't been able to communicate with them."

Seehusen said the new law will open up the lines of communication and cut down on the number of lawsuits, which in the long run, end up raising

the costs of health care.

"By having better communication between the physician and the patient, the patient is less likely to sue because they see the doctor as a human being and get a reasonable explanation for what happened."

Seehusen pointed out that the new law won't let doctors off the hook if they've made a mistake.

"Any admission of fault would be allowed in court," Seehusen said.

But it would be judges who would end up deciding what falls admissible in court, said Twin Falls attorney Ken Pedersen. "And he said

there are bound to be gray areas. He said juries, not judges, should be the ones to decide the difference between an apology and an admission of fault.

"The people on the jury are smart enough to know that the doctor saying, 'I'm sorry your wife died,' is not the same as saying, 'It's my fault.' It's offensive to me that doctors who lobbied for this and legislators who agreed to it don't think juries are smart enough to understand this because they are. They're made up of good, honest people who want to do the right thing."

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PLANTING DAY - UNPLUGGED



Harold Ruby of Wendell moves to unhook his Percheron, Shire and Belgian horses from the tandem disc plow Saturday morning at Aztec Station. SEE STORY, PAGE B1.

Vandals damage dinosaur tracks in Texas

By Paul Meyer The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — They survived up to 95 million years of floods, droughts and tectonic tremors. But the dinosaur tracks couldn't withstand a quick strike by thieves and vandals on Grapevine Lake. Clay Church, spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said officials discovered the destruction Fri-

day. Two of the smaller prehistoric impressions at the site had been dug up, with two others ruined by amateurs trying to make molds. The site, first discovered in 1982 and recently expanded by low lake levels, contains about 15 large tracks and dozens of smaller impressions left by hadrosaurs, common herbivores. This week, local media and curious children flocked

to the area as federal officials tried to keep the exact location a secret.

"This isn't the first time they've become visible. Someone that's familiar with the lake and knows where they're located could have gone out there," Church said.

He called the prospect of catching and prosecuting the violators "so very remote." The tracks sit on federal land, and federal regulations pro-

hibit their unauthorized disclosure or movement.

On Friday, corps officials covered the remaining tracks with soft clay and dirt to mask their location until a more permanent preservation strategy can be devised.

When lake levels are high, the tracks are underwater and safe. Church said the corps wants to partner with someone to display them safely when levels are low.

Pilgrims arrive to mark anniversary of pope's death

By Nicole Winfield Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY. Pilgrims began arriving in Rome on Saturday to mark the first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death, praying by his tomb and preparing for a Sunday evening vigil in St. Peter's Square to commemorate the exact moment of his passing.

The Polish Embassy to the Holy See said it expected some 10,000 citizens of John Paul's homeland to participate in the Vatican's anniversary commemorations, which also include a Mass on Monday celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. The city said it was expecting between 100,000 and 150,000 pilgrims.

On Saturday, groups of pilgrims milled about the square, some joining the flags and banners of Solidarity, Poland's pro-democracy trade union. John Paul was a strong supporter of Solidarity and is credited with helping to overthrow communism in Poland in 1989.

Other pilgrims visited John Paul's simple white marble tomb in a grotto beneath St. Peter's Basilica, flowers and notes to his grave.

"It is my biggest dream in life to visit his tomb," said Henry Adamczyk, 55, of Lublin, Poland. "I was happy to hear he died so he can go and visit his father in heaven." John Paul died April 2 at 9:37 p.m. in his apartment in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, surround-

ed by Polish prelates and nuns, and his doctors. The cause of death was a stroke, and he had been brought as kidney and heart failure was well as by a urinary tract infection.

He had suffered for years from Parkinson's disease, and by the end of his life, was unable to speak to the faithful, managing only to bless them weakly with his hand.

Sunday's anniversary vigil, to be led by Cardinal Camillo Ruini, is likely to recall the scenes in St. Peter's in the days and weeks before John Paul's death, during which tens of thousands of people lit candles and prayed silently underneath the papal apartment windows.

Ruini, the vicar for Rome, is expected to lead the faithful in recitation of the Rosary prayer, and Benedict is expected to address the crowd near the site of John Paul's death. On Monday, Benedict will celebrate a Mass inside the Basilica that is expected to be attended by John Paul's longtime private secretary, the newly elevated Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, archbishop of Krakow.

In Poland, John Paul will be remembered with Masses and other ceremonies throughout the country, including in Wadowice — the small southern town where he was born Karol Wojtyla in 1920 — and in Krakow, where he served as priest and archbishop. Benedict will address crowds in Krakow by video hookup.

Mormon conference opens with change in schedule

By Jennifer Dobner Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The two-yearly conference of the Mormon church opened Saturday with one noticeable change — the absence of an address from church President Gordon B. Hinckley. Hinckley, who is in his 11th year as leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, normally gives the opening address. Hinckley was scheduled to speak Saturday morning, but work came moments before the conference began that James E. Faust, one of two other men in the church's top tier of leadership, would conduct. No official reason was given for the change, although church spokesmen said Hinckley was conversing with his energy.

Hinckley also sat quietly through the afternoon session of the confer-

ence and was scheduled to speak in the evening during a forum for only the men of the church.

Hinckley suffers from a mild form of diabetes. In late January, he was hospitalized for six days for surgery to remove a cancerous growth from his intestine. He spent another 10 days or so recovering and then went back to work, including making a trip last month to Santiago, Chile, for the rededication of a church temple.

Mormons gather in April and October to hear from church leaders on a variety of topics meant to strengthen faith and provide spiritual direction to the more than 12 million church members worldwide. More than 100,000 attend the confer-

ence's five sessions.

The two-day conference is broadcast via satellite, television, radio and the Internet to 83 countries in 86 languages.

Throughout the day, speakers focused their message on two themes: lauding church members for their service to others and calling for members to gird themselves against the temptations of a changing moral climate, including pornography, drugs and reckless spending.

Well-known for charitable works, Mormons were active in relief efforts in 2005, giving money, time and goods to victims of the 2004 tsunami in Asia, the earthquakes in Pakistan and India, as well as the hurricanes that ravaged the Gulf Coast.

"The simple word, 'thanks,' almost seems trite," said H. David Burton, who oversees LDS humanitarian missions.

Burton's praise of members' gener-

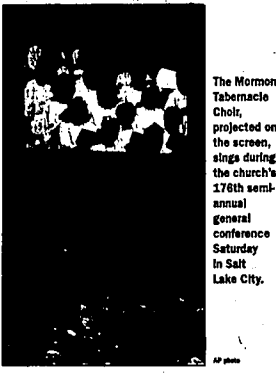
osity was followed by two speakers offering stern reminders that the church ascribes to a strict moral code that eschews tobacco and alcohol use, encourages modesty in dress and behavior.

Thomas S. Monson, who with Hinckley and Faust make up the church's First Presidency, focused his concerns on immorality, saying behavior that was once considered immoral has in modern times become acceptable behavior.

Pornography presents another threat to Mormon homes, Monson said.

"Avoid any erode of pornography," he said. "It will desensitize the spirit and erode the conscience."

Finally, Monson warned members against spending themselves into excessive debt, which he said will crush out self-esteem, ruin relationships and leave us in desperate circumstances.



The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, projected on the screen, sings during the church's 176th semi-annual general conference Saturday in Salt Lake City.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower to mid-30s. Tonight: Increasing clouds and showers possible. Lows in the middle 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s to near 60.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A mix of clouds and sun with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Highs in the lower 50s. Tonight: Snows becoming mostly cloudy with a few showers possible. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a few rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance for a few rain or snow showers. Clouds will increase later tonight and a better chance for precipitation will develop on Monday.

BOISE A rain shower will not be out of the question for today, although the chances are small. Showers will increase later tonight and Monday with the chance of showers continuing on Monday.

NORTHERN UPAT Partly cloudy with weather will be an up for today. Highs will be in the increase and showers are expected to develop for Monday.



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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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Temperature & Precipitation trend through 5 pm yesterday.

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New landscaping makes Washington Monument friendly, simple and safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — In landscape architect Laurie Olin's mind, the approach to the most soaring of the capital monuments had to be friendly and simple — and safe.

The Washington Monument stretches more than 555 feet in the air from the National Mall.

But for years there was nothing grand about the asphalt walkway that led to the obelisk.

Olin said, guiding a tour on Saturday for about 20 members of the National Building Museum and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Olin and his firm won the National Park Service contract to design landscaping around the monument that incorporates stronger security measures.

Now, after three years of landscaping, a curving, welcome pathway starts amid blooming trees and ends with pillow-shape benches at the monument's base.

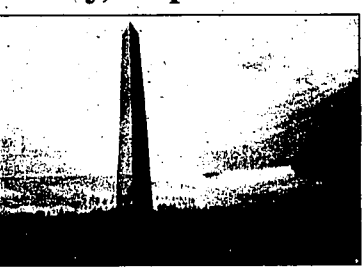
"My whole goal was to simplify everything," he said. "But trying to do something simple is harder to do than something messy."

French prime minister says he made errors in handling new youth job laws

PARIS — Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin said he was misunderstood and made errors in his management of a hotly contested youth labor law that sent 1 million protesting students and union members into the streets.

He denied, however, that he has been discovered by President Jacques Chirac, who, in the hope of restoring calm, ordered up a new, softer version of the law meant to make it easier for five young workers.

Instead, Chirac's move appears to have fed his opponents' ardor. Unions and stu-



Tourists take in the new landscape changes to the Washington Monument on Saturday in Washington. The monument reopened to the public after several months of security renovations.

is an industry tenet: solving two or three problems with one aspect of the design.

One of the guidelines from monument officials was to improve security against terrorist using vehicles.

As a result, the sloping, circular pathway not only provides 180-degree views of the Mall but, as recessed into a hill, serves as a concrete and granite barrier stronger enough and high enough to prevent a bomb-laden vehicle from reaching the monument's base.

Light fixtures were also put in the walls.

"The last thing you want is vertical posts around the monument," Olin said.

Softer lighting and more benches "that lend themselves to comfort and sociability" were placed around the monument's base.

"It looks like a pillow," he said, sitting on one of the benches. "So it tells you how you should feel."

World in brief

dents planned a new day of strikes and protests Tuesday. The strikes and violent protests appear to be taking a toll on Villepin, the author of the new law. Villepin was dealt a blow by Chirac's decision to order up a softened measure.

Thousands march for illegal aliens in NYC NEW YORK — Thousands of immigrant rights supporters formed a line stretching more than a mile long Saturday as they marched across the Brooklyn Bridge, waving flags from more than a dozen countries as they demonstrated against possible immigration reform in Congress.

Courtroom challenge Malpractice cases hard to win

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local attorney Ken Pedersen took his first malpractice case to court 25 years ago. Since then, he's had six \$1 million verdicts and many million-dollar settlements.

But malpractice cases are hard to win — 85 percent of cases come down in favor of doctors, Pedersen said.

"You're very difficult to win because juries tend to be forgiving of doctors' mistakes," Pedersen said.

"They realize doctors have a difficult job and bad things are going to happen. You have to show a clear case of negligence or you're not going to win."

One of Pedersen's most recent courtroom victories was in the case of Troy Chesley of Burley. Chesley's problems began when he went to Dr. Laurence Hicks' office for an injection of a medication called Phenergan to treat his acid reflux.

The plaintiff claimed that a misplaced injection hit Chesley's sciatic nerve, a nerve that runs from the buttock down the leg. In late February, a juror in Blaine County concluded the defendant breached the community standard of care by failing to properly give the injection and that the injection permanently injured Chesley's sciatic nerve.

Hicks could not be reached for comment. His office phone number was no longer in service. Pocatello attorney Gary Dance, who represented the defendant, did not want to comment on the case specifically.

"It's difficult to capsulize a complex subject," Dance said. The jury awarded Chesley \$3,000 in damages, or \$190,000 for his medical bills

and \$150,000 for pain and suffering, Pedersen said. After Minidoka County was reimbursed for some of the medical bills, it brought the award down to \$275,000. Chesley said that after he paid his attorneys' fees and his father back for paying his bills, he couldn't work, he had about \$57,000 left.

Under the terms of the settlement, Chesley had to sign a paper saying he wouldn't say anything against the doctor. But he did say he believes he would have received a larger award from a jury in an Idaho city like Boise or even Twin Falls.

"Trust me, any place besides Rupert," Chesley said. "They don't make that kind of money."

Chesley said it's been a long, painful journey.

"I couldn't feel my leg, so I tried walking and fell," Chesley said. "I was in a walking cast."

"Today, he still has no feeling in his left leg from the knee down to the foot. He has two is back on the job drilling wells, but he can only stand to work four hours a day."

A pacemaker was implanted in his left buttock to stimulate the nerve in his leg, and every six or seven years for the rest of his life, he'll have to have the batteries replaced. He said it seems like a awful lot of trouble for a mere \$57,000.

"I don't want to do it again," Chesley said. "Even if it's not as easy as it seems."

Meanwhile, Pedersen receives two or three calls a day from people wanting him to take on their malpractice case. He said he only takes three to five cases a year.

"They're so hard to win and people don't understand what it takes to make a case," Pedersen said.

Sorry

Pedersen said malpractice cases are not easy to win. Instead, 85 percent of cases come down on the side of the doctor.

Pocatello attorney Gary Dance specializes in representing doctors. He said that the new law won't keep people from taking their doctors to court.

"There are people who feel malpractice cases go away because someone apologizes," Dance said. "I don't believe that. They go away based on their merit. Whether they're an apology or an acknowledgment of fault doesn't seem to be a key factor in the furthest and continuing litigation in malpractice cases. The fact is more important than the admission of fact."

He said the new law will result in better health care and better communication between doctors and their patients.

"It's a difficult burden to provide care and treatment in a climate in which medical malpractice is one of the potential outcomes," Dance said. "It certainly has to change the care they provide."

But Pedersen said doctors have to be better. "It's just another example of doctors wanting protection," Pedersen said.

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CORRECTION Crossword, Sudoku errors corrected. The daily crossword in Saturday's edition was a repeat of the Friday puzzle. The correct Saturday puzzle, and the solution to the Friday puzzle, can be found today on Page C7. The regular Sunday crossword can be found today on Page D5. Also, the incorrect Sudoku solution was published in the Saturday edition. The correct solution can be found today on Page C7. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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U.S. military helicopter crashes in Iraq; status of crew unknown

Pressure mounts on Iraqi prime minister to step aside

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. military helicopter crashed Saturday during a "combat air patrol" southwest of Baghdad, but the status of the crew was unknown, according to the American command.

Meanwhile, pressure mounted on Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari to step aside as the Shiite bloc's nominee for a second term, with some fellow Shiites urging him to withdraw to break the deadlock over a new government amid increasing sectarian violence.

A U.S. statement said the helicopter went down about 5:30 p.m. during a combat patrol southwest of the capital but gave no further details, except to say that the fate of the crew was unknown. The statement did not identify the type of helicopter.

It was the first loss of a U.S. helicopter since three of them crashed in a 10-day period in January, killing a total of 18 American military personnel.

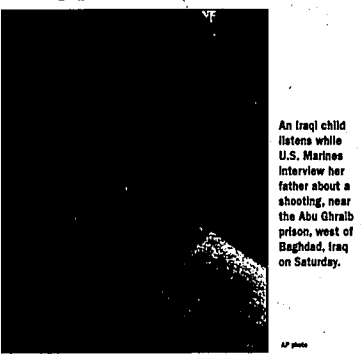
The U.S. command also said a Marine was killed Friday during combat operations in Anbar province west of the capital. The Marine's death brought to at least 2,328 the number of members of the U.S. military who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The violence came as U.S. officials expressed increasing uneasiness with the pace of government talks following the Dec. 15 elections.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad urged the Iraqis to speed up the process to prevent the country from sliding into civil war.

"The terrorists are seeking to provoke sectarian war and Iraq needs a government of national unity in the face of this threat," Khalilzad said in a statement released Saturday.

This government needs to have a good program to govern



An Iraqi child listens while U.S. Marines interview her father about a shooting near the Abu Ghraib prison, west of Baghdad, Iraq on Saturday.

from the center, and needs good ministers who are competent. Iraq is bleeding while they are moving at a very slow pace," he added.

At least 22 people were killed Saturday in fresh violence in Baghdad and Basra, Iraq's two largest cities. Six others — all Shiite men — died Friday evening when gunmen opened fire on a minibus near Balad Ruz, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad. The town's mayor, Mohammed Manarui, said.

U.S. officials believe formation of a government of national unity would be a major step toward calming the insurgency and restoring order three years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein. That would enable the U.S. and its coalition partners to begin withdrawing troops.

But talks among Iraqi political leaders have bogged down, prompting Sunni Arab and Kurdish politicians to call for al-Jaafari's replacement. The Shiites get first crack at the

prime minister's job because they are the largest bloc in parliament.

On Saturday, a former Shiite Cabinet minister, Qasim Dawoud, joined those calls, saying al-Jaafari should step aside to break the deadlock.

"I personally asked that he withdraw his nomination," Dawoud told The Associated Press. Dawoud later said four major parties within the Shiite alliance had agreed to "reconsider" al-Jaafari's nomination. But Jawad al-Malki, a member of the prime minister's Dawa party, insisted to Al-Arabiya television that the alliance "is united in its position" and "is backing its candidate," meaning al-Jaafari.

Other Shiite officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said Dawoud was not alone in his opposition to al-Jaafari, and that representatives of major factions within the Shiite alliance would decide soon whether to withdraw the nomination.

Iran quake survivors fear new tremors as rescue operations end

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Italy and Russia sent planeloads of tents, blankets and other supplies Saturday to help 21,000 Iranian families left homeless by three strong earthquakes that hit in quick succession, killing 70 people.

But Iran's government remained silent on whether it would accept an American offer of aid amid heightened tensions between the two nations over Iran's nuclear program.

Iranian authorities were rushing temporary shelter to thousands of victims in towns and villages in western Iran, where residents were sleeping outside in the chilly spring night, fearful of returning even to homes that survived the quakes late Thursday and Friday.

Some 21,000 families were homeless in 330 villages that were damaged or flayed by the quakes, said the provincial head of the Unexpected Disaster Committee, Ali Barani, as quoted by the state news agency IRNA.

But Iranian authorities signaled that they only needed limited outside help — in contrast to a more devastating 2003 earthquake that hit the southwestern city of Bam, killing 26,000 people. After that disaster, Iran accepted considerable international aid, including from the United States.

Interior Ministry spokesman Mojtaba Mirabzollahi told The

April Fools' a serious joke for Europeans

LONDON (AP) — When it comes to April Fools' Day, European media are having the last laugh.

Britain's Daily Mail reported that British Prime Minister Tony Blair repainted the traditionally black front door of his Downing Street office "socialist red" to match his Labour party colors. The Times ran a story about a new song-activated credit card security system called "Chip 'n' Sing."

Neither is true of course, but two centuries after the tradition began, media outlets still try to dupe the gullible in an unofficial yearly competition.

Some say April Fools' Day started with the creation of the Gregorian calendar in the 16th century, which changed the starting date of the new year from April 1 — or April Fools' Day — to Jan. 1, others point to Indian and Roman festivals that celebrated totemology.

Another theory dates back to the 17th century, when British villagers would trip a neighbor in the town's foot to a horse and parade it through the village.

Some of Saturday's better efforts:

• The Rome daily L'Espresso reported that a new group in the city of Aquila had persuaded officials to cover up monuments in the main square by dressing the naked men and women with clothes of bronze.

• Sweden's daily Dagens Nyheter scared thousands of bicyclists by claiming that Stockholm's city government would impose speed limits of 12 mph on bikes in the inner city.

The Moscow daily Moskovsky Komsomlets turned the day into a contest, offering free subscriptions to callers who identified false stories. Its gag stories included a secret research institute where Kremlin candidates to succeed President Vladimir Putin undergo scientific testing, and plans for a parliament building where lawmakers' offices would boast a bar, a balcony and a jac.

Former hostage Jill Carroll says she was threatened, feared her captors

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) — Gone was the Islamic headscarf she had worn as a hostage in Iraq. Also gone were the descriptions of a benign captivity — one that involved no threats and no weapons.

In Germany, far from the place where she had been held hostage for 82 days, Jill Carroll's statement was an angry disavowal of statements she had made during captivity and shortly after her release.

"During my last night in captivity, my captors forced me to participate in a propaganda video. They told me I would be released if I cooperated. I was living in a threatening environment, under their control, and wanted to go home alive. So I agreed," she said in a statement read by her editor in Boston.

"Things that I was forced to say while captive are now being taken by someone as an accurate reflection of my personal views. They are not."

In the video, posted by her captors on an Islamist Web site, Carroll spoke out against the U.S. military presence. But in her statement Saturday, she said the recording was made



U.S. Journalist Jill Carroll, left, is welcomed by Base Commander Col. Kurt Lohde after she landed at the U.S. airbase in Ramstein, southwestern Germany on Saturday.

under threat. Her editor has said three men were pointing guns at her at the time.

Carroll arrived in Germany on Saturday on a U.S. military transport plane on her way back to the United States and was expected in Boston on Sunday. The 28-year-old journalist — a freelancer for the Boston-based Christian Science

Monitor — was seized Jan. 7 in western Baghdad by gunmen who killed her Iraqi translator. She was dropped off Thursday at an office of the Iraqi Islamic Party, a Sunni Arab organization, and later escorted by the U.S. military to the Green Zone, the fortified compound in Baghdad protecting the U.S. embassy and other facilities.



This image made from television and provided by Sweden's Kolmarden zoo shows a newborn baby gorilla resting in its mother Naomi's arms, on Saturday at the zoo. It's not known whether the gorilla is male or female.

Scandinavia's first baby gorilla born at zoo

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A baby gorilla was born at Sweden's largest zoo Saturday, becoming the first gorilla born in Scandinavia, officials said.

The gender of the baby ape was unknown, as keepers at the Kolmarden zoo had yet to approach its mother, Naomi.

"Naomi is acting just like she is supposed to; she is keeping the baby close and the little gorilla baby appears to be doing fine," said animal keeper Lena Mellqvist.

Only about five to 10 gorillas are born in captivity around the world each year, the park said. The Kolmarden zoo has housed

gorillas for more than 40 years, but none has given birth before. Park officials said they will hold a contest to name the baby.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson talks to former New Orleans Mayor and Urban League President Marc Morial at a rally in New Orleans on April 2. Jackson was leading a protest over the Mississippi River bridge calling attention to Hurricane Katrina evacuees

Jackson demands that displaced New Orleans residents be able to vote

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hundreds of protesters led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton rallied Saturday, demanding the right of all displaced New Orleans residents to vote after Hurricane Katrina.

The system set up for the April 22 election for mayor and other city positions makes it difficult for displaced voters to cast a ballot, Jackson and other activists said.

"We want the Voting Rights Act," Jackson said at a news conference before the rally. Black leaders have argued city elections could violate the landmark 1965 law.

The city election could have a broad effect nationwide, Sharpston said. "What happens in New Orleans will affect voting rights all over the United States."

Jackson and other activists are demanding satellite polling places for displaced voters in cities outside New Orleans, and even outside Louisiana. Fewer than half of the city's 460,000 residents have returned since the Aug. 29 storm flooded the city.

Activists also urged the release of updated lists of displaced voter addresses, a request the Federal Emergency Management Agency has denied, saying it would breach privacy.

President pitches tax-cut plan in weekly radio address

WACO, Texas (AP) — President Bush used the upcoming income tax-filing deadline and his weekly radio address to promote tax-cut proposals and set up an election-year debate with Democrats over the issue.

In the broadcast Saturday, Bush urged Congress to permanently extend tax cuts that he pushed into law during his first term, which are set to expire in coming years.

Some Democrats in Washington are insisting that we let that happen, or even repeal the tax cuts now," Bush said as he spent the weekend at his Texas ranch. "In either case, that would weaken our economy and would leave American fam-

ilies with a big tax hike that they do not expect and will not welcome."

Democrats argue Bush's emphasis on sweeping tax cuts is driving up the deficit. They say his tax relief primarily benefits the wealthy.

The president argued that he can meet his goal of cutting the deficit in half by the end of his time in office through program, economic policies and spending restraint.

"The evidence is overwhelming: The opponents of tax cuts were wrong," he said. "Tax relief has helped to create jobs and opportunities for American families, and it's helped our economy grow."

Strong storms leave one dead in North Dakota Tornadoes reported in Indiana

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Volunteers filled and stacked sandbags Saturday to protect homes in North Dakota and Minnesota from the rising Red River and its tributaries, swollen by a combination of melting snow and heavy rain.

Mayor Bruce Furness said Fargo was preparing for a flood crest next week of 37 to 38 feet, well above the official flood stage of 18 feet. However, he has said that would threaten only about 30 homes — compared with about 130 flooded in 1997.

Along with the sandbagging, the mayor said Saturday there were signs the river's rise is slowing.

"We're feeling better today than we did yesterday," Furness said.

On the Minnesota side of the Red River valley, the Buffalo River went over its banks and the Rev. Brad Lewis had to use a canoe to get around five-acre farmstead, about 15 miles south of Fargo near Sabin, Minn.

Authorities in Minnesota's Norman County closed highways on the west and south sides of the town of Ada because of flooding Saturday and residents of vulnerable homes were sandbagging, dispatcher Joel

Andersen said. The town of Hendrum, just over 20 miles north of Moorhead on the North Dakota line, was bracing for a record flood stage, expected to hit Tuesday.

"We've been having a couple of cooler nights, and that's helped things out quite a bit," Andersen said. "It could be a possibility that we get rid of this, but it could go the other way. Anything could happen."

The National Weather Service also predicted major flooding at Grand Forks, saying the Red River could rise to about 47 feet there by next Friday. Flood stage in Grand Forks is 28 feet, but residents are protected by a huge dike that was started after the 1997 disaster.

Heavy rain that fell in the region Thursday worsened the snow-melt flooding and closed at least 35 bridges and more than 25 county roads in Richland County, south of Fargo, said county engineer Tim Schulte.

He warned people not to drive around barriers. "Just because you think the roads there — it might not be," he said.

One woman died in a water-filled ditch, where she apparently fell while trying to walk home after her car stalled on a flooded road, authorities said.

Cities get \$15 million to combat gang activity

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The nation's top law-enforcement official on Friday awarded \$15 million in federal funds to six U.S. cities to combat gang violence.

The Department of Justice gave grants of \$2.5 million each to Los Angeles, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Tampa, Fla., the Dallas/Fort Worth area; and a corridor stretching from Easton to Lancaster, Penn., near Philadelphia.

U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and federal prosecutors said the money would pay for gang prevention programs as well as stepped-up prosecutions.

"There is no future in being a member of a gang," said Gonzales, who made the announcement during a national gang summit attended by mayors from around the country. "Gangs are distorting the hopes of young people who succumb to their false promises."



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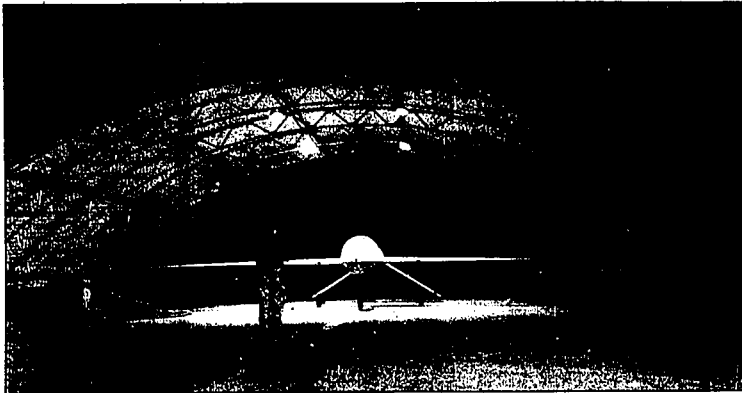
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An altman with the 64th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron guides a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle into a hangar after a mission recently at Tallil Air Force Base, Iraq. Whether controlled remotely from a Nevada air base or by soldiers on the scene, unmanned aircraft have become an indispensable weapon in Iraq and the war on terror.

Costs surge for unmanned planes

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Piloted remotely from a Nevada air base half a world away or by soldiers on the scene, unmanned aircraft have become so indispensable in Iraq and in the war on terror that by next year the U.S. could be spending nearly three times more on the vehicles than it did before the 9/11 attacks.

The aircraft were heavily used after last month's bombing of a mosque in Samarra, Iraq, highlighting how prevalent they have become for a military thirsty for vehicles that can drop bombs or hover over targets without risking pilots' lives.

When Iraq erupted in ethnic violence after the Feb. 22 attack on the sacred mosque, the planes — known as unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs — lingered over trouble spots so officials could use the craft's video cameras to see where crowds were gathering and whether they were armed or violent.

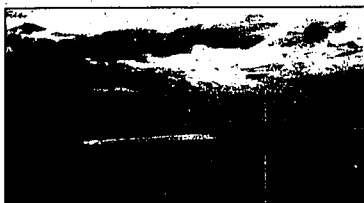
Underlining their importance, spending on the planes is expected to total at least \$12 billion over the next five years. The spike in annual spending — from \$300 million in 2001 when terrorists attacked America to perhaps \$2 billion next year — will pay for at least 132 UAVs, including a new version for the Navy, beefed up models for the Army and a major effort to solve technical problems.

"The services are demanding them they can't get enough Predators in Iraq," said Dan Goure, defense analyst at the Lexington Institute. "Now the revolution has come, and it's going to be explosive over the next few years."

Meeting the growing demands for UAVs from commanders in Iraq has come at a price, since many of the aircraft were sent to the warfront before communications problems were ironed out.

"We didn't want to say, 'Let's deny someone their ability to be combat effective because we're waiting for some perfect technology,'" said Army Col. John Burke, director of unmanned systems integration.

At least 700 unmanned aerial vehicles of all shapes and sizes are being used in Iraq, with dozens often jostling for room in the crowded airspace 24 hours a day. The Army controls about 600 of them, mostly the smaller Ravens that soldiers can



AP Photo

An unmanned U.S. Air Force Predator leaves for a sortie from Balad Air Base, 50 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq, in February. American warplanes are leaving their bombs sitting in their racks more often and turning targeting eyes into reconnaissance tools.

carry in backpacks and fling into the air for surveillance.

So far there has been one reported collision of a small UAV and a helicopter in Iraq, according to Air Force Maj. Gen. Norman Selp, assistant deputy chief of staff for air operations. He said no one was injured.

At least five times in December, the larger unmanned Air Force Predator flown remotely by airmen sitting at consoles in a Nevada Air Force base bombed insurgent strongholds in western Anbar province.

The demand for a lot of these UAVs, especially the smaller ones, has gone through the roof," said Bruce Nelson, deputy director of the Air Force's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance programs.

Goure predicted spending in 2007 could reach \$2.5 billion, though some of it will be hidden because it is classified or buried in other high-tech programs. The government buys many different unmanned systems for the military services, and the intelligence community also buys its own.

The Army's Raven weighs less than 5 pounds, can be carried in a backpack, and can be flung into the air to locate roadside bombs or beam back live pic-

tures of targets.

Some of the smaller models cost as little as \$25,000 apiece.

The Air Force's deadly Predator, which can launch missiles, are 27 feet long and are flown remotely by airmen sitting far away in the United States.

And the larger Global Hawk surveillance aircraft, which can cost more than \$80 million each, can reach an altitude of 65,000 feet and send back high-resolution imagery.

The Army and Air Force said Burke, are trying to develop a video system that would let troops in several locations control the same aircraft. New York-based L-3 Communications is one of the prime contractors developing the equipment.

In the past four years the Army has gone from owning a handful of UAV systems — each of which include a console that controls several aircraft — to more than 300.

The Navy has been spending comparatively little on unmanned vehicles. But it is preparing to buy a new helicopter-like UAV called the Fire Scout that can take off and land vertically on ships.

The technology has changed greatly since the first remote-

Armor banned by Army also failed Air Force testing

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press writer

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WASHINGTON — A brand of body armor banned by the Army this past week also failed Air Force tests and some of the vests were recalled. Army officials said Friday in defending their decision to require that soldiers wear only protective gear issued by the military.

Army Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, who manages the buying of body armor, dismissed claims by California-based Pinnacle Armor and other companies that their gear can match Army-issue armor.

"They have not been tested," Sorenson told reporters. "They have not passed the rigor that we put into standards determining whether something is safe, effective and suitable."

Under a new Army directive, soldiers can no longer wear any commercially bought body armor. The Army said it cannot guarantee the quality of the commercial armor, and any soldier wearing it will have to turn it in.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Friday there are no plans to enforce such a policy across all the military services.

Sorenson also referred briefly to the recall of Pinnacle vests by "another service," but didn't name the Air Force. He added that any soldiers who defy the order and wear commercial armor could be disciplined.

"If soldiers are doing this, they're doing it at their own risk," said Sorenson. "And quite frankly, it's probably not advisable because we have not found that protection provided by these other particular systems is anywhere near what the soldiers have today."

Josh Hulse, a spokesman for the House Armed Services Committee, said its members grew concerned about Pinnacle gear since learning the company's latest version of Dragon Skin armor failed Air Force ballistic tests in February.

Holly said committee staff recently met with Pinnacle officials to encourage the company to pursue the Army testing, even volunteering to serve as independent witnesses to the tests.

He said the committee requested the meeting to ensure soldiers get the best equipment.

The Army told The Associated Press on Thursday the order banning commercial armor was prompted by concerns that soldiers or their families were buying inadequate or untested gear from private companies including Pinnacle's popular Dragon Skin.

Murray Neal, chief executive officer of Pinnacle, said he wants to review the order.

"We know of no reason the Army may have to justify this action," Neal said. "On the surface this looks to be another of many attempts by the Army to cover up the billions of dollars spent on ineffective body armor systems which they continue to try quick fixes on, to no avail."

Early in the Iraq war, soldiers and their families were spending hundreds or even thousands of dollars on protective gear that they said the military was not providing. Last October, after months of pressure from families and members of Congress, the military began a reimbursement program for soldiers who purchased their own protective equipment.

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Cost of 'free' deportation flights grows

By Jennifer Taltelm
Associated Press writer

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — U.S. marshals unlock the prisoners' leg shackles, body chains and handcuffs when green jungle and turquoise sea come into close view.

As the government-owned MD-83 airliner bumps to the ground at the small San Salvador airport, the 44 men and five women being deported home to El Salvador cheer. One man belts out a few bars of a Tom Petty song: "I'm free-ee..."

For a growing number of migrants picked up in the United States for immigration violations or criminal offenses, this is the way their experience with the country ends: With a free flight home.

As lawmakers in Congress debate how to overhaul the nation's immigration system, the U.S. government is spending about \$85 million—about \$600 per person—on flights to move illegal immigrants within the U.S. and internationally.

Last year, the government flew 60,000 people—mostly Central and South Americans—to their home countries. Officials are exploiting ways to double the number in the next 12 months as the U.S. ends its practice of allowing some illegal immigrants to go free until they can be returned to their native countries.

Less than an hour after arriving in San Salvador, the men and women on this flight were led into the tropical sunshine.

At the back of the line, two young men glanced around them with curious expressions. "I don't remember when they left El Salvador. A decade later, their country's now just a memory. Family members have grown up in the U.S."

In an interview the day before in a Florence, Ariz., detention center, one of the men, Antonio Medina, 28, summarized the situation they're all in: "I don't know what I'll do when I get there," he said through a translator. "When I get to El Salvador I'll decide."

Immigration officials have collaborated since 1998 with the Justice Department, which files U.S. prisoners throughout the country. But officials are stepping up the number of flights as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has come under more pressure to ensure all illegal immigrants caught in the U.S. are deported.

Still, hundreds of immigrants are being released each week and asked to return for a court hearing. Many are families, who can't be jailed together for lack of adequate prison space and can't be split up because of laws governing unaccompanied children.

The government hopes to completely end the practice on the Southwest border by Oct. 1 and across the country by next year. To do that, officials have been speeding up the timetable to deport foreigners who arrive without papers.

Migrants caught less than 14 days after entering the country and within 100 miles of the border can be deported without appearing before a federal immigration judge.

As a result, hundreds of people each week now need to be shuttled out of the country. The vast majority of those people are from countries other than Mexico. Almost all Mexicans caught without papers in the U.S. are driven to the border by immigration officials and dropped off. Last year, that was almost 1 million people.

The men on this flight were caught because they committed crimes in the U.S. Medina fought with his girlfriend and was arrested for domestic violence. Another, Jose



Jose Cabrera, in white, Antonio Medina, center, and Melvin Escobar are patted down by U.S. Marshals, Feb. 15, 2006 in Mesa, Ariz. prior to being returned to their native El Salvador on a repatriation flight. All the men have been convicted of crimes in the United States.

Cabrera, was arrested six or seven times for auto theft, drug possession and other crimes.

Their last day in the U.S. began when prison guards at the Florence, Ariz., detention center woke them just after midnight, returned their street clothes and possessions, patted them down and clamped on leg shackles, body chains and handcuffs.

Shuffling, because their shoelaces were still confiscated, the men took a bus to a Mesa, Ariz., airport. As the sun began to rise over the tarmac, they boarded the plane home.

The immigration agency and the Justice Department stage eight to 12 flights a week, from Mesa, Oklahoma City and Alexandria, La. They fly to Central and South America, regularly stopping in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador and occasionally in Mexico.

The Department of Homeland Security is pushing China and other countries to take back thousands of their citizens as well. In the future, the government may buy or charter larger planes and add flights to Asia.

John Torres, acting director of the immigration agency's office of detention and removal, said that for now the best way to deal with the almost 1.2 million people who are caught in the U.S. legally each year is to send them back as quickly as possible. "The more people we arrest and the more people we return to their country serves as a deterrent to others thinking of coming," he said.

But some fear the government is denying some migrants their rights in its rush to deal with a backlog of immigrants. And some foreign governments have refused to take back hundreds or sometimes thousands of their citizens.

Immigrant advocates say some government screeners are not following regulations, meaning people with legitimate claims for asylum in the U.S. could slip through the cracks.

Speeding up removal "is not an approach that makes sense,"



Detainees, from left, Melvin Escobar, Roberto, Jose Cabrera, and Marvin sit in a holding cell in Florence, Ariz., Feb. 14 prior to being returned to their native El Salvador on a repatriation flight.

said Donald Kerwin, executive director of the Washington-based Catholic Legal Immigration Network, who says deporting illegal immigrants can't be a solution to the problem.

Foreign governments also struggle to absorb hundreds of their own citizens—some of whom left their country years ago.

In El Salvador, migrants are placed in a "Welcome Home" program, designed to help them deal with psychological trauma and find family and—if possible—a job.

Jorge Santibanez, that nation's immigration director, said Salvadorans leave because they can't find good jobs at home, so adding hundreds of new people to the economy poses a tremendous challenge. "Obviously, we can't compete (with the U.S.) with wages," he said.

The government doesn't keep statistics on how many of the immigrants they deport return to the United States. There's almost no way of knowing unless they are picked up again. But officials guess there will be many.

One man on the El Salvador flight told a guard he was on his third trip home this year. He earns \$24 an hour working as a carpenter in the U.S.

Many immigrants build lives in the U.S. and have reasons to

Immigration won't be decided until after election

By Suzanne Gamba
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Should they stay or should they go, those 11 million illegal immigrants living in the United States?

While that question hangs over a Senate debate on border security and immigration, most senators agreed on allowing undocumented workers to stay at least temporarily. The fight is over whether they should have to leave three years to six years down the road.

Even senators who oppose providing a path to citizenship to illegal immigrants are willing to grant them temporary legal status as long as they register with the government, pay fines and eventually leave.

"Our first obligation is to bring them out of the shadows, make sure we know who they are, why they're here, make sure we have a name and some kind of identification for them," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Then there will be a period of time, whether it's three years or six years—but they can continue to work here and at that point in time—that's where the debate is—do they have to go home or are they put on some sort of path to citizenship?" Frist said.

As the Senate opened two weeks of debate Wednesday night, Republicans clashed over whether providing a path to legal citizenship would lead to more flouting of U.S. immigration laws.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert raised the possibility that a program letting illegal immigrants continue to reside in the U.S. for a period of time might be considered by the House if the Senate approves one.

"Our first priority is to protect the borders. We also know there is a need in some sectors of this economy for a guest worker program," Hastert told reporters Wednesday.

The House has passed legislation limited to tightening borders and making it a crime

to be in the United States illegally to offer aid to illegal immigrants.

However, there is a growing consensus among lawmakers that any merging of the House and Senate measures so that Congress could send a bill to President Bush won't occur until after the November election.

"What you end up doing is the House has passed a bill, the Senate passed a bill and everybody declares victory and you don't get anything out of conference between now and the elections," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Grassley chairs the Senate Finance Committee that is drafting a measure dealing with steps employers would have to take regarding illegal workers.

President Bush reiterated support for a temporary worker program as he took off for a meeting in Cancun, Mexico, with host President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Bush said workers should be given tamper-resistant identity cards and go to the back of the line when they seek citizenship. "I think it makes sense to have a temporary worker program that says you're not an automatic citizen to help, one, enforce the border; and, two, uphold the decency of America," Bush said Wednesday.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who has proposed with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., allowing illegal immigrants to earn a path to citizenship through work, was buoyed by Bush's comments.

"We should reject temporary status and required departure because they are bad for business," Kennedy said. "What do we gain if millions of immigrant workers who are in our economy are required to spend weeks—or years or decades under some plans—waiting outside the United States for permission to continue to work?"

Frist dodged the question of what to do about illegal immigrants in the country in the bill he introduced. But other bills that could be part of amendments tackle that issue.

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Women at mint get \$9 million in lawsuit

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Mint agreed Friday to pay \$9 million to female workers at its Denver plant who alleged their bosses demanded sex in exchange for promotions, harassed them and retaliated when they complained.

The deal, which must be approved by an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission judge, also calls for the appointment of an independent monitor at the facility for three years, Mint spokeswoman Becky Bailey said.

Up to 130 women could share in the settlement if it is approved, said Lynn Feiger, who represented the workers who filed the complaint.

"We believe this is a positive step for everyone concerned," Feiger said.

Bailey said the Mint denies any liability to the case but wanted to avoid the expense and delay of EEOC proceedings.

Shortly after the announcement about 20 women, including some current employees, gathered outside the Mint to celebrate. They declined to comment, saying doing so could jeopardize their settlement.

The complaint was filed in 2003 by 32 women who alleged that pornography was openly displayed at the Denver plant and women were subjected to unwanted sexual advances and sexual discrimination by male workers and male managers.

After the complaint, Mint officials in Washington dispatched a team to search the Denver plant for sodas and graffiti and to meet with female employees. The Mint also announced a series of changes that, including hiring a director for its equal opportunity program, a job that had been vacant for at least 1.5 years.

Members of crime family plead guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight members and associates of the Gambino-organized crime family, including an acting underboss, have pleaded guilty to racketeering charges, authorities said Friday.

The eight were among 11 people charged with racketeering in a prosecution aimed at taking down current and future leaders of a crime family more than a century old.

In all, more than 30 people were arrested on various charges.

The arrests stemmed from a probe in which an undercover FBI agent infiltrated the mob during a three-year period with an act so convincing he was considered for membership, authorities said.

The eight defendants, including acting underboss Anthony Megale, entered their pleas in recent days in federal court in Manhattan. They had faced trial in May; three others still face trial.

Yanni cleared on domestic battery charges

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Citing a "he-said, she-said" situation," the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office Friday said it won't pursue a case against New Age instrumentalist Yanni, who was arrested on a misdemeanor domestic battery charge last month.

Sylvia Barthes, 33, told police that Yanni — whose legal name is John Yanni Christopher — struck her as he ordered her from his \$7.75 million home after an argument. Not so, said Orlando Gonzalez, the musician's lawyer.

Barthes, a Bolivian who lives in Miami Beach, approached Yanni about moving into his waterfront home as they were driving home from dinner, Gonzalez said.

"He told her he didn't want her moving in and she didn't like Gonzalez," Barthes said. "She says this occurred in a mansion coming to an end."

Experts: Preachers' wives often struggle with isolation

SELMER, Tenn. (AP) — Mary Winkler was the quiet, unassuming wife of a small-town preacher, seemingly devoted to church and family. But now her husband, Matthew, is dead and she is charged with shooting him in the back with a shotgun.

Authorities won't discuss a motive, and church members say they didn't see any indication she was unhappy. But experts say preachers' wives often struggle with depression

and isolation, expected to be explained by Christian virtue while bearing unique pressures on their private and public lives.

Gayle Haggard, author of "A Life Embraced: A Helpful Guide for the Pastor's Wife," said ministers' wives can feel isolated because of a misconception about leadership, since they and their husbands are leaders of their congregations. They can feel trapped, she said, by unrealistic expectations

"to live a certain way to dress a certain way, for their children to behave a certain way."

And ministers' wives often find themselves handling more jobs than they expected to take on, said Becky Hunter, current president of the Global Pastors' Wives Network.

"You're not really heard, and yet there is some expectation in most church settings that the pastor's wife comes along in a package deal," Hunter said.

Too often, ministers and their wives are reluctant to seek help from members of their congregations because they're looked up to as leaders, said Lois Evans, a former president of the Global Pastors' Wives Network.

"This family needed help," said Evans. "It seems like there was no place to turn to and no place to talk and it became an explosive situation."

Matthew Winkler, 31, was found dead in a bedroom at the

couple's parsonage Wednesday night in Selmer, a town of 4,400 people about 80 miles east of Memphis. Mary Winkler, 32, and her three daughters were found Thursday night leading a restaurant in Orange Beach, Ala.

She was charged with first-degree murder and ordered held without bail. Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agent John Mehr said authorities know the motive for the killing, but he would not disclose it.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Boys say break-in was for a snack

HEYBURN — On March 11, two Heyburn boys, ages 13 and 15, were walking in Heyburn when they both decided they were hungry, they told police.

They went to Tony's Service Station, where they attempted to break the glass in the front door so they could get some chips and pop.

The glass wouldn't break, so one of the boys reached through a hole they broke through a door to unlock it.

He didn't succeed, so they went around the store and peered in the front window.

A video security system recorded clear pictures of the boys who were later identified by a secretary at a local junior high school.

The video security camera also captured some images of burglars who took more than \$1,000 worth of beer and cigarettes on March 5.

The Cassia County law enforcement officials are investigating a separate incident that occurred about the same time at Stimpny's in Paul.

Donations sought for new Rupert pool

RUPERT — Rupert's city pool was closed three years ago due to health and safety concerns.

Over the winter, the existing pool has been demolished in preparation for the first phase of a \$2 million indoor aquatic center.

The project's \$470,000 first phase includes an outdoor competition-sized pool and a kiddie pool. The second phase will enclose the pools to create an indoor facility.

Much of the demolition and preparatory work that's been completed has been done with donations from Debo Construction, Kloefer Construction, Hoffbauer Excavation Co. and Walton Construction, said Bob Russmann, the city's streets, parks and maintenance superintendent.

About 98 percent of the demolition is complete, Russmann said.

The next step is to build the tunnel that will house the pool's plumbing and to finish the mechanical room.

When that is completed, the competition-sized pool and the kiddie pool can be plastered and tiled.

Ties included with the area's donors will be installed in the reception area of the pool's bathroom as part of a city fundraiser for the pool.

Monetary and in-kind donations are being accepted for the project. To donate, call Russmann at 434-2423 or 431-8930.

Farm Bureau Banquet gives out two awards

Dale Pierce, a retired Malta farmer, was named Cassia County Farm Bureau Grand Farmer of the Year and Lolita May Merrill of Albion was named Farm Woman of the Year on Tuesday at the Farm Bureau Banquet.

Pierce's service included 37 years as postmaster in Malta; board member of the BLM Grazing Board, chairman for 14 of 15 years, member of the Grazing Advisory Council and more.

He also is an honoree of the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame and was given a special certificate of recognition for his contributions to Idaho by former Gov. John Evans.

Merrill has been active in various organizations, including the Idaho Beef Council, National Cattlewomen Association, Minidoka Wranglers, Albion Four Leaf Clover Club and Albion Senior Citizens. She was inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame in 1994 and was selected as Rupert's Grandma Queen in 2002.

Oakley volunteers run quick-response unit

By Jamey Colter
Times-News correspondent

OAKLEY — With a population of more than 700 people, Oakley is considered rural when compared with its more metropolitan neighbors.

But what this small southern Idaho community lacks in population, it more than makes up for in emergency services.

Whatever the emergency, Oakley quick response unit volunteers can treat patients for any number of things while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

"We do just about everything: car wrecks, broken limbs, splinting, cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR — we can even administer a shot of epinephrine to anaphylactic shock victims," said Oakley QRU President Rhonda Bench.

These things may seem amazing for a unit with only 11 volunteers, but Bench said all 11 members of the unit must have their emergency medical technicians' basic certification.

In accordance with Idaho certification, the Oakley team must meet once a month for training, usually at QRU headquarters in Oakley.

In addition to the monthly meetings, Oakley responders must complete a 24-hour refresher course every other year.

"Keeping up the training is vital for everyone's safety," Bench said.

"In addition to training, the meetings allow us an opportunity to go through all of the



The Oakley Quick Response Unit works closely with the Oakley Fire Department to provide emergency services to rural Cassia County.

equipment, and replenish anything we may be running low on," she said.

Oakley's QRU team cannot transport patients to a hospital. If an emergency looks as though it can't wait for an ambulance from Cassia County Regional Medical Center in Burley, Life Flight helicopters are called in to transport patients.

"We've never had any fatalities directly linked to the time it took an ambulance to arrive on the scene of an emergency. It's just never been an issue," Bench said.

But ambulance arrival time is an issue in rural communities like Hazelton and Eden.

According to Ken Sheldon, director of the Jerome County Paramedics, these areas can't recruit enough people to run a quick response unit.

"That fact worried Sheldon, who says that more regulations and education requirements are hurting recruitment.

"We've got nobody out there, an ambulance has to come from Jerome to treat those people," Sheldon said.

In addition to meeting the requirements, Jerome volun-

teers must be on call 24 hours a day, he said.

"Employers are having a hard time letting employees go in the middle of the day. Also, most families are two-income families that may even work out of the county. All of these things add up to a lack of volunteers for a quick response unit in that area," Sheldon said.

All this heroic work may get some people down, but not Bench and her QRU team.

"We go to about 2 to 3 calls a month," she said. "Usually it's something like an elderly per-

son breaking a limb, or a car accident. It really varies depending on a number of things."

QRU members carry their radios with them wherever they go, so as to be available to respond to an emergency from anywhere in Oakley.

Also, responders carry something called a "jump kit," used for treating emergencies if members are first on the scene.

But funding a quick response unit isn't easy and it isn't cheap, Bench said.

Epinephrine shots cost \$85 each, and units are required to carry four of them.

So how does Oakley's unit get funding to keep saving lives? Community donations and fundraisers help.

"Also, each time you register your car in Cassia County, some of the \$1 money goes to us," Bench said.

Still, equipment and supplies aren't cheap, and the unit has won grants for things like a new vehicle and equipment upgrades and repairs. But operation costs don't end there.

"We have to pay for gas, utilities for our building, neck collars, and re-stocking of anything we've used," she said.

Money and politics aside, it takes a certain kind of person to dedicate so much of their time to the service of others.

A labor of love? Maybe. A civic duty? Bench said.

"It's nice to be able to help. Some people can stomach certain things better than others," she said.

"But we just do what we do."

Despite disability, man succeeded in computer career

PAUL — Adam Michael West endured constant struggles in his life, but did not let them keep him down.

Adam, died suddenly on March 20, but the message of strength and endurance he left will live on with all who knew him.

"Through his trials we strengthened as a family," his brother Curtis West said.

Adam was born a happy and seemingly healthy child, the third of seven children, to Mike and Barbara West of Paul, at the age of 2, however, he began to show signs of something wrong. After seeing several doctors, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. At the age of 3, he underwent his first surgery to remove part of the tumor. The part that remained had to be treated with radiation.

The treatments seemed to be working and Adam was able to live a somewhat normal life, participating in Cub Scouts, Little League and 4-H. While attending grade school in Paul, his family realized that his hearing was falling, a side effect of the radiation treatments. His family bought a ComTech unit to help him hear better, but found he was turning it off. He had learned to read lips well, and did not like the sound of the machine.

Halfway through the fifth grade, Adam left Paul Elementary School and started attending the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. He would catch a bus Sunday afternoon, stay the week in

Gooding and come home each Friday.

"It was a difficult adjustment," his mother said, "but soon, the people at the school became like a second family to him."

According to J. R. Goff, a friend of Adam's from school, Adam never complained and had a strong sense of humor, in spite of all he went through.

In 1992-93, Adam underwent two more surgeries. Although the surgeries were successful in removing more of the tumor, the third surgery left Adam unable to swallow or speak. Eventually, Adam regained the ability to swallow, but his speech ability never returned.

Losing his ability to speak was really hard on Adam," his mother said. "He just wasn't the same happy child he had been

after that."

Adam still wanted to be independent, though, and after graduating from ISDB he went to school at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., majoring in computer science. After two years, he transferred to the College of Southern Idaho and with the help of a sign language interpreter, was able to take regular classes and graduate with a degree in computer science.

Computers were a natural for him. He had always enjoyed fixing things and working with motors and electronics, often helping his father work on the car or fixing things around the house. He spent time fixing computers for family and friends whenever the need arose and was always glad to help. He would spend hours on the computer chatting with friends, some deaf, some not, because on the computer it didn't matter. Everyone was equal.

He worked at several companies, including Land Title and Escrow in Burley. Although he enjoyed working there, true to Adam's personality, he wanted to find something on his own.

He found the job he was looking for working with



Adam West, left, gives "bunny ears" to his sister Stephanie as they pose for a family photo at the I.B. Perrine Bridge. Adam's family was very important to him and he loved to tease his siblings, older and younger, and had a strong sense of humor. Also pictured are brothers Matt, Morgan and Joe.

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Scandal shakes Duke's place in Durham

The Washington Post

DURHAM, N.C. — The small house with dingy white siding across the street from Duke University's bucolic East Campus isn't much to look at. But these days it's the focal point of a scandal swirling around Duke's nationally ranked lacrosse team.

Three team members who live in the house held a March 13 booze party for their teammates that morphed into charges by a young black woman that she was held down, beaten, strangled, raped and sodomized by three men attending the party. The woman, a student at nearby North Carolina Central University, said she had been hired as an exotic dancer for the party.

The incident has not only threatened to sully efforts by the university to improve ties with the surrounding city of Durham but also exposed simmering tensions of race, class and privilege that, in the words of Princeton Review's 2005 student survey, such tensions are a familiar story in Durham and elsewhere. The University of Southern California, the University of Chicago, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Yale University, George Washington University and numerous other urban universities have bumped heads with their home communities, often as their expansion efforts disrupted surrounding neighborhoods or as crime and drug problems in the larger community impinged on campus security.

One of the nation's most prestigious universities, with an expanding campus, Duke, and Durham, a traditionally blue-collar city struggling with crime and unemployment, have had their clashes. Still, for the past decade, the university has made a concerted effort to be a better neighbor, with some success.

The house near East Campus was part of that effort. Since late February, Duke has been the owner. It was one of more than a dozen properties the university purchased with the intention of making minimal repairs and then selling to buyers who would agree to invest in renovations and live in the houses to help stabilize the neighborhood. The school was waiting for the students' lease to end before making the repairs and putting the houses on the market.

Spending \$3.7 million to buy the houses was part of the university's Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership, a 10-year-old effort to break down

barriers between the university and the surrounding community. Durham, with a population of 210,000, has the lowest ratio of home ownership of any major North Carolina city.

It also was an effort to change the university's reputation as an insular, arrogant and often clumsy giant that, with the demise of tobacco and textile manufacturing in Durham, has become the city's largest employer.

These days Duke students are required to tutor in nearby public schools and work at community recreation centers. The Neighborhood Partnership has raised more than \$10 million to help build health clinics and affordable housing, and Duke hospital provides nearly \$30 million annually in unreimbursed care to area residents. The university also is working with the city to build a downtown performing arts facility.

Durham Mayor Bill Bell, who was elected in 2000, insisted that relations between the city and Duke be good. He characterized the party incident as "an aberration."

"I don't think it will have any impact on town-gown relations for the time being," he said.

Still, the university could do more to address what Bell, a Howard University graduate who grew up in Washington, D.C., says is a "divide" below the surface that has now risen to the surface. Those issues center around race and class, he said. He noted reports of racial slurs at the party and recent stories about black female students at Duke feeling threatened.

"The perception is, you have rich kids, predominantly white, from very privileged backgrounds, paying \$45,000-plus a year for their education, and they've always lived in a cocoon," he said. "And when they get to Duke, they stay in that cocoon."

Duke students behaving badly has been a problem, said neighborhood activist John Schjor, but his own battles with Duke have been over development disputes. He has fought university efforts to bring extensive retail services onto Duke's Central Campus, including a Barnes and Noble and clothing chains.

"I would gladly have spared my son and daughter this experience," Brodhead wrote in a letter to parents on Thursday. "But painful as these days are, times of strain can also be times of education."

Meanwhile, Durham police continue their investigation, while Duke's 46 lacrosse players, their season suspended by the university, await the results of DNA tests. The results are expected early next week. At the house, a hand-lettered poster stretches across the front porch: "Innocent Until Proven Guilty."

By David Epp
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In the debate over immigration, amnesty is an epithet, flung by one side, dodged at all costs by the other. The scarlet letter "A," one congressman calls it.

Which is why supporters of Senate legislation say they favor an "earned path to citizenship" for an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States. Why an advocacy group calls itself the "Essential Worker Immigration Coalition."

And why President Bush talks about a comprehensive approach to immigration — details undisclosed — that moves "beyond tired choices and the harsh attitudes of the past."

Critics who ascribe amnesty to the bill are "trying to find hot buttons to push," polster Celine-Lake recently told reporters. "I'm surprised some people don't call it gay marriage, too."

More than election-year word play is at stake: a Congress struggles toward the first major overhaul of immigration laws in two decades.

In the Senate, at least, victory probably will belong to a group of 60 lawmakers supporting an approach they comfortably can claim is less than amnesty.

Bush's agreement with their definition, or at least his acquiescence, is essential to their success. That is especially so if a compromise is to emerge from negotiations with the House. Majority Republicans there have passed legislation calling for criminal penalties for people butons to push, "polster Celine-Lake recently told reporters. "I'm surprised some people don't call it gay marriage, too."

By contrast, legislation before

IN THE IMMIGRATION DEBATE

Amnesty described as scarlet letter 'A'

Analysis

the full Senate begins with steps to strengthen border protection and omits the criminal penalties. It envisions an increase in the flow of future immigrants into the U.S., in temporary guest worker programs.

Of greatest contention is letting illegal aliens who were in the U.S. before Jan. 7, 2004, seek citizenship without first returning to their home country.

They would be required to pay fines, show they were current on their taxes, learn English and meet other tests, including waiting their turn behind immigrants legally in the U.S.

Critics say that would forgive years of lawbreaking and encourage future immigrants to come to the U.S. illegally in large numbers by working in this country for a set time, said Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga. "Everyone agrees on two points," he added. "No. 1, they agree it was amnesty; No. 2, they agree it was a complete and total failure."

A second Southern conservative, Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, said the measure includes four separate amnesty provisions. "It should be called 'no illegal alien left behind,'" said Sessions, whose detailed criticism has been one of the main elements of the first few days of debate.

The highest-decibel clash so far has been among Republicans, at a time when Bush issues near-daily pleas for lawmakers to conduct a dignified debate on an issue of such importance to the fast-growing Hispanic voting population.



People gather at a rally at the steps of the State Capitol on Saturday in Oklahoma City.

In the House, more than a dozen conservative Republicans warned repeatedly at a news conference their party could disaster at the polls if they embrace amnesty. "Many of those who have stood for the Republican Party for the last decade are not only angry. They will be absent in November when it comes time to vote," said Rep. J.D. Hayworth of Arizona.

Democrats fear a political trap in which they will be forced to choose between measures making the borders more secure and cracking down on immigrants.

"The president has a moral obligation to rein in the right-wing extremists in his party and stop this divisive rhetoric about immigrants," says Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Democrats must decide whether to seek a compromise that would allow Republicans to claim a legislative achievement and raise their standing with the public before the midterm congressional elections.

The most difficult issue probably will revolve around the conditions under which illegal

immigrants may apply for citizenship.

Some lawmakers want an application, one they may have been in the U.S. for years, to return to his home country first. If so, for how long? What happens to any family members? For example, children born in the United States are already citizens.

The stricter the terms, the assumption is that fewer individuals will step forward, thus defeating one of the bill's major purposes.

The more lenient the terms, the more senators may find it difficult to rebut the amnesty charge.

"People don't want to be associated with something that is unpopular" such as amnesty, said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who supported the legislation in committee.

He spoke not long after House members of his own party made their own feelings clear.

"Anybody that votes for an amnesty bill deserves to be branded with a scarlet letter 'A,'" said Iowa Rep. Steve King, evoking the stern, swift judgment of the Puritans.

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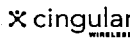
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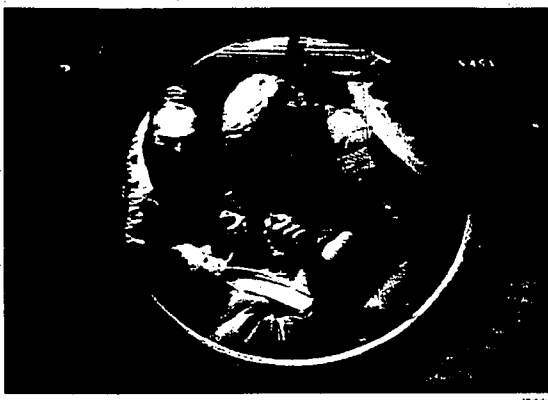
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NEW CREW IN PLACE



In this image provided by NASA TV, Commander Bill McArthur welcomes Commander Pavel Vinogradov aboard the International Space Station as Engineer Valery Tokarev looks on early Saturday.

Capsule docks with space station

KOROLIOV, Russia (AP) — Brazil's first man in space floated into the international space station with his country's flag and a beaming smile Saturday, accompanied by his Russian and American crewmates as applause and tears broke out at Mission Control.

American Jeffrey Williams, Russian Pavel Vinogradov and Brazilian Marcos C. Pontes entered the station after a cramped two-day journey in a Russian-built Soyuz capsule.

"This is the international space station," a Mission Control announcer intoned after the air locks opened and the crew greeted the two men who have occupied the station for the first time since Saturday.

The train does not go any further, please leave the cars, he said, imitating the announcement made at the end of each line on the Moscow subway system.

Dozens of officials from all three countries fell into hushed silence at Russia's Mission Control Center in Korolyov, outside Moscow, as the capsule neared the station, then began applauding when

contact was made.

The TM-8 capsule, which blasted off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Thursday, latched on to the station some 250 miles above the Earth Saturday morning, guided into place automatically by computers.

Vinogradov and Williams will replace the current crew for six months on the orbiting station, while Pontes will return to Earth on April 9.

"It's certainly a treat," said American William McArthur who, along with Russian Valery Tokarev, has been on the station since October. "It seems like it was just a week ago that Jeff and I were training together at the same center."

McArthur and Tokarev will return to Earth with Pontes. Floating into the station's main compartment, Pontes greeted and quickly unzipped a Brazilian flag.

He also brought a Brazil soccer jersey, hoping it would bring his national team victory in this summer's World Cup.

A 43-year-old father of two whose interests range from weightlifting to watercolor

painting, Pontes is a Brazilian Air Force lieutenant colonel who has logged over 1,900 flight hours in more than 20 different aircraft, including both American and Russian-made fighter jets.

"I think it's safe now to call him a cosmonaut," said Nikolai Sevastyanov, the head of the state-controlled RKK Energia company that built the Soyuz craft.

"Until the very moment that he returns to Earth, all Brazilians will be following him in their hearts," said Faldomado Mussi, a Brazilian space agency official who monitored the docking at Mission Control.

Williams' wife, Anna-Marie, dabbed at her eyes, clasped her hands and waved at the live images being broadcast from the station as the crews met and spoke with ground controllers.

"Now that they're here, I feel much better," she said.

The new station crew plans to carry out at least one space walk and more than 65 scientific experiments during their six-month mission, including some to test human reaction to prolonged space travel.

Victims of African despots hope Taylor case sets new precedent

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — A former Chadian military leader accused in the deaths and torture of thousands of opponents lives in this pleasant seaside capital. An infamous Eritrean dictator has a haven in Zimbabwe. Uganda's Idi Amin, perhaps the most notorious of all, died peacefully in his place of refuge, Saudi Arabia.

"When Africans play 'Where are they now?' the answer is rarely 'facing justice.' But that may be changing."



Nigeria's President Olusgun Obasanjo, left, shares a word with rock musician Bono during a meeting entitled 'Heart Steps for Africa' at the World Economic Forum on Jan. 27 in Davos, Switzerland.

together, fearing they could be next to go on trial.

Mengistu Haile Mariam of Ethiopia is blamed for the killing of hundreds of students, intellectuals and politicians during the "Red Terror" against supposed enemies of his Soviet-backed military dictatorship. He fled a rebellion in 1991 and was taken in by the authoritarian regime of Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe. His army had helped train Mugabe's guerrillas in their struggle for independence from white rule.

Mengistu was charged in Ethiopia with crimes against humanity, but Zimbabwe refused to extradite him.

Kenneth Kaunda, Zambia's then-president, cited shared history as anti-colonialists when he granted refuge to Uganda's Milton Obote. Obote had come to power by ousting Amin, and is himself blamed by the current Ugandan current government for more than 500,000 deaths from his anti-political policies in the early 1980s.

Then there's Sudan's Darfur region, which the United Nations has described as the world's gravest humanitarian crisis. Along with tens of thousands of dead, more than 2 million people have been displaced by fighting between ethnic African tribes and the Arab-dominated government and militias it backs.

Hopes have been raised by the case of Charles Taylor, the former Liberian president accused of greed and savagery extraordinary even for a continent that has known some of the worst tyrants of modern times. He was extradited Wednesday to face crimes against humanity charges at a U.N.-supported Special Court for his role in fomenting civil wars in Sierra Leone.

Taylor's case warns African leaders to be very careful how they are governing their people," said Sierra Leonean civil rights activist Abdul Gillee.

Taylor fled to Nigeria in 2003 as part of a deal to end the civil war in Liberia, which he had financed with his trafficking in Sierra Leone's diamonds. Last week Nigeria, under pressure from the U.S. and others, said it would hand him over to the U.N. court. He tried to flee and was recaptured early Wednesday, reportedly with two 110-pound sacks of dollars and euros.

The arrest set the precedent that leaders accused of atrocities "must be judged," said Ismail Hachimi, head of a Chadian group working to put their former dictator, Hissene Habre, on trial in Belgium.

Belgium, whose laws empower it to try crimes against humanity wherever they are committed, issued an international arrest warrant for Habre last year, though his Senegalese hosts have resisted pressure to extradite him to Belgium.

Habre was ousted by rebels and fled in 1990. Two years later a commission in Chad accused his regime of 40,000 political

Plane crash kills 19

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A plane carrying 19 people crashed in a mountainous region outside Rio de Janeiro, killing everyone aboard, civil defense officials said Saturday.

The LET 410 double-propeller plane operated by the local airline TEAM went missing Friday night about 20 minutes after leaving the city of Macaé, 110 miles east of Rio de Janeiro, at 5:15 p.m., said Roni Alberto de Azevedo, a spokesman with the Rio de Janeiro State Civil Defense Department.

The plane carrying 17 passengers and two crew members was due to land in Rio less than an hour later.

Rescue workers found the plane's wreckage near Saquarema, some 60 miles east of Rio, nearly 40 hours after it disappeared from radar screens. The aircraft apparently exploded on impact, authorities said.

Four employees from Brazil's state-owned energy company Petrosbras were among the victims, airline director David Farias said, adding that none were high-ranking officials.

The crash took place in a re-

note area and rescue teams had difficulty reaching the wreckage to retrieve the victims' bodies. Authorities said workers had to walk nearly three hours to get to the scene.

Officials set up a base in a small town near the crash site to coordinate the recovery efforts. Two helicopter teams were sent to the region to aid in the operation.

Victims' relatives were taken to a hotel to wait for more information from the airline, which operates short domestic flights in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

TEAM director Mauro Almeida said the company was providing all the necessary support to the victims' relatives.

Almeida said it was the airline's first accident since it began operating in 2001. He said the Brazilian pilot had about 30 years of experience and was a former air force pilot.

Local media said workers in the mountainous region between Macaé and Rio de Janeiro reported hearing an explosion after a plane flew very low overhead.

Officials: Capsized boat did not have license to sail

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Some worried passengers left a traditional dhow-turned-cruise boat because it was swaying precariously even before it left dock on a cruise that ended with the vessel flipping over, drowning 57 people, a British survivor said Saturday.

The dhow, an ancient form of sailboat used in the Gulf, had a permit only for use as a floating restaurant, not for passenger cruises, an Interior Ministry spokesman said. He also said the boat's captain, who has been detained for questioning, was not licensed to pilot the craft.

"According to coast guard records and the Tourism Board, the boat was registered as a floating boat but not as a cruise

er permitted to sail," ministry spokesman Col. Tariq al-Hassan said.

The owner had applied for a sailing permit but it had not yet been granted, he said.

The dead from Thursday night's accident included 21 Indians and 15 Britons.

CORRECTION FOR THIS WEEK'S SALE CIRCULAR

The prices of the hollow mold handles offered on page 21 of this week's circular is incorrect. The Top Tail Bunny pictured is a sale of 2/15, however the other two handles shown are sale price of \$4.29 each. We apologize for this error.

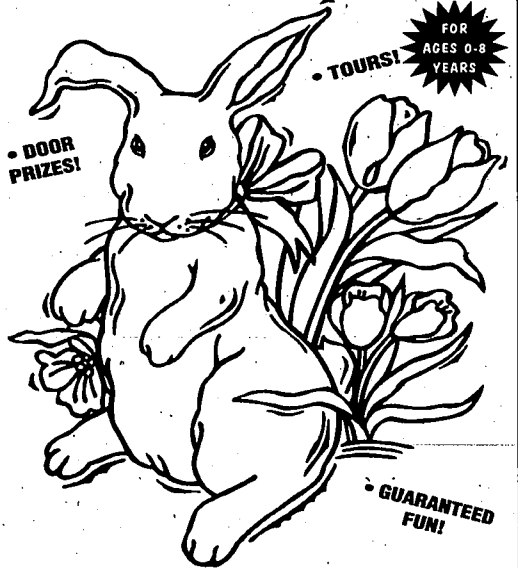
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Samaritans arrested after helping ailing illegal immigrants

April trial set for pair charged with felonies

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Emil Hidalgo-Solis couldn't stop throwing up. His diarrhea was bloody. His feet blistered. He had staggered through the desert, stumbled across the border, gulped contaminated water from a slimy cattle trough.

On this scorching day — in the hottest July in local history — Hidalgo-Solis seemed doomed to be among hundreds who died trying to enter the United States from Mexico last year.

He collapsed in a ditch. He and two others among the 10 immigrants could go no farther.

Then, from nowhere, a truck appeared. On its side, in big letters, was the word "Samaritan."

Inside were members of a faith-based group called No More Deaths, offering water, food and a ride to a doctor. They took the three to a makeshift camp, and then set out for a church where a doctor and a nurse would meet them.

Daniel Strauss was at the wheel of the old Subaru GL wagon, with Shantl Selz beside him. The air conditioner cooled the car as they rode in silence. One of the men offered to lead. "We told them no, please sit up straight and buckle your seat belt," Selz recalls.

But then, Strauss looked back and saw that they were being followed by a Border Patrol vehicle. The officers trailed them for maybe 13 miles before pulling them over; they stopped, shutting down their engine and letting the heat outside creep in.

Strauss gazed at his three passengers, covering in the tattered black clothes they had hoped would help them evade detection.

"There was nothing we can do for you, the volunteers said — you are going to be arrested. We had warned them before they got evacuated what the rules were, and that we couldn't hide them in any way," Strauss says. "We did our best to try to tell them it was going to be all right, but we didn't know if it would."

The officer asked, "Are your three passengers illegal?" "I don't know," Strauss said.

Then, Selz recalls, the officer poked his head into the car and asked the passengers, "Do you guys speak English?" "No one answered."

"The officer turned to us and said, 'Those guys are illegal and you know it.'"

"Two more Border Patrol vehicles arrived. They arrested Hidalgo-Solis and his companions."

But they also arrested Strauss and Selz.

"Are you really arresting me?"

Selz recalls asking, in amazement, "I know you guys are good people but what you're doing is illegal," she was told.

In Washington, senators are engaged in a bitter debate over immigration reform; the House of Representatives has already passed a bill that would set penalties for anyone who knowingly assists or encourages illegal immigrants to remain here.

What these lawmakers decide, from the cozy, marble halls of Capitol Hill, is a matter of life and death to people like Emil Hidalgo-Solis, thousands of miles away.

And it is a matter of high import to so many others. When Hidalgo-Solis stumbled through the Sonora desert last summer, he stumbled into a strange dance: a "hill" hearing.

Marked with huge red crosses, volunteers in cars delivered tanks of water to supply posts marked with 30-foot blue poles; border patrol agents stalked an migrant after migrant, chasing them out of the bushes and arroyos, scattering them about on what has become the most deadly trail into this country.

Amid the GL monsters and towering saguaro arse fundametal issues this nation is now struggling to resolve: security and terrorism, labor demand and globalism, the teachings of Jesus to be merciful and the language of federal law, which by its very nature must serve as a gatekeeper for the nation's border.

In November, President Bush went to Tucson to pitch his own proposed immigration reforms, which among other things would beef up laws to prosecute those who help illegal immigrants.

He said the United States "has always been a compassionate nation that values the newcomer and takes great pride in our immigrant heritage," but illegal immigrants were violating U.S. law. "The American people should not have to choose between a welcoming society and a lawful society. We can have both at the same time."

Selz and Strauss are testing that thesis. They are slated to go to trial on April 25 on felony charges of knowingly and intentionally conspiring to transport an illegal alien, and with transporting an illegal alien, knowing and being in receipt of the fact that he had come to entered and remained in the U.S. in violation of law.

If convicted, they could face

up to 15 years in federal prison. They have declined two different plea offers, one that came just a week after their arrests, that would have wiped their records clean in exchange for a no-convict plea. They insist that in transporting sick people, they were not in any way breaking the law.

"Humanitarian work needs to be applauded, not prosecuted," says Strauss.

This is not the first time that the border has seen this kind of conflict. In 1987, the Southside Presbyterian Church in Pima County declared itself a sanctuary for Central American refugees. Other churches across the country — Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish, Quaker and Mennonite — joined the effort, providing transportation, housing, food and clothes to Salvadorans and

Guatemalans fleeing persecution.

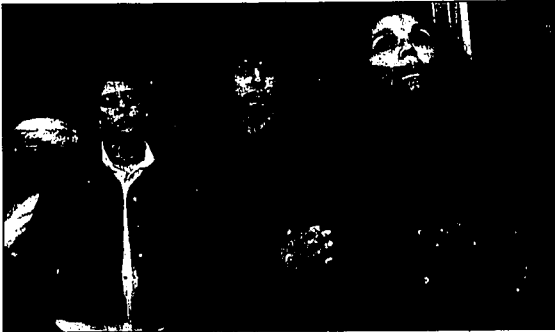
Justice Department soon stepped in. Sanctuary members argued that they were legally and morally obliged to help people fleeing persecution and death squads. They said they were following their religious convictions and that the refugees deserved political asylum. Even the prosecutor conceded that the immigrants were simply seeking jobs.

But in May 1988, after a six-month trial, eight Sanctuary members were convicted of conspiracy or other charges involving illegal entry of aliens. All received probation.

"We were seeing increasing numbers of people dying in our desert. We asked ourselves, 'What's our responsibility as people of faith?'" says Presbyterian Pastor John Fife, who was among those convicted in 1988. In 2005, two records were broken: 1.2 million people were arrested trying to cross the border, up from 1.16 million in 2004; and 415 people perished trying to make that crossing, far higher than the previous year's total of 330 and surpassing the high mark of 383 set in 2000.

Almost half of the arrests and deaths were in the Tucson region, south of Arizona, in the Sonora Desert where Selz and Strauss found Hidalgo-Solis.

The region became the busiest migrant corridor after



Shantl Selz, at left in denim jacket, and Daniel Strauss, center, listen to Isabe Garcia, an immigration attorney and Arizona Human Rights Coalition president, during a news conference after they left a hearing at federal court in Tucson, Ariz., on Jan. 5. Strauss and Selz are trying to have charges that they transported illegal aliens dismissed.

the federal government launched border crackdowns in 1993 and 1994, erecting a steel wall made of surplus Navy landing mats, adding patrollers and installing lights and motion sensors south of San Diego for Operation Gatekeeper, and instituting Operation Hold The Line, a 20-mile blockade of agents along the border between El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez.

The programs didn't reduce the flow of illegal immigrants, but it did force migrants and smugglers to avoid the border and cross inland through more dangerous, sparsely populated highlands and deserts.

"While migrants have always faced danger crossing the border and many died before INS began its strategy has resulted in an increase in deaths from exposure to either heat or cold," said the Government Accounting Office in 2001, citing Border Patrol data.

In 2000, volunteers from about a dozen congregations including Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Quakers and United Church of Christ, founded Humane Borders to try to reduce these deaths.

They set up water stations, more than 70 large blue tanks tipped with tall flags, and persuaded Border Patrol chiefs to not stake them out. A series of other programs soon began, including posters and handout maps of the region, medical centers and search teams.

Even local government has chipped in, providing annual grants of \$25,000 to Humane Borders.

"It is a humanitarian issue where you have to draw on your own religious beliefs to prevent death," said Pima County Supervisor Richard El Nicheyly warned organizers

that his agents might keep watch over their aid camps, and that if they transported people they risked arrest, Fife said.

If the volunteers' true intention is humanitarian, an agent will be in shouting distance" — which would be the most effective way to get emergency medical care for an ill immigrant, Nicheyly said.

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And so they were shocked to find themselves locked in cells for two days last July.

Selz — a 23-year-old former Americorps volunteer who has interned with an ecological preserve in Ecuador and worked in food co-ops — grows very worried when she considers the prospect of 15 years in federal prison.

Daniel Strauss, 24 and newly married, is more sanguine. When he was in college, he visited the U.S.-Mexico border as part of a sociology course on immigration. "I saw how hard of a life it was for them, to make a living, to be with their families."

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Spanish-language television news broadcasts so frequently that he's often recognized at the immigrant center where he works in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Both say regardless of the consequences, they intend to return to the Arizona next summer, and resume their work with No More Deaths.

"I do not, in no way, think what we're doing is wrong," says Selz.

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'SHALL WE DIE TOGETHER?'



Tsuru Kimura, 80, stands at the scene, March 17, where a van in which six bodies, five men and one woman in their 20s who apparently committed a group suicide, were discovered on March 10 in Chichibu, in the suburbs of Tokyo.



This Dec. 2005 photo provided by the National Park Service shows National Park Service fisheries biologist Jeff Miller examining the coral reef in the Buck Island Reef National Monument in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Caribbean coral suffers record bleaching, death

By Seth Eorenstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A one-two punch of bleaching from record hot water followed by disease has killed ancient and delicate coral in the biggest loss of reefs scientists have ever seen in Caribbean waters.

Researchers from around the globe are scrambling to figure out the extent of the loss. Early conservative estimates from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands find that about one-third of the coral in official monitoring sites has recently died.

Some experts warn the crack-down will drive suicidal people to use more obscure or overseas Internet providers, which are almost impossible to regulate. Others argue the sites, by allowing suicidal people to share their concerns, prevent more deaths than they facilitate.

Other experts suggest the Internet are influenced by a traditional reverence of suicide. In feudal Japan, ritual suicide was considered an honorable death under the samurai warrior ethic "Chushingun," a saga about 47 loyal samurai who avenged their master's death and their committed mass suicide in 18th century Japan, has been made into countless movies and TV dramas.

touted as possible sources for new medicines.

If coral reefs die "you lose the goose with golden eggs" that are key parts of small island economies, said Edwin Hernandez-Delgado, a University of Puerto Rico biology researcher. On Sunday, Hernandez-Delgado found a colony of 800-year-old star coral — more than 13 feet high — that had just died in the waters off Puerto Rico.

"We did lose entire colonies," he said. "This is something we have never seen before."

On Wednesday, Tyler Smith, coordinator of the U.S. Virgin Islands Coral Reef Monitoring Program, dived at a popular spot for tourists in St. Thomas and saw an old chunk of brain coral, about 3 feet in diameter, that was at least 90 percent dead from the disease called "white plague."

"We haven't seen an event of this magnitude in the Caribbean before," said Mark Eakin, coordinator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coral Reef Watch.

The Caribbean is actually better off than areas of the Indian and Pacific ocean where mortality rates — mostly from warming waters — have been in the 90 percent range in past years, said Tom Goreau of the Global Coral Reef Alliance. Goreau called what's happening worldwide "an underwater holocaust."

Chat rooms foster Japanese suicide pacts

By Hiroko Tabuchi
Associated Press writer

CHICHIBU, Japan — The dirt is still black with charcoal on the mountain road where police found six bodies slumped inside a van, a stove still smoking inside — another in a spate of group suicides officials believe can be traced to the Internet.

Although few Web sites advertise themselves as suicide sites, a search for the words "shall we die together?" in Japanese turns up pages of links to chat rooms spilling over with death wishes and ideas on how best to commit suicide.

The five men and one woman, all in their 20s and from six different prefectures across Japan, likely met over the Internet before dying together in a forested area 50 miles northwest of Tokyo, authorities said.

"We sprinkled rice here to honor their spirits," said Tsuru Kimura, 80, pointing to the white grains on several spots blackened with charcoal on the dirt road. Her son alerted police to the van March 10 on a tip-off from a passer-by, she said.

"I still don't understand why they had to die. And in a place

like this?" Kimura said.

Internet suicide pacts have occurred since at least the late 1990s in a number of countries, but they have been most common in Japan, where the suicide rate is among the industrialized world's highest.

A record 91 people died in 34 Internet-linked suicide cases last year, up from 55 people in 19 cases in 2004, according to the latest figures from the National Police Agency. The number of Internet suicide pacts has almost tripled from 2003, when the agency started keeping records.

In March alone, at least 18 people have died in five separate cases of suspected Internet-linked group suicides in Japan — including three found dead Tuesday in western Japan.

In all those cases, the victims suffocated themselves inside cars using charcoal stoves, often sealing the windows with tape. Most of the dead have been in their 20s and 30s.

"Youngsters find that on Internet chat sites, they can talk about the most intimate of issues with total strangers — including vague notions of wanting to die," says Mafumi

Usui, a psychology professor at Niigata Seiryu University.

"Most of them aren't serious (about killing themselves). But say one chat participant starts suggesting concrete plans... That's when the Internet can encourage suicide," Usui said.

A chat room entry dated Feb. 9 and signed by a participant who identified herself as AQUOS reads: "I live in Kyushu, and I have everything ready except a car."

"I'm willing to go anywhere to die. I don't want to fail — I want to die with certainty," another chat room participant, Hana, replied two days later. There are no further entries from the two.

Alarmed politicians have suggested suicide sites be regulated or shut down.

Last October, police launched an online crackdown with the cooperation of Internet service providers, urging them to report to police the name and address of anyone who appeared to be considering suicide. Since then, authorities have intervened in 12 cases, preventing 14 people from killing themselves, national police said last month.

But Yoshikuni Masuyama, an official at the IT crimes unit of the National Police Agency, had

trouble explaining the recent surge in Internet-linked deaths.

"We're baffled," Masuyama said. "We still hope police intervention will have some effect. But of course, it's difficult to prevent all cases."

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EDITORIAL

Idahoans must use coal-plant moratorium to decide state's future

Mark your calendars. A committee of volunteers for the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce will host a forum at 7 p.m. April 27 at the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen Building. Topic: Addressing Idaho's energy needs in the years to come.

Our view: Now is not the time to stop discussing energy issues in Idaho simply because Sempra Generation withdrew its plans for a coal-fired power plant near Jerome.

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

spanned more than six hours, and then came home — a long day, by any standard. But their work isn't finished and no one should celebrate this apparent victory for too long. The simple fact is that Idaho needs more energy. That's what comes with all of those new residents and the growth that is shaking Idaho one of the nation's fastest-growing states. Clearly, a majority of southern Idahoans don't like the idea of a coal-fired

plant generating that power in the Magic Valley. But if it doesn't come from coal, it has to come from somewhere. Are we going to want a nuclear plant in Idaho? Do we want to expand our capacity for hydroelectric power by building another dam?

In an interim committee of the Legislature is expected to begin studying energy issues later this month. If Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signs the moratorium bill, the interim committee will attend. Organizers say there will be ongoing dialogue and additional forums if enough people are willing to continue the fight that was started as an effort to stop Sempra. They hope, as we do, a majority of Magic Valley residents won't simply rest on their laurels until the next out-of-state power company comes along.

How to meet Idaho's future energy needs will be addressed also at the chamber's energy forum later this month. Officials from Idaho Power and the state Public Utilities Commission are expected to attend. Organizers say there will be ongoing dialogue and additional forums if enough people are willing to continue the fight that was started as an effort to stop Sempra. They hope, as we do, a majority of Magic Valley residents won't simply rest on their laurels until the next out-of-state power company comes along.

Immigration leniency backfires



JAMES P. PINKERTON

At the heart of the immigration debate is the basic issue of the social contract between the governed and the government. The government has broken its side of the contract; now the governed will have to step up and force a solution.

So our bipartisan betters — President Bush and Sens. Hillary Clinton, John McCain and Edward Kennedy — are about to get a lesson in the power of small "d" democracy. And all those marchers, parading through downtown Los Angeles chanting mostly in Spanish and carrying many of them, Mexican flags — they are about to get the same lesson.

For the past four decades, the government has pursued an open-border vision of jobism and welfare. At the frontier the cops looked the other way — if there were any cops. In the cities, governments developed elaborate schemes for welfare benefits, racial quotas and bilingualism. In the heartland new immigrants changed the traditional rhythms of small town and rural life, pushing in Spanish and pushing down wages.

At every turn, pro-immigration propagandists banished

honest words such as "illegal" and "alien," substituting instead such bland euphemisms as "undocumented" and "migrant." Finally, every so often the politicians would engineer an "amnesty," and they would promise that such forgiveness for law-breaking was a one-shot deal — even as, of course, they prepared for the next amnesty, perhaps under a new guise, such as "guest worker" program.

Those who complained about these trends were dismissed as nativists or racists. And not just by the liberal media. The Wall Street Journal editorial page campaigned for years on behalf of a constitutional amendment reading, "There shall be open borders." In the minds of many capitalists-utopians, an open world would be a peaceful world, as free markets clobbered the real enemy: big government.

Well, 9/11 ended that reverie. The attack reminded us that we need the state to do its constitutional duty: "provide for the common defense." But as with any lumbering leviathan, change comes slowly. Five years into the war on terror, the people who spend tens of billions of dollars a year on "homeland security" haven't quite come to the conclusion that they really are, in fact, supposed to secure the homeland.

So it was discouraging, if not entirely surprising, to read the headline in Sunday's Denver Post: "Mexico is global turnstile to U.S." Not only is the number of people crossing the Southwestern border still rising, but the national origin of those border-crossers is changing, too. Hundreds of those recently apprehended have come from such troublesome countries as Iran, Iraq, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

But if we are catching these illegals, what's the problem? The answer, of course, is that we are not catching all of them, or even most of them. As of Bonner, president of the union that represents border patrol agents, told The Denver Post, "The borders remain out of

control." Since the stakes are so high, let's be honest here: Nations don't survive if their governments fail to guarantee the legal structure for a civil society. Immigrants might mostly want to work, but if the political system that receives them fails at the elementary functions of acculturation, then there's no hope for a multicultural future. Multiculturalism is fine. Ethnic and religious pride is fine. But multiculturalism, defined as a group's disdain for a country's dominant traditions and institutions — that's a proven formula for strife.

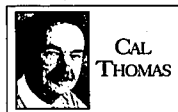
So if trends continue, there's a direct line from the open-border marchers in the United States to the ethnic separatists in France, Yugoslavia, Iraq and elsewhere.

These painful lessons, drawn from contemporary history, are so obvious that one must be truly isolated and insulated not to see them. And if our greatest leaders in Washington haven't gotten the message yet, well, that's probably their isolation and insulation.

But eventually they will come around — or come to grief at the ballot box. After all, the majority rules.

The French paying the price for socialism

What American despises that the French are doing is solving problems with their youth? Who among us laments that the snooty French, who look down their long noses at all things American (except when they need us to liberate them from their enemies and their own unwillingness to defend themselves), are paying the price for years of socialism? Surely they are delighted with our pro-illegal immigration demonstrations, so let us gloat over their current difficulties, as payback just for their being French.

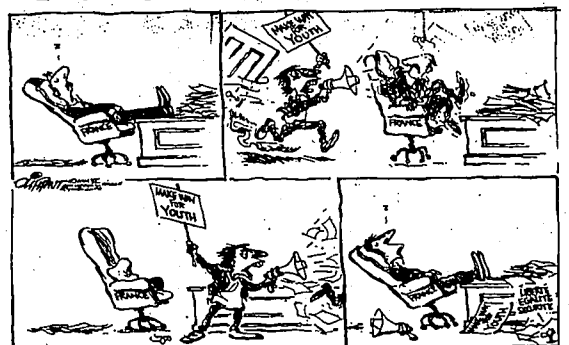


CAL THOMAS

The massive demonstrations throughout France have further undermined the weakened government of President Jacques Chirac. The government is trying to enforce the First Job Contract Law (CPE), which gives employers and job contracts are renewed during a two-year trial period, without prior warning and without having to give them an explanation.

French unemployment is 9.6 percent. For young people it is 20 percent. Chirac's government believes that by simplifying the old job-security contract (for French youth who are able to find a job), the youth employment picture will improve because the focus will shift from the job itself to the quality of the worker. A recent opinion poll indicates that nearly two-thirds of the French people oppose the CPE. That is probably due to the ideological grip socialism has on many French citizens and French culture.

Many believe that some of which turned violent and required riot police to put down, followed last year's riots by



Surely, they are delighting in our pro-illegal immigration demonstrations, so let us gloat over their current difficulties ...

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liberal tactics instead of using capitalist tools. As would be proved in other socialist states, a heavy government bureaucracy inhibits, restricts capital creation and leads the worker for the state or state-subsidized enterprise into a false sense of security. It also makes it more difficult for one to achieve independence and success, as part of an upwardly mobile career in a position that produces products and services consumers truly want and need. In a socialist society the reverse always occurs, resulting in despair, high unemployment, and riotous poverty and riots in the streets to protest the broken promises of the state.

Reuters quoted a French political analyst as predicting the government would eventually be forced to give in to the pressure, especially in view of the new poll indicating widespread opposition to the CPE.

Of course the French will surrender. They always do. Don't they? But surrender won't solve the problem. Capitalism — with its associated free market — will.

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More about Dave Bleak

Last Saturday's Idaho Falls Post Register contained an article on Dave Bleak, Medal of Honor recipient, and also Dave's obituary. Although well researched and providing a good job of chronicling Dave's military achievements and his post-military and civilian life accomplishments, the article omitted several pertinent facts about Dave Bleak.

The article didn't report that Dave was a longtime member of Coalition 21, the pro-nuclear environmental organization based in Idaho Falls. This membership was consistent with Dave's long career as a hot-cell technician for Argonne National Laboratory West. As one of Dave's co-workers, I can attest to his cheerful on-the-job competence in nuclear technology as well as his sense of humor. For a time, when he raised some ducks on his farm near Moore, he quietly endured the many gibes he received as being a "duck farmer."

The article also didn't mention that Dave was one of the founders of the Upper Snake River Prehistoric Society, a group of enthusiastic amateur archeologists, which is where I first met Dave in about 1968. Under the academic supervision of Idaho State University professors of archeology and anthropology, Dave and the others members of the USRPS participated in many archeological "digs" in southeast Idaho. Some of the results of the USRPS's important field research can be found in the Idaho Museum of Natural History located on the ISU campus.

Anybody who ever met Dave had to be impressed by him, and he will be missed by all. MARTIN HUEBNER Sun Valley

LETTERS

Change for letters

The Times-News is revising its policy for letters to the editor. Starting on Saturday, all letters received must be 300 words or less. All letters will continue to follow our traditional guidelines and requirements, including name, address and phone number, to verify the authenticity. All letters are subject to review and editing for their content. Letter writers are allowed to submit one item per calendar month.

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Math and science important to our future
The National Academy of Science has warned the nation that we are losing our dominance in science and math. We must change this scenario if we are to maintain our position as a world leader in the scientific community.

In the late 1950s, Sputnik was launched by the Russians, which changed the nation's priorities from a passive science curriculum to a proactive curriculum. Leading scientists developed new curriculum based on "doing" science and math. With this effort, the National Science Foundation established stipends for teachers in our nation's schools. There were summer and yearly institutes in universities across the nation. I spent 14 summers in these institutes, both as a

student and as a pilot teacher for this new approach in teaching science.

In many of the science texts I have observed, students are required to read, memorize, and answer questions imbedded in the text and then perform a standard test. Why don't we do the lab experience first before reading the text? Science is based on experiments. Let the students enjoy the thrill of discovery, then post the data that they receive. This approach allows the students to analyze the data using their math skills and allows the students to develop a hypothesis of the results. We are teaching the students how to think and not what to think. The State Board of Education is proposing to add three years of science in the first four years of math to our secondary curriculum. Our kindergarten through

eight-grade students must be addressed with a curriculum that is based on inquiry in physical science. Workshops in each school district would be possible at a nominal cost, and the equipment can be purchased locally.

The state board, by supporting this program, would broaden its base and increase its high school level of interest in math and science. I know that the inquiry approach works, and to see the enthusiasm young students has a joy to watch. For further information, see www.aac.org, the American Chemical Society. CHARLES ROBERT HUMPHRIES Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Charles Humphries was Idaho Teacher of the Year in 1972. He received the 1983 Presidential Award of Honor Science.)

Immigration rallies echo civil rights marches

BERNARDO RUIZ

A new civil rights movement is upon us. Like the protesters of the 1960s, those in favor of immigrant rights have rediscovered the power of peaceful protest.

The hundreds of thousands of people who marched at these rallies — in such cities as Los Angeles, Chicago, Milwaukee and Washington — sent an unmistakable message. They will not allow others to scapegoat them or turn them into felons. They will not allow employers to profit off their cheap labor while getting nothing in return but a low wage and a ticket out of the country.

What galvanized demonstrators was a cruel House bill passed in December that would make undocumented immigrants, as well as religious and other aid groups offering their humanitarian assistance — felons. The 1st Sen. from Idaho authorized the building of a 700-mile wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

But on March 27, the Senate rejected the bill with a more reasoned approach, and voted to eliminate the felony

provisions and added paths to future citizenship.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the turnouts in the hundreds of thousands helped drum up support for the amendments.

He and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., are proposing a bill that would allow undocumented immigrants to become eligible for permanent residency after working in the United States for six years. Although this proposal still must be submitted to a full vote in the Senate, it would be a good first step toward reforming an outdated immigration policy.

Immigrants are not the problem. They are crucial part of our economy and our social fabric. By offering those who are in our country and working hard to contribute to our society an opportunity to come out of the shadows, we will only strengthen our country.

The demonstrations show that a large number of Ameri-

cans appreciate the positive contributions of the 12 million undocumented immigrants in this country. And they show that Latinos and their allies have political clout that legislators must reckon with.

As the largest minority in the United States, Latinos have, up until now, allowed a vocal anti-immigrant contingent to seize the debate on immigration. But just as the civil rights movement did decades before, the recent marches show policy-makers that those who have long been denied their rights will ultimately take action to secure them.

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LETTERS

Deregulation would raise energy costs

I refer to a letter to the editor by Troy Slotten in the March 17 Times-News, Twin Falls, Idaho. As a Sempra employee, I am a power hater. Thanks to Mr. Slotten, I'm able to focus on the Sempra issue with much more understanding.

Idaho has only been regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which would guarantee that Sempra operates, via Idaho Valley Energy, sell the electricity generated in Idaho to the highest bidder. At first, there would be rate caps for its Idaho people. In Montana, one cap lifted three years ago caused electricity rates to go up nearly 30 percent.

It will mean higher costs for energy consumers. We must not lose our public utility regulatory system in Idaho. Eventually, Idaho Power will be neutered with a regulation that says "buy or offer" they couldn't refuse. Where have I heard that line before?

SCOTT OVERACRE
Kimberly

President missed chance to make good

With his recent budget proposal, the president missed his last opportunity to make good on the No Child Left Behind Act's promise of increased funding for after-school programs.

No Child Left Behind laid out a road map of modest but steady funding increases for the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers after-school initiative. Had it been followed, after-school programs would receive \$2.5 billion in 2007 to help keep our kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. These federal dollars serve as a much-needed catalyst for additional public and private investments and partnerships to support after-school programs.

But Congress and the president have neglected that road map, and now the president is requesting funds that will serve 1.5 million fewer children than what No Child Left Behind calls for next year. Our kids and communities suffer when we shortchange after-school. Already, more than 14 million K-12 students take care of themselves after the school day ends, including almost 4 million middle school students. Too many become involved in gangs, crime, drugs and alcohol, and sexual health problems after school programs help solve.

It's up to Congress to make sure the budget sent to the pres-

ident gives kids the safe, enriching environment needed by funding after-school. But it's up to all of us to make sure Congress knows how much our communities need more quality after-school programs.

KALEN WRIGHT

Buhl
(Editor's note: Kalen Wright is the director for the 21st Century Community Learning Center and After-school grant for the Buhl School District. Other such directors signing the letter are Angie Jones, Gooding School District; Linda Reese, Kimberly School District; Dave Alkams, Minidoka School District; Noell Key, Twin Falls School District; Ron Kline, Valley School District.)

Camas County future under review

The future of Camas County is about to be decided through a series of public hearings which will determine the outcome of a new comprehensive plan and new zoning including 10 new zoning districts, plus new zoning ordinances, which will be applied through out Camas County.

The future growth, expansion patterns, infrastructure, open spaces and many other impacts will be determined by the input of the local Camas County residents that attend the public meetings this next month. A zoning moratorium is currently in place but will expire in the very near future, which will allow developers to apply for rezones under the old guidelines should the new comprehensive plan not be adopted in time.

Under the proposed plan and zoning maps, thousands of acres will be immediately rezoned without any need for the rezoning process as required in the past. This will change the landscape of our county and it is imperative that the residents of Camas County let their questions, desires and concerns be heard at these meetings, or the future of the county will be decided by the few who attend.

Camas County has less than one person per square mile and currently has the smallest population of any county in the state of Idaho, so your participation will make a difference.

With land prices in Blaine County going through the roof, additional pressure could stress our county's resources to the max in the very near future. Additionally, with the recent announcement by Mary Ann Mix regarding the expansion of Bruce Willis's Soldier Mountain Ski Resort, the population and growth status could change

dramatically in the coming year.

Information regarding the proposed changes can be reviewed at www.CamasCountyIdaho.com.

The first public hearing is scheduled on April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center in downtown Fairfield. Additional information can be obtained at the Camas County Courthouse Annexation Building in Fairfield regarding any and all proposed changes. I invite all those that live or own property in Camas County to attend this meeting as the landscape as we currently know it is about to change.

GEORGE MARTIN
Fairfield

Idaho Power should not control water

Giving the Idaho Power company control of the state's much-needed water is equivalent to flushing water down a toilet.

At a time when the state has an opportunity to recharge the much-depleted eastern Snake River aquifer, Idaho Power is mounting an all-out effort to block such a plan — a move that is driven by selfishness and greed.

Idaho Power executives admit that they are not opposed to recharge projects. They probably know that reservoirs and the aquifer will change the timing of water flow down the river. And we would hope that they already know that recharged water will eventually come back to the Snake River and will be available for future power generation at facilities downstream.

So, is this really about water or is it an issue of power, money and control? The answer is really quite simple. I believe the often-quoted phrase, "Show me the money" would be very appropriate in unveiling Idaho Power's underlying motive.

It is our understanding that the state was working on a pilot project for aquifer recharge before HB-800 was introduced — an arrangement that would have paid Idaho Power \$1.6 million for water the company does not even own. Here again, we see why it opposed HB-800 so vehemently. It all really comes down to money.

HB-800 opponents would have given back the state's right to divert excess water flowing out of Idaho into the underground aquifers, ultimately offsetting the effects of low-water years. Such a move would have improved aquifer levels and help river and spring flows. This bill also tried to set a

precedent for future aquifer recharge projects in the Thousand Valley and Mountain Home areas.

KEITH ESPLIN
Blackfoot
(Editor's note: Keith Espin is the executive director for the Potato Growers of Idaho.)

Of wildlife, the bridge and taxes for schools

First off, I wish to give kudos to Dona Mias of Rupert (March 26), as I agree wholeheartedly with her about the wolves, cougars, etc. If the human population would stop trespassing into the yards of our neighbors, they would probably leave us alone.

Chances are we wouldn't even see them! It is very true that our animal friends were here first. Yes, Twin Falls, you have

had a deer or two, and even a moose come into your city limits, but that is a very rare occasion.

On the "who the taxpayer is problem" — yes, high school students pay taxes through their income and what they buy in the form of sales tax, but do they really own? Property owners are the only ones that should be able to vote on property taxes — not the people who live in homes but the owners. This means that young adults in school (and still living at home) and people who rent from someone else should not be allowed to vote on school bonds or the other property tax issues.

Now for the new bridge that is apparently not going to be for a while. This is a sad, sad situation. Almost everyone in and around Twin Falls knows

that we have more traffic than we can (almost) handle. A new bridge due north of the Highway 93-30 junction and the western exit of the interstate 84 at Jerome (which is a straight shot) would sure help many people, including truckers. They could avoid Twin Falls' more congested traffic. Twin Falls would not suffer any damage if the traffic were to bypass our city limits. We would just benefit with those of us who are driving the city to have more room and maybe even fewer accidents.

As for money to build the bridge, why not make it a toll bridge? Most people would gladly pay a reasonable toll instead of driving the long way around or through the mess of Twin Falls traffic.

WANDA SANDERS
Twin Falls

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And don't forget our Women's Day Out event at the Anderson Lumber Building in Twin Falls from 10am-4pm on April 27th. Make a day of it!

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HEY! Dan Adamson is Running For Governor of Idaho

Idaho Power Company has been tearing up the air-waves and the U.S. Postal Service telling Idahoans that the Re-charge of the Snake River Aquifer, Idaho House Bill 800, is NOT in the public's best interest. This position that Idaho Power is taking is a combination of the "little pig theory" and the story regarding the "Goose that laid the Golden Egg."

The Goose is the extremely valuable Snake River Aquifer that has for decades been supplying an extremely valuable source of water to all of Southern Idaho. Idaho Power has received all of or at least most of the Golden Eggs from the Aquifer (the water and the profits from selling electricity to our irrigating farmers). Now the Goose is dying and Idaho Power says, "so what?"

Now the little pig theory! If it doesn't benefit Idaho Power Stockholders then let the goose that is about to stop laying golden eggs for Idaho DIE! No, stop interfering with what's for Idaho first because it doesn't immediately benefit you. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

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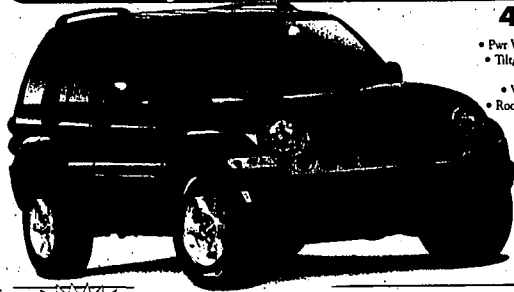
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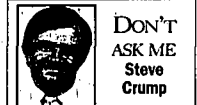
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Battle of sexes isn't a fair fight

Guys are completely guileless. We wander through life like someone who left his car keys in his other pants. That's because we always do. Oh sure, there may be men who fancy themselves as devils, but they always get busted sooner or later — and usually by a woman. Did Charles Kuralt really think he could get away with having one family in New Jersey and another in Montana? Our gender's motto ought to be what real estate huckster Ricky Roma tells a fellow salesman in David Mamet's play "Glengarry Glen Ross": "Always tell the truth, George. It's the easiest thing to remember." Case in point: receipts.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

In this age of the debit card, we get receipts any time we spend money, and being guys, we stuff them all into the pockets of our jeans. The next morning, we see all the pennies and paper out of our pockets and leave them on the dresser.

So not only does your wife know what you've spent, but when you spend it and what you bought.

They're damn near all-hip-proof. When I purchased Victoria's engagement ring, I left the receipt on the bathroom counter, affording her ample opportunity to see what was coming three weeks before she got the diamond.

Same thing has happened subsequently with nearly every Christmas and birthday present I've given her. Victoria has better manners than to do so, but she'd be well within her rights to ask one Christmas morning, "How come you spent more on your electric socks than on my bathrobe?" In the interest of involving the playing field, I think wives and girlfriends should take a vow to avert their eyes whenever they find a receipt lying on the counter. It's obvious by now that it's something we'd rather they not see?

We men are scatterbrained, by and large, or at least not focused enough to be let out of the house on our own.

My uncle, a farmer in eastern Idaho, went to Reno, Nev., one time. He won \$1,500 at keno and was keen to tell his wife about his good fortune and to show her a copy of the winning ticket.

She was sitting in their car out in the parking lot at the time. With the keno ticket clutched in one fist and the wad of cash in the other, my uncle had to free up a hand in order to open the car door.

So he laid the cash on the floor of the car just as a Sierra Nevada zephyr blew past. Somebody in Nevada got a little richer that day, but it wasn't my uncle.

I was a retired college professor — he has a doctorate in history — who has not once but twice backed his car out of the garage without first opening the garage door. Hey, he was thinking about something else.

You could say as much about all guys, but they're not thinking about what you think they're doing. I'm thinking about how they could get away with buying a new graphic driver without their spouses finding out about it.

"You know it can't be done. I never will. So try to smile weakly after you find that receipt for \$239 from Golf Emporium and he tells you the money went for a new cell phone. He can't find that either.

Senate to vote on meetings-law revamp

GOP-backed measure would keep most committee meetings open

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Senators will vote next week on a Republican-backed measure to keep most legislative committee meetings open to the public, except in circumstances such as discussing lawsuits or potential land deals.

Currently, the Senate and

House can close sessions at will. The House is expected to follow suit with similar rule changes next week. House Speaker Bruce Newsum, H. Burley, told The Associated Press.

Friday's 4-2 vote in the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee was party-driven, with Democrats saying all meetings should be open.



Media groups also criticized the legislation, in particular for a provision that repeals a section of the Idaho Open Meeting Law requiring all committee meetings be open to the public at all times.

How the rules would change

According to the proposed new Senate rules:

- Closed meetings could only occur on a two-thirds committee vote.
- The only matters that could be discussed in such a session would be records exempted from public disclosure, pending

Still, some groups, including The Common Interest, a collection of 850 self-proclaimed political moderates formed in

litigation, personnel matters, security issues such as terrorist threats and consideration of property purchases.

- Only in cases where an innocent third party could be harmed would disciplinary matters involving lawmakers be closed to the public.

2005, said the changes would represent some of the broadest

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THE GOOD EARTH

Remembering the way planting used to be



Belgian horses pull a tandem disk Saturday morning during the old-fashioned farming event at the Aztec Station field northeast of Buhl.

Horse and mule teams event recalls more peaceful time

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

BUHL — It was an event that was fueled by tradition, black coffee and horsepower — the type that is actually powered by horses.

"You know what they say," said Harold Ruby, who owns draft horses, was referring to the fact that a mule has to be crossbred with a horse to reproduce.

But the large community of mule owners stands by the ability of their animals.

"I've totally turned around to asses," said Jackie Montgomery, who traded in her horses for mules. "When I was sick and driving my mules on a wagon train, there were times when I felt so weak that I would drop the reins. But those mules knew what to do, so they kept in line and just took care of me. That was the turning point for me."

The equipment they used was about as old as the practices they were reenacting. Some of the discs — a trailer with an end-cross animal.

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Horses are tied up to an old horse trailer Saturday morning during the old-fashioned farming event held at Aztec Station northeast of Buhl in the Snake River Canyon.

round steel plates that till the earth — were built at the turn of the century. And a grain drill, which drops seeds down individual tubes into small harrowed trenches, was built around 1920. However — after a little oil — the equipment worked as good as it did 80 years ago.

The event drew almost twice as many teams as last year, and the spectator turnout even surprised the event organizers, who directed the plow teams like flight deck controllers.

"It's nice because right now there is a lot of activity and noise," Hallway said as she watched a team of four Belgian draft horses pulling discs. "But all the noise, from the horses and mules to the birds and geese, are part of nature, so it's much more peaceful and calm."

lone, CSI also provides financial aid.

The college has an annual budget of \$65 million, which it gets from an \$11 million state appropriation, local property taxes, student fees and tuition.

Beck, 56, grew up in Mountain Home and attended motorcycle dealer jobs and raced motorcycles before he moved to Twin Falls at the age of 28 with his high-school degree to teach a mechanics course at CSI. Beck attended

Technology, anticipation may help ease 'spring forward'

By Susan Bailey
For The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Today marks the beginning of daylight-saving time. The mandate to "spring ahead" one hour will be carried out automatically by the diligent and not at all by the forgetful.

It's no accident the event occurs on a Sunday.

With its day-of-rest designation, Sunday presents fewer chances of a major snafu than a weekday. In most cases, a religious service is the biggest scheduled event someone could get wrong.

"It's pretty common," said Teresa Gregory, parish life director at Our Lady of the Snows in Sun Valley. "People will show up about Communion time, thinking they are 10 minutes early to Mass when they are more than 40 minutes late. They walk in looking confused."

Gregory noted this happens less than it used to, but not because people are more conscientious.

"I think technology is helping us not be late," she said. "If there's any doubt, they check their cell phone to find out if they're late."

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Vandals hit Gooding mailboxes

The Times-News

WENDELL — The Gooding County sheriff's office answered multiple calls Saturday about vandalism to mailboxes. According to the sheriff's office, deputies are investigating complaints from residents who live south of Wendell, who found their boxes severely damaged or lying on the roadside.

"It's something that happened overnight," said Taylor Hunsaker, acting supervisor for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. "They pretty much demolished every mailbox south of Wendell."

The Gooding County sheriff's office is investigating the vandalism, and said anyone who may have been a victim of the vandalism should call the Gooding County dispatch at (208) 934-4421.

Beck finds niche as head of College of Southern Idaho

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

TWIN FALLS — Making the career change from motorcycle racer to college president gives Jerry Beck a good feel for the people who attend the College of Southern Idaho.

"I think I understand adult students," said Beck, who spent 13 years going from high school graduate to holder of a doctorate. "I've tried to balance family and that's something many of the students at CSI are trying to

do. Many of CSI's 7,500 students are adult learners, heading back to school the way Beck did after some time in the workplace to qualify for better jobs. The average age is 28.

CSI is one of only two community colleges in Idaho — though there is work under way to establish more — and it's the fastest-growing of the six state institutions — Boise State University in Boise, Idaho State University in Pocatello, Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, the University of Idaho in Moscow, and North Idaho Col-

lege in Coeur d'Alene.

In the last 10 years, CSI's total student body grew more than 64 percent, compared with 33 percent for North Idaho College and 25 percent for Boise State University. Idaho's largest public university, which has 18,650 students. It could keep growing, said

Beck, who has drawings in his office of a plan to almost double the geothermally heated campus in Twin Falls.

CSI is a two-year college offering courses in areas such as agriculture, business, education, health sciences and adult basic education. Students also can get a four-year degree on the CSI campus by taking classes through Boise State, Idaho State and the University of Idaho. Tuition is \$1,000 per semester. The state of Idaho helps some students with tuition; with an endowment of \$22 mil-

lion, CSI also provides financial aid.

The college has an annual budget of \$65 million, which it gets from an \$11 million state appropriation, local property taxes, student fees and tuition.

Beck, 56, grew up in Mountain Home and attended motorcycle dealer jobs and raced motorcycles before he moved to Twin Falls at the age of 28 with his high-school degree to teach a mechanics course at CSI. Beck attended

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of avg.	% normal
Bateman	118%	113%
Big Wood	136%	129%
Little Wood	136%	129%
Snake	126%	122%
Little Lost	113%	107%
Henry's Fork/Teton	118%	112%
Upper Snake Basin	110%	100%
Salmon	127%	115%
Bateman Falls	137%	133%

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Cynthia Elizabeth Daly Sanger

HAGERMAN — Cynthia Elizabeth Daly Sanger, 94, passed away Friday, March 24, 2006. Her twinkling light blinked out on the practice of South Dakota. Her family then moved to Buhl, Idaho, where she attended school. She played on the girls basketball team. She attended the University of Idaho and went on to teach both in the public schools in Twin Falls County and at the Twin Falls Business College. She met Frederick Sanger of Twin Falls, and they were married May 8, 1937, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Fred and Cynthia adopted a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, in April, 1956. Cynthia made clothes, canned, entertained, and every summer went to her possetted cabin on Warm Springs Creek above Ketchum, Idaho. She belonged to the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and was a member of the PEO



Sisterhood for 74 years. She was married May 8, 1937, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Fred and Cynthia adopted a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, in April, 1956. Cynthia made clothes, canned, entertained, and every summer went to her possetted cabin on Warm Springs Creek above Ketchum, Idaho. She belonged to the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and was a member of the PEO

A memorial service will be announced at a later time as she was cremated and her ashes are being held awaiting Fred so that they may always be together. Demaray Funeral Service in charge of cremation and arrangements. Memorial donations may be sent to the PEO Educational Loan Fund, c/o Linda Tuley, State Treasurer, 2512 Twin View Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301. God bless you. Mom; see you on the other side.

Thalea Skouras

RUPERT — Thalea Skouras, 91, a longtime Rupert resident, died Tuesday, March 28, 2006, in Battle Ground, Ore. Thalea was born in Kopskion, Greece, on March 21, 1915. The oldest of five daughters of Kostas and Mary Nisioti, she met and married George Skouras on June 23, 1947. They settled in Rupert, where they farmed and ranched. Thalea continued to reside on the family farm after George's death in 1992. In

Athens, Greece. She was predeceased in death by her husband, an infant son, parents and two sisters. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth Street, with Father Michael Kouremepis officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery following the service.

Lawana Funk



and work in her flower garden. She loved music. She will be missed. Lawana is survived by her husband, Dan, in his callings in the Deaf Branch presidency. Lawana worked as a house-mother with deaf boys and girls at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind for 30 years. She loved children, especially her grandchildren. She loved to sew, knit, quilt,

Forest City, N.C., Warren Simons of Rutherfordton, N.C., and Kenneth (Robin) Simons of Morganton, N.C.; four sisters, Vivian Whitehead of Tennessee, Lucile (Bob) Sewell of Gooding, Freeda (Carl) Falk of Mooresboro, N.C., and Vandella (Tom) Fleming of Gooding; 12 granddaughters, Travis, Nicole and Tomi Funk, Jason, Joshua, Junnie, Jonathon and JoAnna Jensen, Alex, Krista, Joy and Bryce Sims. She was predeceased in death by her parents. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Burial will take place in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and from 10 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church.

Man accused of Nampa cop shooting gets two life sentences

CALDWELL (AP) — A man accused of shooting and wounding a Nampa police officer and pointing a loaded gun at his ex-girlfriend last year has been sentenced to two life sentences. Mariam Perez Jr. pleaded guilty in September to aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault and two counts of being a habitual offender. Prosecutors accused Perez of firing four shots at Nampa police Cpl. Allen Williamson and critically wounding him, after a routine traffic stop turned into a pursuit. Perez was arrested in Reno two days after the shooting. Perez was also accused of pointing a loaded gun at his former girlfriend, Suzanne Lawson, and her infant son three days before shooting at Williamson. Williamson said he had to undergo months of rehabilitation after the shooting. He has returned to work, but says he can only perform light office duty because of his injuries. Williamson said he has limited control of his left limbs, including just 50 percent of his left hand. His right leg can't feel

“ I don't hate him, but I'd like to see him spend the rest of his life in jail. ”
— Nampa police Cpl. Allen Williamson, on Mariano Perez Jr., who was accused of critically wounding the officer.

heat or cold. “I don't hate him, but I'd like to see him spend the rest of his life in jail,” Williamson said earlier this year. “I'm glad he's off the streets and he's not able to victimize anyone else.” At the sentencing hearing Friday, Williamson said he had hoped to patrol the streets of Nampa for the rest of his career, but is unsure if he'll be able to do that again. The hearing also included statements from Williamson's and Lawson's family about how the violence had affected their lives. Justice has been served today, and it is a point of closure for us. We can now move on with our lives and focus on the remainder of Allen's recovery,” the Williamsons wrote in a statement read by Nampa Police Chief Curtis Gomer. Williamson's father, James Williamson, let out a relieved “yeah” as Perez' sentence was announced. Perez made a brief apology to Williamson's family and pleaded with the judge for leniency. This District Judge Juneal Kerrick said that Perez showed no remorse for the victims, only for himself. “You brag, You threaten. You really haven't contributed anything positive to society,” Kerrick said. He said Perez is a repeat offender and has chosen not to change his behavior. The judge ordered the sentence under Idaho's habitual offender law, saying Perez had a long list of criminal offenses in Idaho and in Oregon as a juvenile. It was the maximum sentence he could have been given with the two charges. Investigators said Perez has ties to local gangs and at the time of the shooting was consuming up a quarter ounce of methamphetamine a day. Perez also carried a gun 80 percent of the time because he sold drugs, said Canyon County Deputy Prosecutor Geard Wolf. “Violence, guns and drugs that's Mariano Perez,” Wolf said.

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SERVICES

Arta Mae Preston of Burley and formerly of Richfield and Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 16th St. in Burley; graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Richfield Cemetery in Richfield. Friends and family may call

one hour before the funeral Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home. **Nanette Lee "Nancy" Miller** of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Gooding United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral Service).

DEATH NOTICES

Alvin L. Robbins BUHL — Alvin Lewis Robbins, 77, of Buhl, died Thursday, March 30, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. A complete obituary will

appear at a later date. **Johanne Kuest** BUHL — Johanne Kuest, 87, of Buhl, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Wanda M. Hance TWIN FALLS — Wanda Marie Hance, 74, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

UI student recovering after falling five floors

MOSCOW (AP) — A 21-year-old University of Idaho student is recovering from a 50-foot drop after reportedly falling out his fraternity window. Gawan "Dewey" Neighbor, a conservation school sciences major from Boise, broke both of his legs and ankles in the fall Friday morning and was recovering at a Spokane, Wash., hospital. Beta Theta Pi fraternity president Ken Henderson said Neighbor woke up at about 4:30 a.m. and was disoriented and went out the wrong side of the bed which is located next to a window on the fifth floor of the house. Neighbor's bed is located on a sleeping porch which sleeps six people. The sleeping porch was required to have windows kept open because of health codes, despite being five floors up. "From all our indications, this was just a freak accident," Henderson told the Idaho Statesman. "Nobody ever thought this would happen (with the open windows)." Police said Neighbor arrived at the fraternity around 2 a.m. and he may have been drinking before the accident. No alcohol was in the fraternity because of no alcohol policies during Greek Week celebrations. Neighbor's moaning woke up two of the fraternity's residents and a roommate took him to a Moscow hospital before he was transported to Spokane. Henderson said Neighbor was awake Friday, conscious and talking to people on the phone.

BYU students protest firing over criticism

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Brigham Young University students angered by the firing of a former school employee who wrote a critical letter to the editor staged a rare protest at the church-owned school. With duct tape covering their mouths to symbolize what they feel is a lack of freedom of expression, about 50 students waved signs and protested policies at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints school on Friday. "When free speech is held back because of repercussion or implied repercussion, there is no free speech," protest organizer Ashley Sanders said. "Our silence is meant to emphasize that BYU students are not allowed a legislative voice in our own student government." Protestors on Brigham Square also held signs that read "Criticism is not disloyalty" and "BYUSSR — We want a leader, not a czar." Former BYU student leadership coordinator Todd Hendricks was fired March 17, a week after the Daily Universe, a student newspaper, published his letter that criticized the election process for the BYU Student Association, saying the committee was open to influence by school administrators. Hendricks said he was fired because the letter was deemed a "disloyal act." BYU officials have said there were other issues in the firing. The protest, which Sanders said had been turned down Thursday, received approval Friday afternoon, which students said was in response to a story about the planned protest in Friday's Provo Daily Herald.

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Meetings

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state prohibitions against closing committee meetings in the West.

State Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, sponsor of the package, said he aimed to strike a balance, keeping virtually all committee meetings open but allowing legislators on rare occasions the flexibility to discuss sensitive matters among themselves. No votes would be allowed in closed sessions, and a 24-hour public notice would have to be given.

"Under no circumstances will an executive session be held to make a final decision," Davis said. "I think it's the right thing to do."

The move comes after a March 20 ruling of the Idaho Supreme Court that the state Constitution's requirement that the Legislature be conducted openly, "not in secret session," was intended to apply just to the floor sessions, not to legislative committee meetings.

That case had been brought

by the Idaho Press Club in 2003, when six committee meetings were closed. Additional meetings were closed a year later as lawmakers negotiated a landmark water rights settlement with the Nez Percé Tribe in which a judge required confidential sessions.

Keith Alred, president of the Common Interest, which added input to help shape the new rules, said they've been drafted even more narrowly than existing Idaho Open Meeting Law.

That allows closed sessions to discuss "probable litigation," leeway not afforded in the Senate rule.

"It's a wise-balancing of the compelling interest we have in openness, with circumstances that would require meetings to be closed," Alred said of the package.

Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming currently are the only western states that allow legislative committees to use any reason to close hearings. Montana,

Oregon and Washington require legislative committee hearings to always be open, while Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah allow committees to close hearings in specified extraordinary circumstances.

Sens. Kate Kelly and Mike Burkett, both Boise Democrats, criticized the plan, arguing that two more expansive proposals being backed by the minority party — one a constitutional amendment, the other a rule change — have been refused a hearing this year by Republican leaders who hold a 4-1 majority.

"That proposal is out there," Kelly said. "It's unfortunate that it didn't have a discussion." Burkett suggested there were ample alternatives to executive sessions, including briefings of individual committee members by the Idaho attorney general when discussions of litigation call for discretion.

Betsy Russell, president of the Idaho Press Club and a re-

porter for The Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash., said she felt betrayed by the package.

The media group representing journalists at newspapers, radio and TV stations covering the state has been lobbying for the Senate to draft the rule even more narrowly.

Most frustrating, she said, was the proposed repeal of a provision of the Idaho Open Meeting Law, passed in the 1970s, that requires legislative committee meetings to be open to the public "at all times."

Russell planned to meet with Davis on Monday to express her group's concerns.

"That is the wrong message to send to the citizens of the state of Idaho," Russell said.

During Friday's hearing, Davis said the law should be struck because the Idaho Constitution allows for committees to be governed by rules set by the senators themselves, not by separate statutes.

Time

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Bald Mountain Ski Area, where every lift has an analog clock in the lift operation stations at top and bottom, seldom sees snow turn up late after daylight-saving time.

"Very few people mess up the time change," said Shannon Besoyan, publicity associate for Sun Valley Resort. "Everybody is anxious to spring ahead."

Besoyan herself said she liked the time change.

"I kind of like being able to get out at the end of the day and

garden, after dinner or before," Besoyan said.

The U.S. Department of Transportation said its survey showed Americans like days-light-saving time because "there is more light in the evenings" and they "can do more in the evenings."

Retired elementary school teacher Sheila Hall said kids generally take some time to adjust to being earlier in the morning, perhaps without the sun.

"Usually by the end of the school year, the children are ad-

justed," she said.

Next year, daylight-saving time will begin the second Sunday in March and end the first Sunday in November. Congress can revert to the 2006 schedule after giving the Department of Energy time to study the savings.

Beck

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CSI classes, then transferred to the University of Idaho, earning a master's degree in teacher education and a doctorate in vocational and adult education. It's his first — and only — person in his family to get a college degree.

"Community college, for a lot of people, gives them the opportunity for a second chance, and we hope to have a quality of life," said Beck.

Not everybody at CSI is trying to earn a degree.

"So many come for a course, a program area — just improving the quality of life, not necessarily economically," Beck said.

Beck has been watching the community college debate in the Idaho Legislature closely, and two months ago wrote to the state Board of Education offering to provide community college classes in Ada and Canyon counties, near Boise, in cooperation with efforts that are already under way there. He hasn't heard back.

Meanwhile, CSI is offering classes through off-campus centers in Halley, Gooding and Burley. Many of the students in Halley are returning to school, said Jenny Emery Davidson, the program director there.

"People are changing careers to go into teaching, nursing or real estate," said Davidson. "Also, people are taking enrichment: Spanish, art history, English as a second language."

The college's future is closely linked to the future of the community, and Beck said one reason it has grown so rapidly is because the Twin Falls area — which now has less than a 3 percent unemployment — has been growing for many years.

The Twin Falls area failed to participate in this last recession, said Beck, who is chairman of the Southern Idaho Regional Economic Development Organization. CSI works with local businesses to find out what kind of training their workers need, and brings it to them if necessary. Sitting in his office recently, he pressed some buttons on a TV to bring up a math class in progress with the students watching their teacher on a video screen. Students at CSI's remote campuses can get financial aid and other counseling by webcam.

CSI has grown so rapidly because it has actively learned about the financial interests of the community and then addressed them, said Mike Rush, administrator of the state agency that governs professional and technical education.

"They get into the high schools and find out what the students' interests are, and what barriers are stopping students from getting into college; they've been aggressive about responding to work-force needs and different employment requirements of the work force," Rush said. "That culture just promotes enrollment."

Beck doesn't want CSI itself to become a four-year university; he's happy to leave that to BSU and other schools with a presence on CSI's campus.

"I really felt excited about the work I do at CSI," he said. "I love being part of this; I've never had the desire to move on to a four-year school."

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Free medical clinic is safety net for hundreds of people

BOISE (AP) — It started three years ago with one man's vision, his big heart and a doublewide trailer. Since then, the Garden City Community Clinic has grown into a safety net that treats hundreds of low-income and uninsured residents for free.

And people credit the clinic's existence and growth to one man: Karl Wats. The clinic has stayed open so long because of "his unwavering commitment to all these people," said Lorrie Apel, a staff nurse and the clinical coordinator.

The only thing he ever complains about is if patients are having to wait in line, said Apel, who has worked at the clinic for more than a year.

"His primary concern is that we take good care of the patients."

Wats, officially the medical director of the clinic, sees patients every Thursday night in Garden City for two hours. Last Thursday, the waiting room was packed, and he had 14 patients waiting to see him.

But he took his time with

each one. Mark Rogalsky Sr., of Boise, visited the clinic that night. He had seen Wats for the first time about three weeks before about his back problems.

Rogalsky is unemployed and uninsured. He picks up work now and then at a local towing company, but his "constant" and "severe" back pain often interferes with his work, he said.

After Wats spoke with Rogalsky for at least 20 minutes and then tested his range of motion through a number of exercises, the doctor came up with a straightforward treatment plan: Take anti-inflammatory steroids, and if that doesn't work, we'll look into prescribing injections.

"Come back to the clinic or so," Wats told his patient. "I'm here on Thursdays, and I'd just rather see you."

Rogalsky walked out of the office, prescription in hand, and Wats asked Apel who else was waiting to see him.

Like many of the clinic's patients, Rogalsky is glad to have a place to go for free medical treatment, he said after his appointment.

"They've all been real nice," Rogalsky said.

And that is what Wats loves to hear. The 46-year-old said he prides himself on creating a free clinic that is "on par" with any other doctor's office or medical center that charges to treat patients.

Wats is a family physician and runs his own private practice about three and a half days a week. He said he spends close to two days a week volunteering at the clinic and taking care of some administrative duties. Wats spends what spare time he has during the rest of the week with his family or running Genesis World Mission, the non-denominational Christian organization he started in 2001.

The organization's goal is to "reach out locally and internationally to meet medical needs," Wats said. That is how the Garden City Community Clinic got started in December 2002.

Wats had originally planned to renovate a warehouse in Garden City, formerly a window-and-glass business, and open his clinic in 2003, but the closure of the St. John's Free

Clinic accelerated his renovation schedule.

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center donated the double-wide trailer that already was outfitted as a mobile medical clinic, so Wats opened the clinic in a warehouse parking lot off West 35th Street. He saw about 15 patients on the first day.

"When we first set up, we thought we'd mainly be seeing urgent care patients," he said. "It's actually the total opposite. Most patients have chronic medical needs ... like diabetes, hypertension and mental illness."

The clinic moved into the building in May 2003, and it hardly looks like it used to be a warehouse with its clean white walls, individual patient rooms, and the central nurse's station.

Since the clinic opened, Wats' patient list has only increased. As of August, the clinic had seen more than 1,600 patients. That compares to a total of 1,297 patients seen all of last year.

"There's no doubt that the ranks of the uninsured are growing," Wats said. "We see

the number of new patients grow every week."

But with help from volunteers and donations from local businesses and individuals, Wats has been able to extend the clinic's hours to three days a week. He also has expanded the clinic's services to include dental, and the clinic now houses St. Vincent de Paul's free prescription drug service.

The clinic survives on community donations, volunteer commitment and Wats' leadership.

"His leadership makes a very big difference in keeping that clinic going," said Susan Gibson, the vice president for mission and human resources at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. She has known Wats for about seven years and worked with him to coordinate Saint Al's donations to the clinic.

"He combines compassion and intelligence and competence in the way he does things," Gibson added. "He is very careful with his volunteers."

"It doesn't burn people out, and he is very careful and deliberate in his requests."

Even though Wats divides his time among family (a wife and two young kids), work, volunteering, and also traveling overseas to set up other free clinics, he said he has not burned himself out yet.

"There are a lot of times when I feel tired and overwhelmed," he said, taking a break from working at the clinic last Thursday. He was admittedly a bit "frazzled" with the many phone calls he knew he still had to make and the patients waiting to be seen.

But every day he wakes up and keeps the Garden City clinic going.

"You see the extent of need and you just wish you had all the resources and ability to meet it all, and you know you can't meet it all. But you know you can do something," Wats said. "You know that each individual you touch is significant. I think God gives us the resources and abilities to do what you can."

"So yeah, there are some times that I say, 'I want to quit and take a vacation,'" he added. "But I don't stay there very long."

Minutemen kick off return engagement in Arizona

THREE POINTS, Ariz. (AP) — Minuteman volunteers concerned about the continued flow of illegal immigrants across the border from Mexico gathered Saturday with lawn chairs, binoculars and cell phones for a new monthlong campaign aimed at raising public awareness of the issue.

A year after their first watch-and-report operation along the border in southeastern Arizona, members of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps embarked on a "much larger effort in the busy migrant-smuggling corridor."

"I'm concerned about what's not being done by the government ... hasn't been done, apparently," said Glenn Sorenson, a retired school administrator now living in Flagstaff.

Sorenson, who was not involved with the Minutemen last year, said he thinks the organization has accomplished part of its intended purpose already. "I don't think anybody wants to close the border — I certainly don't. Basically, I think they need to be secure."

No one in the group had any illusions about their campaign's effectiveness, since it targets a border for just a month. However, it comes at a time when Congress is debating proposals seeking to reform immigration laws, which have drawn supporters of legitimizing illegal immigrants to demonstrations in cities across the country.

"This is like sticking a finger in the dike," said Ken Raymond, a retired electrical engineer and airplane mechanic from Tucson.

At a rally kicking off the effort at a remote southern Arizona

ranch Saturday afternoon, politicians and activists opposing illegal immigration gave fiery speeches calling for more border control.

At least 200 mostly older men and women huddled then to a half-dozen speakers praise their efforts and call the Minutemen heroes.

Don Goldwater, a Republican candidate for Arizona governor, said he had a message for President Bush.

"Build us that wall now," Goldwater said, referring to a message that would add 700 miles of fences along the border. He promised that if elected, he would put illegal immigrants in a tent city on the border and use their labor to build the wall. Goldwater is a nephew of the late Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Each month, thousands of illegal immigrants cross into Arizona. So far this fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, agents have caught more than 48,000 in the area staked out this weekend, up 53 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Chris Simcox, the Minuteman group's national leader, said four watchtowers were placed by the group Humane Borders to keep migrants from dying in the desert will be among the sites under surveillance. Last year, more than 400 people died trying to cross the desert, many from dehydration or heat exposure, according to the U.S. Border Patrol.

"We watch them all the time," Simcox said of the watchtowers. "It's a great place to report illegal activities."

President Bush and Mexican

President Vicente Fox support a six-called guest worker program that would allow illegal immigrants already holding jobs in the U.S. to stay.

The Minutemen Saturday arriving south of Tucson plan to patrol private ranch property about 30 miles north of the border. The group says it plans similar exercises along the border in California, New Mexico and Texas, and along the Canadian border in Washington, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York state.

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GIANTS IN THE EARTH

Alaskans learn to live with active landscape

By Jeannette J. Lee
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The perky "cock-a-doodle-doo" of a rooster sounds in Roger Smith's office every time an earthquake rumbles beneath Alaska.

Bumblers throughout the state trigger the computer-generated crow about 60 times a year — roughly 22,000 times a year — in the office of Smith, director of the Geophysical Institute on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus.

"It's just part of the background," said Smith. "The rooster is a good reminder that the earth's surface in Alaska is very active."

Although California gets most of the attention when it comes to earthquakes, especially with the 100th anniversary of the Great San Francisco Earthquake on April 18, 1906, Alaska is America's true seismic hotspot.

Seven of the 10 largest earthquakes in the U.S. have occurred in Alaska, which vibrates with 11 percent of the world's tremors each year.

More earthquakes occur here each year than in any other U.S. state, although the recorded total of quake-related deaths is much greater in California. Of the largest quakes in U.S. history, the 1906 San Francisco quake ranks 11th in magnitude, but it was the deadliest, with estimates of fatalities ranging as high as 60,000.

California is more highly populated and so earthquakes matter more to the population, but here we get many more earthquakes," Smith said. Census estimates from 2004 put California's population at almost 36 million people, while about 655,000 people live in Alaska.

Alaska's most devastating quake, on March 27, 1964, still darkens the collective memory of longtime residents. The magnitude 9.2 earthquake, focused in Prince William Sound, is the second-largest in the world on record, behind a magnitude 9.5 that struck Chile in 1960. "The Indian Ocean" earthquake in December 2004, whose ensuing tsunami killed tens of thousands of people, ranks third with a magnitude 9.

The 1964 quake started south-central Alaska shaking at 5:36 p.m., on Good Friday. The four-minute tremor cracked roads and buildings, tore rail road tracks, set off landslides in Anchorage and spawned a tsunami that killed 103 Alaskans, four people in Oregon and 12 in California. In addition, 12 Alaskans died in the earthquake itself.

The clay and sand-based soil beneath Anchorage liquefied, becoming like liquid in the quake. About 75 homes in the affluent West Anchorage neighborhood of Turnagain were destroyed as the bluffs on which they were built crumbled into Cook Inlet.

Julia Person was 8 years old at the time. She remembers sitting



Roger Smith, director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute, stands in front of the Alaska Earthquake Information Center's monitor in Fairbanks on Tuesday. The computer sounds a "cock-a-doodle-doo" every time an earthquake rumbles beneath Alaska, or about 60 times a day.



A mother stands watch as her child plays in a puddle of water near her earthquake-shattered home in Kodiak, Alaska, in March 1964. The water was left by tidal waves caused by the earthquake. Seven of the 10 largest earthquakes in the U.S. have hit Alaska.

on a blanket in the snow while her babysitter rushed back into her tilted home to gather warm clothes and bread and jam.

"The front yard was way up at the top of the cliff," said Person, of Homer, now an advocate for children in state custody. "We were sitting on that little blanket and crevices were opening and closing around us."

Buildings throughout downtown Anchorage cracked or toppled, including stores, apartments and schools. A wide crack carved its way down 4th Avenue, sucking in cars and debris.

The quake caused more than \$300 million in damage and forced two communities — Valdez and Portage — to relocate to higher and sturdier ground.

Smaller communities in south-central Alaska suffered less structural damage than An-

chorage, but bore the brunt of tsunami-related deaths.

Jennifer Austin remembered fleeing with her parents and sister to an orphanage at the base of the mountains backing the coastal town of Seward to escape the subsequent tsunami, which killed 12 people in the Kenai Peninsula fishing community.

Austin, who is now assistant chief in Seward's fire department, said she fears earthquakes more than any other natural disaster.

"Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods all have warnings, but with an earthquake, there's no warning," Austin said. "They're totally out of your control."

Earthquakes in Alaska are caused as the Pacific tectonic plate slides beneath the North American plate. A chain of volcanoes spanning the tip of the

Alutian Island arc to southeast Alaska are the result of the same inexorable plate movement.

Scientists in Alaska monitor subterranean convulsions with about 400 seismometers spanning the state. Computers run seismic data through a series of calculations to determine whether a quake, or another disturbance, such as magma moving beneath a volcano, has occurred. A positive result, no matter how small, alerts scientists throughout the state and sets off the rooster cry in Smith's office.

Smith said swarms of little earthquakes are preferable, despite the constant rooster crows, because they relieve pressure that is building within the earth in small bites.

"That's good," Smith said. "It prevents the big earthquakes from coming."

Voters in Utah county to decide form of government

COALVILLE, Utah (AP) — Summit County voters will decide in November whether to keep their three-member county commission or switch to a five-member council with an appointed county manager.

Five other Utah counties have replaced their three-member commissions with other forms of government.

Commissioners voted 2-1 on Wednesday to put the issue on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Commissioners Bob Richer and Sally Elliott, both from the county's west side, voted in favor of putting the decision to residents.

Commissioner Ken Woolstenhulme, from the east side, voted against, saying there were too many questions about how an appointed executive would operate and how much the

council form of government would cost.

"My dad always told me, never buy a pig in a sack. And that's what this is," he said. In November 2004, Summit County residents voted 61 percent to 39 percent to establish a committee to study whether a new form of government should be installed.

Last fall, the committee recommended on a 5-2 vote that the County Commission put on the ballot the choice to switch to a council-manager government.

"It's incumbent on us to put it on the ballot and let the voters decide," Elliott said. "I look forward to the public debate."

Richer said he would have preferred the plan include council districts. Instead, the proposal calls for five at-large council seats.

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Machine malfunction damages art collection

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nearly half of Dixie State College's art collection has been damaged after a humidity-control system designed to protect the year's malfunctioned, college officials said.

About 750 pieces of the school's 1,500-piece collection suffered water damage, including works by acclaimed Utah artists LeConte Stewart, John B. Fairbanks and Mahonri Young.

The work was in a storeroom

at the St. George school's Eccles Fine Arts Center, according to Mark Peterson, executive director of cultural arts at the college. A climate-control system designed to preserve the art in long-term storage is believed to have spewed moisture into the room for at least 10 days before the problem was discovered March 20, Peterson said.

"That's the sad irony in this. This was a room that was built specifically to prolong the life of

the collection," said Dixie spokesman Chris Taylor.

The Chicago Conservation Center, a private art-restoration firm, has been hired to clean and restore the damaged pieces.

"They've said it's nearly 100 percent recoverable, so we're very excited about that," Peterson said. "In fact, we feel like some of the collection will come back in even better shape than before."

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Michelle Freestone and her daughters, Kaitlin, 11, left and Hillary, 14, kid around while cleaning their kitchen recently in Salt Lake City. Michelle Freestone was diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago. She enrolled her two daughters in a program for kids whose parents have cancer at the Cancer Wellness House and said it has helped them a lot.

Education, talking help to enlist children in battle against cancer

By Carey Hamilton
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — Waiting to get the results of her mammogram, Michelle Freestone was fairly certain she had breast cancer.

While worried for her own health, she mostly dreaded breaking the news to her two young daughters.

Cancer was a familiar foe for the Taylorsville woman. At age 13, she underwent treatment for Wilms' tumor, a childhood cancer that affects the kidneys.

But when Freestone was diagnosed again in 2004, she didn't want Hillary, then 12, and Kaitlin, then 9, to have to deal with the idea of cancer.

"I didn't want them to worry, but I knew they would worry," she said.

Her husband of 20 years, Randy, helped ease her burden by talking to the girls. "He just said, 'Mom has breast cancer, but it's very curable.'"

Family therapists at Brigham Young University have written guidelines to help people like the Freestones. They warn against hiding the truth from children and give tips on how best to resume a normal life after a cancer diagnosis. Their study was published last fall in Families, Systems & Health, a journal of the American Psychological Association, and it offered recommendations for families, health care providers and therapists.

"We're starting to realize the need to pay attention to the emotional and relational issues that are very much a part of the reality of physical illness," said Jason Carroll, assistant professor of marriage, family and human development at BYU and a study co-author.

Freestone, 43, said hiding her cancer would have been impossible because she needed chemotherapy. She took her children to meet her doctors and nurses, and they tagged along during a chemotherapy session. "The best thing is to keep reassuring them that everything is going to be fine. Tell them you're going to professionals who studied the disease."

At the behest of her oncologist, Freestone enrolled the girls in a program for kids of cancer patients at the Cancer Wellness House in Salt Lake City. The eight-week session included retreats, a tour of the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City, support groups and other activities to help children cope.

"The Kids Club helped them a lot," Freestone said. "They had something in common with the other kids, and it became less scary. It also helped Randy and me, because we could talk to the other parents and see what they were going through."

The BYU team strongly encourages education and support groups that involve the entire family.

"In a very real way, the whole family has cancer," Carroll said. "Traditionally, we thought of the disease being contained within the patient. But if we look at it from the other lens, we see how it hits the emotions and social relationships of families."

Once families acknowledge cancer affects all members, they should strive to find a balance between the reality of living with it and letting it dominate their lives. One sick mother in the study avoided playing with her 2-year-old so the girl wouldn't

miss that type of interaction if she died.

"These families cared about each other so much that they did not want to burden each other with their struggles," said lead author W. David Robinson, who conducted the research as a graduate student at BYU.

"We found that this led to isolation and individual suffering," he said. "Not only did the process of sharing their personal experiences not add to the burden of other family members, but it contributed to greater connection and decreased suffering."

While setting aside time for communication, families also should try to preserve routines as much as possible, the study found. Some participants said cancer had taken over their lives, even during gaps in treatment.

Finding ways to keep as many family rituals and routines — such as family dinners or Friday night dates — will aid the family in coping with the illness," Robinson said. "It is imperative that the illness not deprive them of the activities that make them a family."

Breast cancer survivor Linda Cameron said she and her husband tried to think of fun activities to ease their daughters' fears. For example, when her hair began falling out after she started chemotherapy at age 46, the Holiday mother threw a haircutting party. Her daughters, then 3 and 5, trimmed and styled her locks before her husband shaved her head.

"They really enjoyed that," she said. "It made the ordeal less frightening."

Some patients and their families are extremely anxious because they don't understand the treatments or disease. For

that reason, the researchers also recommend that families ask health care professionals more questions.

"Too often, family members... feel that the medical professionals are too busy to answer their questions or they feel like they do not want to look ignorant," Robinson said. "These families must learn to obtain all the necessary answers so they can make informed decisions."

Michelle Dabrowski, a social worker at the Huntsman Cancer Institute, said parents and medical workers need to answer kids' questions, too.

Otherwise, she said, "Their little minds are going to make up horrible scenarios about what's happening to Mommy or Daddy. We've got to address them based on their age and understanding."

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Bainbridge Island memorial honors Japanese-Americans sent to World War II camps

By Melantha Mitchell
Associated Press writer

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash. — Stripped of their homes and livelihoods, hundreds of Japanese-Americans from this Puget Sound community became the first citizens imprisoned in internment camps during World War II.

On Thursday, residents of what is now an affluent bedroom community on this island were in Seattle to dedicate the site of a long-sought memorial called Nidoro Nai Yoni. "Let it not happen again."

The \$5 million project will include a stone-and-steel wall leading to a 150-foot pier at the site of the old dock. The wall will contain the names and stories of all Japanese-American residents who lived on the island in 1942. An interpretative center, pavilion and native plantings are planned.

Construction is set to begin Monday with excavation for the planned paths and parking for the memorial.

Frank Kitamoto was just 2.5 years old when he and his three siblings were shepherded by his mother onto a ferry bound for a destination unknown to them.

Like others, she was so young at the time, Kitamoto said he remembers little of leaving the island and his home. But of the 4.5 years his family was held in the camps, he said he recalls living as much of a normal life as he could, like playing with other children and attending kindergarten.

"It was almost like you didn't know anything else," said Kitamoto, 66, president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community, who talked about his experience before Thursday's ceremony. "Parents tried very hard to make sure we didn't know what was going on."

"Our parents, obviously, were aware. They lost everything they'd worked for."

On March 30, 1942, Army soldiers rounded up 227 Japanese men, women and children on Bainbridge Island. They were given just six days to gather

what they could hold in a suitcase before they were loaded on a ferry to Seattle, where they boarded a train to the Manzanar concentration camp in California's Mojave Desert. To be closer to others from Puget Sound, many within a year transferred to another internment center at Minidoka, Idaho.

It was the beginning of the federal government's forced internment of roughly 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent as a wartime precaution.

"This American story is one that is a cautionary tale and reminder of the fragility of the American Constitution," said Clarence Moriwaki, chairman of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial Committee. The committee has applied for national historic landmark status for the site.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, signed Executive Order 9066 authorizing the detainment of tens of thousands of Japanese, two-thirds of them American citizens.

At the time, more than 14,000 Japanese lived in Washington state. The first in the nation to be transferred to Manzanar came from Bainbridge Island, many whose families settled here in the late 1800s to work at strawberry farms and lumber mills.

"My mother told us when we were leaving that this was a special vacation," said Lilly Kodama, 71. She and about 150 others gathered under towering cedar trees to hear comments Thursday from religious and tribal representatives on hand to bless the 8-acre site at the westernmost edge of Pritchard Park.

At first it was an adventure, Kodama said, but she came to detest the dust storms at the remote Manzanar camp, recalling an outdoor movie that was interrupted by one such storm.

"It was hard on the whole family," Kodama said of life in the camp, where wooden planks served as floors and there was no indoor plumbing.



Clarence Moriwaki shows Lillian Shimasaki and Glynis Burns, right, a model of a memorial to honor 227 Japanese-American internees from Bainbridge Island during ceremonies Thursday in Bainbridge Island, Wash. Shimasaki, 84, was living in Auburn, Wash., with her parents, five brothers and sisters when her family was sent to internment camps in Oregon and Wyoming.

Bill will require parent's signature for school clubs

BOISE (AP) — A Coeur d'Alene legislator is sponsoring a bill to require students get a parent's signature to join school clubs or organizations, just months after residents and parents in the area protested the Gay Straight Alliance at Lake City High School.

"This bill allows parents to be more involved in their child's school activities," said Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, and the bill's sponsor. "If we get them more involved, we'll get better students."

The bill comes just months after community members protested and threatened to vote against the district's proposed levy if they didn't disband the Gay Straight Alliance. The levy failed last month.

Many said that allowing the group is a statement by the school and district that homosexuality is moral and encouraged, but school officials said they couldn't stop the club from meeting because they don't disrupt the educational process.

Since then, a similar club has formed at Sandpoint High School.

Last week the House Education Committee passed Nonini's

bill, which would require a parent's signature to join any club or organization, reported the Coeur d'Alene Press.

The measure is also being supported by North Idaho Pachyderm Club president Duane Rasmussen, who helped Nonini with the proposal after presiding over a heated meeting in January over the Lake City High School club.

Rasmussen said the bill would encourage parents to have a greater awareness of the activities in which their children are involved. He said it's not specifically targeting the Gay Straight Alliance.

A law requiring parent's signature for participation in activities may put some students at risk, said the state's only openly gay legislator, Rep. Nicole Lefavour, D-Boise.

She said students seek the club because they have been targeted with violence and harassment at school and sometimes at home because of their sexual orientation.

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IN BRIEF Kimberly boosters meet Monday

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday in the High School Media Center. Plans will be made for the May 1 awards ceremony.

For more information, call George Plew at 423-4987.

Canyon Springs Ladies meet Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Ladies Golf Association will hold a meeting at the Farm Credit Office building, 815 N. College Road, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Anyone interested in joining the association and playing Twilight League are urged to attend. Call Lurie 326-4217 or Cheryl 734-3560 with any questions.

Burley Ladies open with scramble

BURLEY — Burley Ladies Golf is holding its opening day brunch at 10 a.m. Wednesday with a 9-hole scramble to follow.

New members are welcome. Call 438-5866 or 436-6111 if planning to attend.

Jerome CC men's scramble April 8

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club Men's Association will have their spring meeting and kickoff scramble on Wednesday, April 5. A light breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:30 a.m. with a meeting and election of officers from 8:30-9. A team scramble will start at 9 a.m. with teams either formed by twilight teams or a blind draw if players are not on a twilight team. All players must be registered in the pro shop by Wednesday at 6 p.m. A \$10 entry fee includes breakfast, raffle ticket and scramble. Players can register at the pro shop or by calling 324-5281.

Buhl holds youth registration

BUHL — The Buhl Youth Baseball League will hold registration for the summer season from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday and from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Popplewell Elementary.

The league is for boys ages 6-12 and girls ages 6-16 (as of April 30) that are interested in playing summer baseball or softball.

Call Pat Vance Hamilton at 543-4351 with questions.

Buhl holds baseball clinic

BUHL — Buhl High School baseball coaches and players will instruct at their clinic from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursday at Faux Memorial Field.

Players in grades K-8 can register for \$20. The fee includes a T-shirt. Instruction will focus on the fundamentals of baseball.

Registration forms are at Buhl High School or call Mark Laining at 543-5246.

Coaches and umpires needed for league

JEROME — North Side Baseball is accepting applications for coaches and umpires for their youth Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth spring leagues. Contact Larry Bloss at 324-8104 or Darcie Petrovsky at 539-2346 for an application or for more information.

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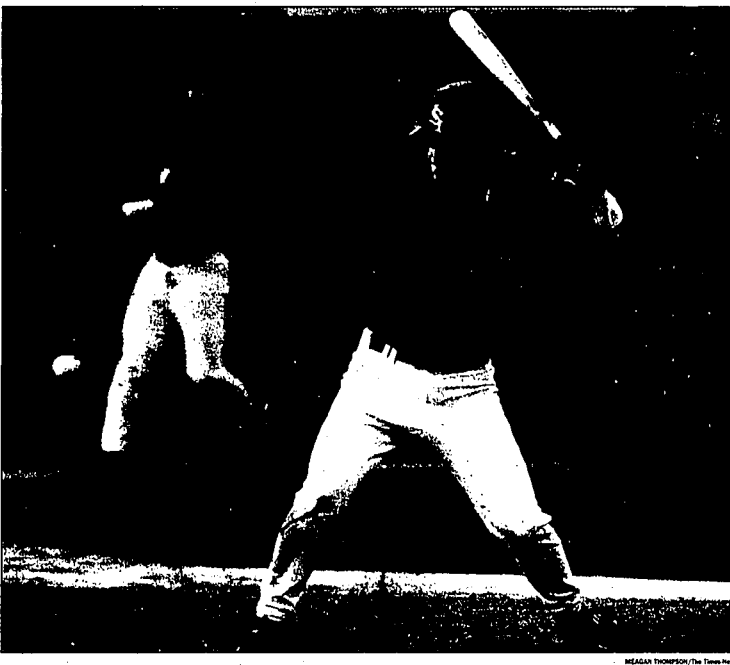
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is looking for adult softball umpires. The first informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the parks and rec building. Games start at 6:30 p.m. weeknights, with some weekend games. For more information, call Luis at 733-5033.

Clear Lake ladies start season

BUHL — The Clear Lake Ladies will begin the golf season on Monday. There will be a nine-hole scramble at 10 a.m. Following the scramble there will be lunch and business meeting.

Compiled from staff reports

Wildcats sweep CSI



College of Southern Idaho first baseman Mike Griffin prepares to hit the ball Saturday afternoon in the bottom of the sixth inning of CSI's game against Western Nevada Community College. Griffin made it to first base on an error made by the WNCC shortstop during CSI's 3-2 Game 2 loss.

CSI batters manage only 10 hits in two losses

**By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — Boomer Walker was right — the Western Nevada Community College Wildcats sure don't look like your ordinary first-year baseball club.

Walker and his College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles found that out the hard way Saturday afternoon at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls, as the visit-

ing Wildcats scratched out a pair of one-run scenic West Athletic Conference victories to earn a 2-2 split for the weekend's four-game series. WNCC freshman pitchers Josh Brink and Daniel Grabs combined to one-up CSI hurler Nick Carr for a 1-0 victory in Game 1, while first baseman Thomas Miller's base-clearing double in the top of the seventh gave the Wildcats a 3-2 Game 2 victory. With the wins, WNCC improves

to 21-15 (15-9 SWAC) as the Golden Eagles led to 25-13 (14-8 SWAC).

"It's unbelievably good," Wildcats head coach DJ Whittemore said. "This (CSI) is a great baseball team. That's what I told our kids when we got off the bus yesterday, that this team's really, really good. They're well-coached, they're very talented, they pitch the heck out of it, and they do all the little things."

The Wildcats found ways to

do more of the little things though, as freshman second baseman Kyle Tiouardant drove in Miller with a bloop RBI-double that found grass down the left-field line in the top of the third of Game 1. Miller was able to score from second after Taylor Mierns advanced him with a sacrifice bunt. The Wildcats would only advance two more runners to second base for the entire contest, as Carr pitched a

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'Big Baby,' LSU go home crying

**By Eddie Pells
Associated Press writer**

INDIANAPOLIS — Oh, Baby, can UCLA play defense.

Throw some offense in there on the same night and not even LSU and its gigantic star, Glen "Big Baby" Davis, had a chance. The Bruins shut him down Saturday en route to a 59-45 victory over the Tigers that put them one win away from their 12th national title.

The last step in the quest to hang another banner at Pauley Pavilion comes Monday in the final game of Florida, a 73-58 winner over George Mason in the first semifinal.

Late Richard Mabah A Moute was UCLA's top performer in this one, finishing with 17

points on 5-for-9 shooting, to go with nine rebounds. But he got plenty of help.

Lorenzo Mata dominated the middle, capping Davis at least twice, sending him to the floor a few other times and generally driving him nuts. LSU's 6-foot-9, 310-pound star — arguably the most entertaining character in this tournament — didn't look so big in this one.

He shot 5-for-17, finished with 14 points and seven rebounds and was serenaded with chants of "Ba-by, Ba-by" by the UCLA fans after he took a frustration foul on Bruins guard Daren Collison early in the second half, trailing by 23.

The 45 points for LSU were the second-lowest total in the Final Four since the NCAA

adopted the shot clock in 1986 and matched UCLA's defensive effort against Memphis in the regional championship game.

Bruins forward Alfred Aboya set the tone early in the first half when he swatted Darrel Mitchell's shot into the stands, then glowered at Mitchell as he fell to the floor. A few minutes later, Mabah A Moute stepped into an LSU passing lane for a steal that led to a bucket for Collison.

On offense, the Bruins (32-6) were just as good, especially early. They made three of their first four 3-pointers and shot 58 percent in the first half to push their lead to as many as 16, 3.5 minutes before the break.

The start of the second half put it out of reach.

Mabah A Moute dunked twice, Ryan Hollins took an alley-oop from Jordan Farmar for another slam, then Farmar threw one up from 28 feet with the shot clock going off and swished it for a 48-27 lead. He celebrated by taunting the LSU fans as he ran to the other end. Most of the purple-and-gold crowd simply sat there stoically — they knew a mismatch when they saw one.

LSU (27-9) remained winless in its four appearances at the Final Four, spanning a half-century, and a special season that provided a needed distraction from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina down in Louisiana ended on a down note.

Led by Davis and forward Tyus Thomas, the Tigers prided themselves, too, on monster D.

Cinderella bites the dust

George Mason falls to Florida

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Live up to the longest. Die by the long shot.

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George Mason forward Jal Lewis (55), bottom, shoots against Florida's forward Chris Richard in the second half of their Final Four semifinal basketball game in Indianapolis, Saturday, Florida won 73-58.

Al Horford grabbed 13 rebounds.

Florida finished with a 40-27 edge on the boards, playing keep-away in the final two minutes with three straight offensive rebounds.

It was way too much for

LSU women crash ACC's Final party

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Someone forgot to tell LSU this Final Four was an Atlantic Coast Conference affair.

Led by Seimone Augustus, the two-time national player of the year, the Lady Tigers of the Southeastern Conference will take on Duke Sunday night in the national semifinal.

North Carolina and Maryland round out the field, giving the ACC three schools in the Final Four, the first time that's happened in the 25-year history of the women's tournament.

"You don't feel like an outsider, because at the end of the day it's the basketball game and everything you work for so many years coming up to this point," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said Saturday.

This has been the toughest point so far for the Lady Tigers (31-3), who have reached the Final Four three straight years but are 0-2 in the national semifinal. They lost in the final seconds to Tennessee in 2004 and to eventual champion Baylor last year.

Then forces beyond their control tightened the bonds of the team. Longtime coach and architect of the program Sue Gunter died Aug. 4 from complications of emphysema.

Florida coach Katrina, the nation's worst natural disaster, struck the Gulf Coast three weeks later.

"That helps motivate us," Augustus said. "We witnessed everything that happened around and the way we had to adjust and adapt to the situation. The Katrina victims really helped inspire us."

LSU becomes the seventh school to have its men's and women's teams playing in the Final Four. The folks in Baton Rouge have plenty to cheer for because Augustus comes from the same neighborhood that produced many of the men's players. She was on a middle-school AAU team with Glen "Big Baby" Davis.

"She's the child that Baton Rouge raised," Chatman said of her star player. "To me, this Augustus is a compliment to her."

Augustus earned her second straight AP Player of the Year award in 2005, becoming the second repeat winner in the award's 12-year history. Chamique Holdaway of Tennessee won in 1998 and 1999. The 6-foot-1 senior leads the nation in scoring (23 points).

"This would be the ultimate thing, to bring a national championship to my hometown, back to the state of Louisiana, especially with everything that happened here," Augustus said.

The game is a matchup of top seeds. The Blue Devils (31-3) advanced out of the Bridgeport region with wins over Southern, Southern Cal, Michigan State and Connecticut. The Lady Tigers (27-9) advanced from Washington, DePaul and Stanford to reach Boston.

The Blue Devils are making their fourth appearance in the Final Four, searching for their first NCAA title. One of the deepest teams in the nation, the Blue Devils had the No. 1 offense this season, averaging 67 points a game.

"It was certainly a battle to get here," Duke coach Gill Goetsenkos said. "We all had at least one injury there. It was a battle to fight through that came right down to the bitter end to determine who would get to the Final Four."

Duke survived a 63-61 overtime win over Connecticut in the Bridgeport regional final, snapping the Huskies' 29-game NCAA winless streak in their home state.

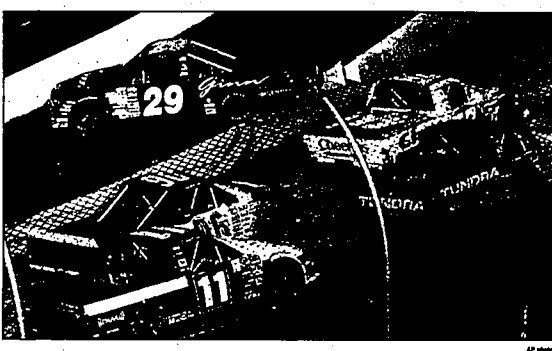
Fifth-year senior Monique Curry returned for her final year of eligibility and is the leading scorer with 163 points a game.

Alison Bales, Duke's 6-foot-7 starting center, anchors a dominant post along with 6-3 Mistie Williams. Chante Black, a 6-5 sophomore, is averaging 8.1 points and 6.2 rebounds off the bench.

Bales and LSU sophomore center Sylvia Fowles will be one of the key matchups. Fowles, a 6-foot-7 sophomore, is eager to matchup against Bales. Duke's all-time leading shot blocker.

"Believe or not, I know competition like that," Fowles said. "Alison Bales is a perfect match for me and we have to go out there and do what we have to do."

SPORTS



Kraig Kinser (20) spins into the grass in turn one as Erin Crocker (98), Mike Skinner (5), Chad McCumbe (04) and David Starr (11), passing during the Kroger 250 NASCAR Craftsman Series Truck Race at the Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Saturday.

Starr wins truck race at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — David Starr held the lead through eight restarts over the final 121 laps Saturday to win the fourth time in the Craftsman Truck Series...

in a Chevrolet after holding off Mark Martin. The victory was Starr's first in the series since November 2004 at Phoenix...

got up front, and he drove on Craftsman big bumper for the better part of 50 laps trying to move up...

Crashfest ahead? Drivers watch their bumpers at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Jeff Gordon seems amused by the attention he's gotten as the good guy gone bad, his squeaky clean image tarnished by a black-nose blow of an apelegator Matt Kenseth at Bristol last weekend...

lookout for Gordon, who dropped from third to 21st on his last lap at Bristol...

the same amount of real estate as the four-time champion said, "As competitive as it is these days, it's just so hard to get those opportunities to keep those positions and..."

Dust

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than nine the rest of the way. "George Mason has been playing great, Florida coach Billy Donovan said...

section, which greeted them with Gator chops. But the rest of the crowd seemed to be pulling for George Mason...

Kelly, Jerome take Cove-Pepsi lead

The Times News

Kelly and Jerome — The duo of Kevin Kelly and Scott Jerome continued to the Day 1 lead in the men's championship flight of the 2006 Cove-Pepsi baseball tournament...

Local sports. Kelly and Jerome... Women's flight... Men's flight...

Fairchild also picked up singles victories for the Spartans.

Results. Hilcrest 12, Minico 0... Hilcrest 12, Minico 0... Hilcrest 12, Minico 0...

LeBron hits triple-double in win

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 47 points and posted his 10th career triple-double, outduoing Dwyane Wade and leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to their seventh straight win...

Shandon Anderson, who was looking for an offensive foul, shaking his head.

second 23 of his 25 points in the second half as he charged late in the game to help the Bulls rally.

Bucks 96, Pacers 89

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd scored 20 of his 39 points in one walk-off quarter as the Bucks set an NBA record with only two turnovers.

The previous mark for fewest turnovers in a game was three, accomplished seven times.

Spurs 106, Wizards 99. SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and the Spurs came back from a 10-point deficit to beat Washington.

CSI

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Carlsen to lead the bases and set up Miller's late-inning heroics...

CSI will look to rebound this Friday and Saturday in Salt Lake City against the Salt Lake Comets...

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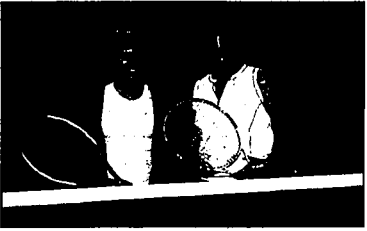
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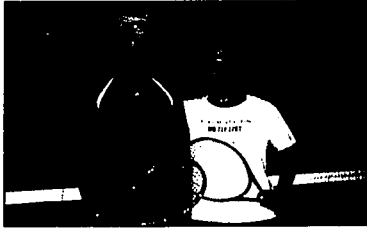
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Krista Ellis, left, took second and Kathy Deahl took first in women's 3.0.



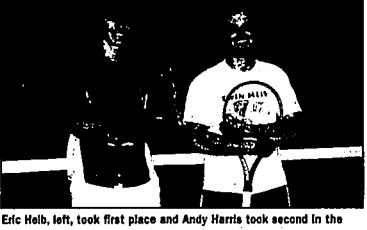
Kenny Struckan, left, took second and Michael Duffy took first in men's 3.0.



Lita Nallian, left, took second place and Sun Berry took first women's 4.0.



Doug Pollow, left, took second place and Sean Timney took first in men's 4.0.



Eric Hehl, left, took first place and Andy Harris took second in the open division.



William Fowler, left, took second and Brian Olmstead took first in men's 3.5.

TWIN FALLS—Tennis players showed up in droves to play in the 2006 Magic Valley Tennis Association Indoor Singles Tennis Tournament held at the YMCA in February.

In the 3.0 division, Kathy Deahl defeated Krista Ellis 6-2, 6-3 in the women's play, and Michael Duffy overcame Kenny Struckan 6-1, 6-3. Brian Olmstead beat William Fowler 6-2, 6-3 in the men's 3.5 section. The 4.0s were led by Sean Timney over Doug Pollow 6-1, 6-4, and Susan Berry in Lita Nallian 6-3, 6-3. The open division saw a match with former Bruins teammates Eric Hehl and Andrew Harris facing off against each other. Hehl walked away with a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

Results
Monday, Feb. 6
W 3.0 (Women's Play)
 Deahl, Krista 6-2, 6-3; Ellis, Krista 6-2, 6-3
W 3.5 (Men's Play)
 Olmstead, Brian 6-2, 6-3; Fowler, William 6-2, 6-3
W 4.0 (Women's Play)
 Timney, Sean 6-1, 6-4; Pollow, Doug 6-1, 6-4
W 4.0 (Men's Play)
 Berry, Susan 6-1, 6-4; Nallian, Lita 6-3, 6-3
Open Division
 Hehl, Eric 6-2, 6-1; Harris, Andrew 6-2, 6-1

12th Annual Mini-Cassia Benefit Volleyball Tournament

BURLEY—The 12th Annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament raised \$4,000 to assist the payment of Kelsey Gillette Austin's medical treatment.

Austin was born with a heart defect called "Truncus Aortosis." She had survived three heart surgeries by the age of 4 and her latest heart repair was November 2005.

She developed a bone infection which wasn't detected until Jan. 5, when a plastic surgeon was called in. She was married and after recuperating 12 weeks in the Mini-Cassia area, returned home to her husband in Salt Lake City at the end of February.

The two-day, 18-team tournament was directed by Scott Beck with help from many friends and players.

"I especially want to thank the merchants for their generous contributions each year and as well Victor Jackson and Velma Jean Mabey, who refused nearly every game," Beck said.

The tournament, held at the Mini-Cassia Center of the College of Southern Idaho, was so large that the Racqueteurs Health and Fitness Club's manager, Heidi Smith, let the players use her gym as a second place at the end of February.

Winner of the A division was three-time defending champion Lezannz Dairy/Endless Memories Photography Team, consisting of Janna Carter, Donna Peterson, Brooks Bohon, Lori Bohon, Brad Bohon, Nile Bohon, Fred Carter, Amber Carter, Candace Smith, Lisa Levings, Cynthia Levings and Jen Watterson.

Second place went to Shockey team members Jim and Keshy Shockey, Erin and Dana Scott, Jesse Palles and Eric Carter.



"A" league winners from left are Brooks Bohon, Candace Smith, Donna Peterson, Nile Bohon, Fred Carter, Amber Carter, Lisa Levings, and Lori Bohon.

Gillette team members Kirby Gillette with her Idaho State University friends took third. She is a sister to this year's beneficiary. The Pratt Team won the B division with Jared and Camy Pratt, Wade and Ariarnee Edgar, Vickie Hansen and Mark Donahue. The Ramsey Team took second with Matt and Kara Ramsey, Carla Bowcut, Arny Spaulding, Andrew Terry and Troy Collins.

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Unsung heroes

Beetles play key role in global warming research

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Beneath the lids of large coolers, thousands of tiny bugs devour the desiccated flesh of mammoth carcasses destined for the vast specimens collection at the University of Alaska's Museum of the North.

As they gnaw away, the stench is overwhelming, a rancid sweetness that stings the eyes and lungs, clinging to hair and clothes like a vile perfume.

This is the smell of global warming research at work. The dermestid beetles have been used for decades by museums to clean bones because of their unmatched ability to strip them without damaging even the smallest, most delicate specimens. The skill also makes them valuable to scientists studying global warming, because they are capable of unveiling the most minute changes in a specimen.



Link Olson, curator of the mammals collection at the University of Alaska's Museum of the North in Fairbanks, Alaska, right, and mammal collection manager Brandy Jacobson talk about the tiny dermestid beetles cleaning a deer skull in the museum's preparation lab.

Though use of the beetles is common across the country, their talent is increasingly crucial in preparing specimens from the Arctic whose effects of warming appear first and with greater intensity. The Fairbanks museum is the largest U.S. repository for high-latitude species.

"Dermestids may be low-tech, but there's no other method that does as good a job of cleaning skulls and skeletons for long-term archival preservation," said Link Olson, curator of the museum's mammals collection and a biology professor at the university.

Global warming researchers often look for tiny clues in bones to help them understand even the most minute effects of climate change on animals. Cleaner bones can give them a more accurate picture of changes.

These drab little bugs are common household pests that crawl through fans, clothing and cereal, shedding their tiny exoskeletons in drawers and cupboards. At the Fairbanks museum, the "bug room" is secluded from the museum's larger collection out of necessity. A dermestid infestation is a curator's worst nightmare. There's not much the bugs won't eat.

Seemingly oblivious to the stench, Jacobson set an ox leg and other chunks of meat under a range hood, where they would air dry for at least two days. Otherwise the meat would be too wet for the carton-eating bugs, which were busy crawling all over the skull of a Sitka black-tail deer and the bones of other mammals, including a polar bear.

"They only eat dead flesh," Olson said. "They like jerky basically."

Scientists also say the dermestid method is preferable to other methods of cleaning bones, such as maceration, in which bones are soaked in bacteria-laden water to break down soft tissue. That can loosen teeth or weaken sutures in skulls or long bones. Larry Heaney, curator of the division of mammals at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

Their cleaning prowess is invaluable when measuring changes over extended periods of time, he said. Researchers are often looking for tiny changes in

frozen pieces of a musk ox.

density, proportion, shape and size of bones, which can reflect changes in resources available to the animal.

Israeli scientist Yoram Yom-Tov recently used 400 marten specimens obtained by the museum during the last 50 years to determine that the small carnivore had grown over the years by a few percentage points.

The most plausible explanation for the growth is that winters are shorter and warmer, said Yom-Tov, a professor of zoology at Tel-Aviv University. With a longer growing season in the Arctic, plants are more available to such prey as voles, so they become bigger and more plentiful, supplying a greater source of food for martens, he said.

"What researchers are often looking for at this point are very subtle changes taking place, Heaney said. "With specimens cleaned by beetles, you can look very precisely at tiny changes in the anatomy of the animals."

As for the smell?

"It gets more bearable as you get used to it," Jacobson said.

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- Fake token
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- Metallic fabrics
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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Toy remains in stores after child's death and voluntary product recall

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The company that makes the popular Magnetix toy building sets is not pulling the products off store shelves or changing its safety warnings or package labels despite a voluntary recall announced Friday by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Following the death of a 21-month-old after he swallowed several magnets that fell out of the toy's plastic pieces, the CPSC said the product was "unsuitable for young children." The agency said it received 34 incidents involving small magnets, including four serious injuries involving children from 3 to 8 years old.

The voluntary recall affects about 3.8 million packages in homes across the United States. Rose Art Industries Inc. said it would offer replacement toys suitable for children younger than 6.

However, the company said the recall would not affect packages now on store shelves.

"We believe these products meet all federal and international safety standards and are safe and fun for kids age 6 and older," said company spokeswoman Jennifer Zerzy. "If you look at the package, it very clearly is labeled for children 6 and over, and there is a small parts warning on the package as well."

The warning says the toy contains small parts and is not

intended for children under 3. Zerzy said it is up to parents to buy age-appropriate toys and supervise their children at play.

Safety commission spokeswoman Julie Vallesse said: "The company has told the CPSC that quality-control changes and enhancements have been made to the products. While that may very well be true, the agency will continue to investigate to make sure no products in the marketplace pose this same hazard."

Vallesse said the problem is not that the product breaks into small parts but that it contains small magnets. They are small but powerful and a true hazard, she said. "If these magnets come together in your system, they can cause a serious injury."

Three N.C. men charged with performing castrations

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Three men have been arrested on charges of performing castrations on apparently willing participants in a sadomasochistic "dungeon" in a rural house, authorities said Friday.

"It's extremely bizarre," District Attorney Michael Bonfroy said in a telephone interview. "It's incredible the amount of ways that people can find to run around the law."

Sheriff's investigators said Richard Sciera, 61, Danny Reeves, 49, and Michael Mendez, 60, admitted performing at least eight surgeries on six consenting clients over the past year. None of the three is licensed to practice medicine, officials said.

The suspects, all residents of the house in Haywood County, in western North Carolina, where the surgeries were allegedly performed, were arrested Thursday. They were being held on \$150,000 bond each and could make their first court appearances Monday, Bonfroy said.

The sheriff's office had investigated reports of sadomasochistic acts at the house in 2004, but concluded there was nothing illegal going on because the participants appeared to be willing adults.

Renewed scrutiny prompted by a citizen who made "strange" statements to Bonfroy, revealed that illegal surgeries were taking place, the prosecutor said.

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An incorrect answer block for the Sudoku puzzle was printed in the Saturday, April 1 edition. The correct answer block appears above.

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Screening equipment fails in airport

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A software glitch knocked out computerized X-ray machines at Nashville International Airport for five hours Friday, causing long lines and flight delays while officials searched bags by hand.



Enjoll Barner, right, of Nashville, walks to the end of the security check line outside Nashville International Airport in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday.

None of the Smiths Heimann X-ray detectors at the Nashville airport's two screening checkpoints was operating when security operations were scheduled to open for the day at 3:30 a.m., said David Becroft, who oversees security operations at the airport for the Transportation Security Administration.

Officials believe the problem occurred when upgrades to the X-ray machine software were installed, TSA spokeswoman Laura Uselding said.

The same software is used in 450 commercial airports in the U.S., but no other airport reported similar problems, Uselding said.

Steve Cooper, director of marketing for Smiths Detection, a New Jersey-based division of Smiths Heimann, said TSA representatives contacted the company after the software glitch and told it to refer all questions to the TSA.

Lines of hundreds of passen-

gers snaked outside the terminal and into the parking areas. About 9,000 to 11,000 people use the airport every day, but airport spokeswoman Lynne Lowrance said air traffic Friday was heavier than usual with families traveling for spring break.

Some people missed their flights. Other flights were delayed 45 minutes to an hour minutes to give people time to

board.

"We did delay some of our flights out this morning in an effort to get as many people on their flights as possible," Marilee McInnis, spokeswoman for Southwest Airlines said.

Southwest is the Nashville airport's biggest carrier, and McInnis said the delays would affect flights in other cities Friday.

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The Croatian coast

By M.C. Summers
The Washington Post

The four old woman was straight out of central casting. Mediterranean division: short and stocky, wearing a shapely black dress and shawl, her gray hair in a bun. As I followed her up the stairs of her narrow stone house outside Dubrovnik's Old Town, I wondered just what kind of room she was renting me. At \$50 a night, I couldn't be sure. Then she threw open the bedroom shutters. Outside the window was a Southern European trifecta: blue sea, red tile roofs, towering cliffs.

Minutes later I joined the mix of locals and tourists at the massive Pile Gate, one of two entrances to Stari Grad, or Old Town. The marble-paved streets seemed to glow from within in the late-afternoon sun. That amazing light, the chamber music spilling out of church doorways, the cafes and ancient monuments sharing space beneath 800-year-old city walls ... Cue another gasp.

Another day in Croatia, another sharp intake of breath. And this was just Dubrovnik, in addition to the legendary "pearl of the Adriatic," the Dalmatian coast — the lower half of the coastline, a 225-mile stretch from the city of Zadar to Dubrovnik — boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in Europe, more than 1,000 rustic islands with their own traditions and culture, and one of the largest and best-preserved Roman ruins in the world.

But is it safe? Although it is a word of independence from the former Yugoslavia ended more than a decade ago, many people still envision a ravaged land where they imagine victims sleep in drab Soviet-style hotels and wander streets lined with bombed-out buildings. The truth is that this crescent-shaped West Balkan state, a country of 4.1 million people feels like Italy or Greece, only fresher and less trampled.

It's not on the euro, the dollar goes further here — although that will change soon, as Croatia is expected to join the European Union in 2008.

This is usually the pole in the story where you read, "Go soon, before it gets discovered." But Europeans are already returning to Croatia in droves, and many cruise ships have added Dubrovnik to their Mediterranean itineraries. It can feel claustrophobic, especially in summer. Better to go in September, when the weather's perfect, everything's still open, the streets are less mobbed — and the gasp quotient remains high.

The rooftops of Dubrovnik tell the tale. Walking around the impeccably preserved Old Town, you'd never know it had been heavily bombed just over a decade ago, so thorough had restoration efforts been. But walk the ramparts of the 1.6-mile-long city wall, gaze down at the city, and there's the evidence: the vivid orange roofs that dominate the skyline. Some of the town's roofs — 70 percent of the town's roofs — are jarring, in sharp contrast to the few faded prewar tiles that remain.

"The Serbians shelled from the top," said Stefica Curic, 25, a college student who moonlights giving tours of her home town. They bombed from above because the walls of the houses would have been much harder to penetrate.

"Only minutes into our walk through the Old Town, a conversation had turned to the war. The subject is never far from the surface in Dubrovnik, where more than 200 defenders died during the Serbian siege of the city in 1991-92. A map posted near Pile Gate shows the damage to houses and landmarks all too graphically.

"No one believed they would bomb Dubrovnik," Curic said as we made our way past the shops and monuments of Stari Grad. The main pedestrian thoroughfare. A delicate-faced woman with cropped brown hair, she spoke of the prewar days when she and her classmates were force-fed the Bated Cyrillic alphabet, and her parents hid books about Croatian nationalism behind the curtains of their shelves. "You couldn't say you were a Croat," she said.

When the war started, she said, many Croats moved to Dubrovnik because they believed the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site status made it immune to attacks. Instead, the

A sea of red roofs and fish every night



Opening the shutters in a guesthouse just outside Dubrovnik's Old Town on the Adriatic Coast offers a spectacular view of blue sea, red tile roofs and towering cliffs.

world watched in horror as the Yugoslav army systematically bombed the city's treasured monuments for a year after Croatia declared independence. "My family's house was destroyed," she said matter-of-factly. "I was 11 or 12, years old. But we've restored my house, and now we live normal lives."

As normal as you can be with hordes of visitors clogging your streets. Dubrovnik appears on many European "hot" lists, and on the fall weekend I visited, had the crowds to prove it. That's because four cruise ships had just docked. Curic explained, swelling the city's normal population of 55,000, an additional 10,000. "It's good for the economy," she said with a shrug.

At that point, all 10,000 of them seemed to be gathered in Laza Square, sipping cappuccino and eyeing each other in sidewalk cafes. The people-watching, to be sure, was sublime: a black-robed monk with rope belt and sandals, striding along with plastic shopping bags; kids careering around on tricycles; old ladies in black dresses and short black coats, carrying their shopping home in straw baskets; tan-teen-age girls in various degrees of undress. The low midriff things is alive and well in Eastern Europe.

The city is packed with Gothic, Renaissance and baroque churches, monasteries and museums, but I was most moved by a simpler building: the 15th-century Jewish Synagogue, the oldest Sephardic and the second-oldest synagogue in Europe (after Prague). You can climb the narrow stairs and view the baroque sanctuary, with its high-backed benches and women's gallery hidden behind wooden grilles. Among the artifacts on display are chilling decrees ordering Jewish Croats to wear yellow armbands during World War II.

Later, ducking into the 15th-century Dominican Monastery, I browsed works by members of the famous painting school (who knew?) in the attached art museum. The monastery is an architectural delight, with massive pillars surrounding an interior courtyard planted with orange trees. Bonus: Between the pillars, you can see the holes that Napoleon carved to hold his horses' food and water (the invaded Dubrovnik in 1806). And then it was on to more reminders of war in the Memorial Room at Sponza Palace, where a heart-breaking exhibit of photographs pays tribute to the young men who died defending the city.

That night, at a waterfront restaurant and local hangout called Lokanda Perkarija, I snagged a perfect table overlooking the harbor. Lights sparkled on the water and in the hills as I tucked into a plate of grilled shrimp, feeding the leftovers to the cats making the rounds. It was easy, for a little

while, to forget about war.

It seemed impossible that Kotor island would be crowded. The tiny island about 3 1/2 hours by ferry from Dubrovnik is known for its laid-back Mediterranean lifestyle, and I was expecting peace and quiet. Turned out to be the same old story — a cruise ship had just docked.

There isn't much to do on Kotor, and that, of course, is the great appeal. The main town, also called Kotor, is cunningly laid out, with one long central street (to catch the breeze) and side streets radiating from it like the bones of a fish. Yep, the famous fishbone layout.

It was raining when I arrived, and I negotiated with a young woman for a room off the main square. She was the polar opposite of my Dubrovnik landlady: flaming red hair, green capris, breezy smile. The room, on the fourth floor of her old stone house on the coast road, had another killer view, complete with fishing boats and the odd yacht. I was now officially spoiled for any future B&B in any country, ever.

I gave up on lunch — every restaurant was packed — and went for a walk, dodging the dozens of skinny feral cats that slink around town. Kotor, a walled city with steep cobble streets, feels like Venice — the Venetians ruled it for four centuries — and even has its own St. Mark's Square. Each narrow alley is more enticing than the last, with doors opening onto private courtyards with vine-draped, wrought-iron stairways.

By now it was sunny again, and I walked down to the pebbly beach to dip my toes in the Adriatic. The streets were packed with guidebook-toting photographers who tended to stop abruptly in their tracks, causing mini-traffic jams while they zoomed in on the carved moldings and ornate grilles. And suddenly, the locals took over. Out of a side street came an impromptu wedding procession — a stylish bride and groom led by a Croatian flag-bearer and an accordionist, with several dozen cheering friends and family members filling in behind them. Impulsively, I followed them down the hill and halfway around the island, snapping pictures and high-fiving the relatives until it occurred to me that I was probably really messing up their wedding video.

That night, after cocktails under the stars at the waterfront hangout, I settled in at one of the outdoor restaurants overlooking the bay. Ah, which fresh fish would it be tonight? A black cat prowling the sea wall watched me as the waiter and I in water-cooled me on the menu: "St. Pietro" was eel, orado was sea bream. And I was also ordering the bliva, the In-

formed me. "That's our special kind of spinach, but it's 200 times better. You will love." I did.

When the Roman emperor Diocletian built his retirement villa in the 4th century A.D., he settled on Split. True, it was his hometown, but its stellar setting made the decision a no-brainer. The seaside town, about a four-hour ferry ride north of Korcula, occupies a prime spot between the sea and the mountains. Palm trees, shimmering cobalt water and rows of terraced houses greet you at the dock.

Compared with the medieval perfection of Dubrovnik and the rustic allure of Korcula, Split — Croatia's second-largest city, after Zagreb — seems gaudy and more real. Or maybe that was just the elaborate system of locks and deadbolts on the door of the Soviet-style apartment I rented for the night. But it was a great location just a few blocks from the center of town, and I headed immediately for the gorgeous, palm-lined seaside promenade, whose cafes and pubs draw a lively crowd day and night.

Split's other great attraction is the enormous Diocletian's Palace, a 7 1/2-acre villa that comprises some 220 buildings. It once housed soldiers, servants and family members — 9,000 people at one point. But far from being deserted today, its apartments and courtyards are occupied by shops, cafes and private residences. As you have a coffee in the ceremonial entrance court, it's not a stretch to imagine the emperor walking through, surveying his domain.

My fish dinner circuit was coming to an end, and I ended up that last night at Sperun, a tiny locale hangout with a reputation for cooking fresh food simply and well. The manager recommended the whole roasted sea bream, brought out a bottle of the local Fossil wine and pulled up a chair.

"We don't do this just for money," Sergio Cado said passionately. "We try to prepare special food, original food — fresh whole fish, and bouillabaisse. Things people will recognize as Dalmatian." I was beginning to see what he meant.



Korcula, an island off Croatia's Adriatic coast, feels like Venice, with a Mediterranean cafe culture and narrow cobble streets opening onto private courtyards.

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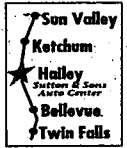
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Look at the size of that baby!

I don't know when it happened. Ben was only 6 pounds 4 ounces when he was born, and he was just about the smallest thing I'd ever seen. But I looked down one day and noticed that my baby wasn't tiny any more. I guess it must have been sometime after my legs fell asleep from sitting cross-legged with him sprawled across my lap, and definitely before my friend pointed out that Ben now has a "milk belly."



MAMA TALK
Suzanne DeSelms

My baby certainly isn't fat, and even if he were, there's nothing wrong with that at his age. But somewhere along the line, he definitely grew. He weighs about 15 pounds (enough to make your arms ache in the grocery store), is on his third diaper size and is wearing three- to six-months-sized clothing.

Luckily, we were prepared for this "growing" thing that babies do. We had clothes for him in many sizes from the moment he was born. And whenever friends asked what to get us?

"Clothes. He needs more clothes," I'd reply.

But the thing is, his kid has more clothes than I do! (And that's saying something.) I started to think that maybe I should ask for something else. But it's just that he's only able to wear some of them at a time. Of course, he's outgrown the 10 or so "newborn" outfits we had and sprang into the beginning. Then came the next size, zero to three months. I swear, he was in these clothes for, like, a week. I wondered recently whether his three- to six-months clothes will really last until he's six months, but it turns out that it doesn't matter.

There's apparently even more to consider than the size of baby clothes. I found this out recently on a nice rainy day. We were driving back from Jerome, and the baby cried the whole way. Unless he's hungry, Ben is usually pretty good in the car. I couldn't figure out what was wrong until we got home and I lifted him out of his car seat. He was soaked in his own sweat. Even with my window cracked, sitting in the sun in a terry cloth jumpsuit was just too much for the poor little guy. I felt so horrible, I changed him into a thin cotton onesie, pants and socks, and he was a happy camper. Great, I thought. Now I guess we need to add three- to six-months-sized spring clothes to the collection.

The funny thing is, when I look in his dresser drawers, I keep finding outfits I don't recognize. Some of them have never been worn. We weren't very organized in the beginning, and a few things got lost in the shuffle. He didn't need his newborn-sized booties, because all of his winter outfits had feet. By the time I found nightgowns that fit him, we decided not to use them anymore because of the possibility of cause of power leaks. And all the cozy, warm three- to six-months clothes? They're probably going to start collecting dust.

I concluded that I'd better keep telling people to send clothes. As the outfits roll in, I notice I'm not the only one who didn't consider this season thing. A friend from college sent a cute six-months outfit with Winnie the Pooh on it. It was a snowsuit.

Times-News copy editor, Suzanne DeSelms might actually have a few more clothes than her son. She can be reached at 735-3232 or dselms@magicvalley.com.

Safety first

Adapt your home for children

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — When Jet and Josh Watson had a baby, Ondra, a little more than two years ago, they knew they'd have to make some adjustments to their small house in Jerome. Things like locking up cleaning products and keeping the basement door closed.

But it wasn't until Ondra wrapped around her neck a cord to the living room blinds that Jet realized there was more to baby-proofing a house than cabinet locks and plastic outlet plugs.

"I would say that most accidents happen because parents just don't realize the danger with things like stairs or cords or draperies," said Paige Geske, director of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition — a satellite group of a worldwide organization committed to child safety.

Jet was one of those parents. A few more seconds with that cord, and Ondra may have ended up in the hospital. Or worse.

Each year nearly 2,000 U.S. children are killed as a result of home-related injuries, and millions more are injured. With a little knowledge and common sense, many of those injuries are preventable, Geske said.

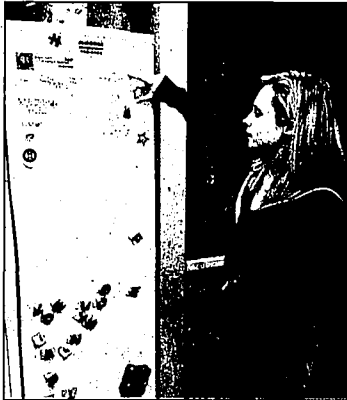
"We knew about things like outlets instinctively," Jet said. "But the cords ... we just didn't know."

After the cord incident, Jet and Josh committed themselves to making their home as safe as possible, especially when they had another baby, Sadie, seven months ago.

They enrolled in a parenting class through St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. They talked with friends who also had children. One couple gave the Watsons a child safety kit that contained cabinet latches, plastic collectible corner protectors and outlet plugs.

The Watsons set out to baby-proof their home. And although they had tools and information, sometimes they had to improvise.

Ondra figured out how to open the drawers to the living room buffet, so Josh took the



Shelley Bonnes uses the BabySitters Information Station on her refrigerator to get immediate access to emergency information and numbers in her Twin Falls home.

Play it safe
For more information about child safety in the home, contact the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition through Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at 737-2432 or 737-2433. You can also get child safety information at www.safekids.org. In the Jerome area, call St. Benedict's Family Medical Center at 324-4301.

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handles off. Now Jet uses a small metal hook — kept out of reach over a door frame — when she needs something from the buffet.

When the coffee table corner covers kept falling off, the Watsons ditched the table. Plants are up off the floor. Pictures and knick-knacks are pushed to the backs of tables. The cord to the wall-mounted telephone

is wrapped up high. Josh reeling shelves out of baby reach. A baby gate closes off the kitchen. Ondra has also done some adjusting. Gone are her marbles and other tiny toys that Sadie might ingest.

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What you need to know

Follow this checklist to keep your children safe

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sure, keeping children away from electrical outlets and hot stoves is common sense. But it's the things you don't think about that can land your child in the emergency room, said Shelley Bonnes, a childbirth education coordinator at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and mother of two boys under 4.

Follow this checklist of safety tips gathered from local safety experts: Safe Kids, a worldwide organization committed to child safety; and the Home Safety Council.

In the kitchen:

- Lock cupboards with plastic latches. They're available at most retail stores.
- Keep doors to the basement or backyard closed and locked.
- Use Velcro on refrigerator doors to keep children out.
- Do not hang towels from the oven door.
- Keep stove top pan handles turned inward to prevent children from pulling hot food onto themselves.
- Stock dangerous foods or clearing products out of reach.
- Do not store knives or other sharp objects in drawers where children can get to them.
- Do not allow children to sit on countertops or high stools, especially while you cook.
- Wrap the cords of wall-mounted telephones up high to prevent strangulation.
- Use a baby gate to keep children out of the kitchen.

In the bathroom:

- Lock cupboards with plastic latches.

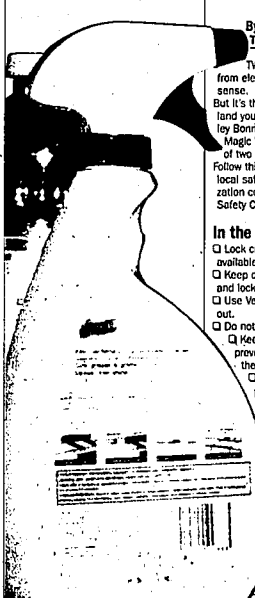
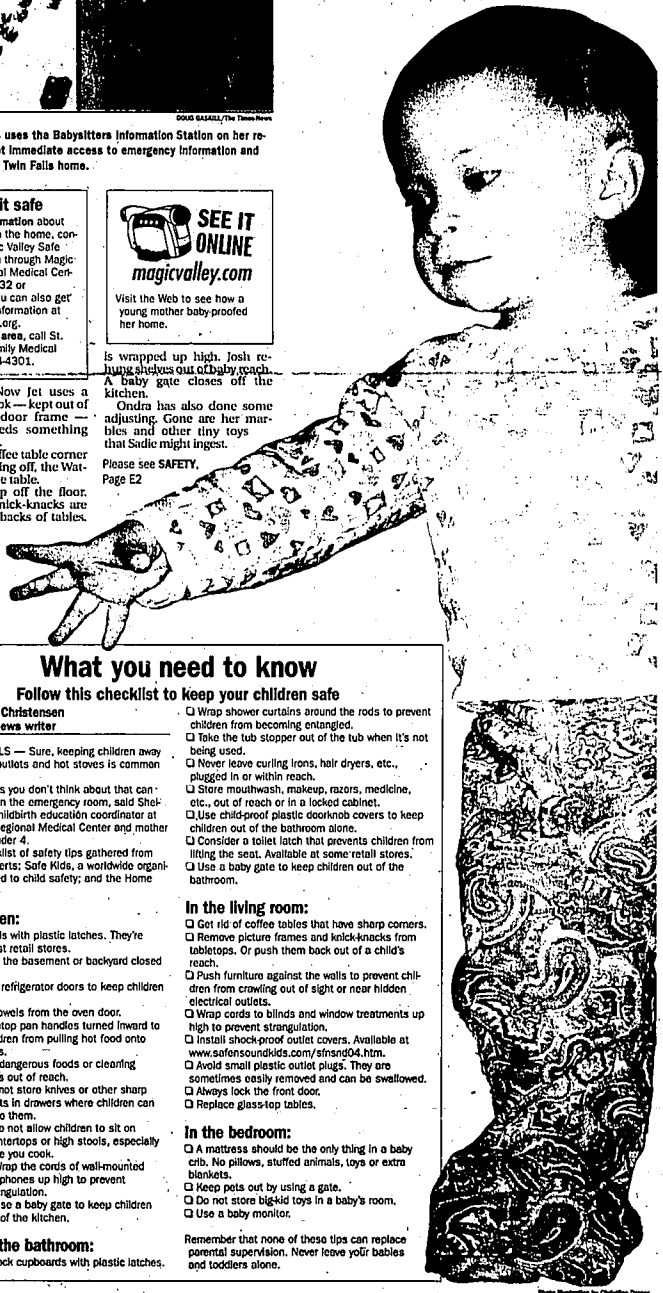
Keep your children safe

- Wrap shower curtains around the rods to prevent children from becoming entangled.
 - Take the tub stopper out of the tub when it's not being used.
 - Never leave curling irons, hair dryers, etc., plugged in or within reach.
 - Store mouthwash, makeup, razors, medicine, etc. out of reach or in a locked cabinet.
 - Use child-proof plastic doorknob covers to keep children out of the bathroom alone.
 - Consider a toilet latch that prevents children from lifting the seat. Available at some retail stores.
 - Use a baby gate to keep children out of the bathroom.
- ### In the living room:
- Get rid of coffee tables that have sharp corners.
 - Remove picture frames and knick-knacks from tabletops. Or push them back out of a child's reach.
 - Push furniture against the walls to prevent children from crawling out of sight or near hidden electrical outlets.
 - Wrap cords to blinds and window treatments up high to prevent strangulation.
 - Install shock-proof outlet covers. Available at www.safekids.com/smsnd04.htm.
 - Avoid small plastic outlet plugs. They are sometimes easily removed and can be swallowed.
 - Always lock the front door.
 - Replace glass-top tables.
- ### In the bedroom:
- A mattress should be the only thing in a baby crib. No pillows, stuffed animals, toys or extra blankets.
 - Keep pets out by using a gate.
 - Do not store big-kid toys in a baby's room.
 - Use a baby monitor.

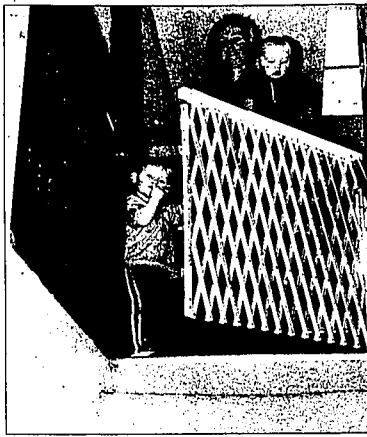
Remember that none of these tips can replace parental supervision. Never leave your babies and toddlers alone.



Three-year-old Caleb Bonnes peeks through the balusters of the stair railing in his Twin Falls home. The Bonneses added additional balusters to reduce the chance of a child getting stuck in or falling through a wide gap. The Bonnes home was built in the early 1980s, when the code did not require a smaller gap in stairway railings as it does today.



FAMILY LIFE



Shelley Bonnes opens the child safety gate leading to the basement of her Twin Falls home. The Bonneses installed the gate and added more balusters to the railing on the left to make their home safer for sons Caleb, 3, and Elton, 1.

Safety

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Shelley Bonnes — a child-birth education coordinator, registered nurse at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and mother of two boys under 4 — went through a similar process when her children were born. She removed plastic knobs from doorstops, placed locks on kitchen and bathroom cabinets, covered door handles with child-proof plastic covers, bought a gun safe for her husband's firearms, put a latch on the entertainment center doors and installed extra balusters in the staircase to prevent kids from sliding through. And also like the Watsons, Bonnes improvised.
Case in point: the yardstick slid through her kitchen drawer handles.

"You don't have to go out and buy a lot of new devices," she said. Besides, "the most dangerous is the stuff you probably don't think about." Like the air vents that sliced her youngest's fingers. (They got replaced with kid-friendly vents.)
No child will ever be completely safe; however, Geske, Bonnes and the Watsons agree that the best way to protect babies and toddlers is to never take an eye off them. There is no substitute for supervision.
"I pretty much feel like a safety Nazi," Geske said. "But you can never be too careful."

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Think, then speak, Aries

IF APRIL 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Some of your choices in the year to come may surprise others, but your popularity should go even higher as a result. Look for an economic boost this spring from a partner. New knowledge coming to you in the fall can transform your life, but keeping communications clear will be crucial in October. By the holidays, you may need to perform quite a balancing act to keep it all together. You keep everyone laughing with your sparkling wit — look forward to your new year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If there's anyone sexier or just more appealing than you are today, that would be a real surprise. This is a day for thinking, so be sure to take a moment to think before you speak. Hasty words could be regretted later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your mind is now dwelling on every aspect of romance. Outwardly, magnetic sparks practically fly from you, and others can't help but notice. Beneath the surface, you may be thinking more seriously of future and family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your touching sweetness now is leavened with an earthy humor. What others might not realize is how fair-minded you are being. You are especially generous and want to take care of others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There may be an unfolding drama in your life that leads to confusion about whether to hold on, or to let go. Also, you may find your popularity fluctuating more than usual. Friends offer a shoulder to lean on and if they are sensible in general) good advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If plans with friends misfire, you could find yourself caught in the middle. Do everything you can to keep communications clear and things running smoothly. Find something new and different to do today.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your mind spin and spin fruitlessly. Be patient with others who may not want to fit in with your carefully laid plans. Charm and laughter are your strongest allies today in lining up cooperation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Librans are luscious today — and your sexy and smoldering manner hides an old-fashioned sentimentality. Enjoy both sides of the coin today; your combination of sweetness and passion is devastatingly attractive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're more of a pussycat than a tiger today, and loved ones will appreciate your purrs of contentment. Don't let obsessive thoughts — even of good things — spin out of control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make sure your ideas today are grounded enough to be feasible, since your tendency now is to let your ideals and dreams run wild of precarities. You are especially adorable today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Anonymity is virtually important for you now because your talents and abilities are now so apparent. Make sure not to let this go to your head and abandon all sense of proportion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mind is very busy, and your social calendar should be as well — you're especially attractive now. Friendships are strongly highlighted today. If torn between two choices, make sure to take the high road.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Life is moving very fast these days. Don't take on too much today; your ideas may be bigger than your ability to get it all done. Make sure to get enough rest to prepare you for the week ahead.

Family should be where children learn obligation

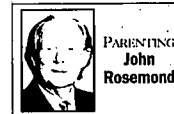
I tried to write a column but all I could manage to write were a few pieces of columns. So I strung them together and, voila! A column!

From the Department of Commonsense Precedent

I often put this question to my audiences: "Is it easier to house train a 4-month-old puppy or a 1-year-old dog?" The answer: The former, of course. As a fact, one volets until a dog is 1 year old to begin house training, the dog may not "get it" for quite some time. If so. On the other hand, it takes several days to house train a puppy of 3 to 6 months of age, after which one need hardly concern oneself with accidents. Obviously, when dogs and "toilet training" are concerned, the issue revolves not around age, but habit, which strengthens with age. And so it is with human children, who are also easier to toilet train when they are 18 months old than when they are 2 1/2 or 3.

From the Depend on This Department

Responding to the fact that American children are being toilet trained later and later, designers now make toilet-sized for 3- to 6-year-olds.



Needless to say, they're big sellers. It occurs to me that with the way things are going, it won't be long before toilet training becomes a thing of the past altogether. Around age 7, children will simply graduate to "big boy/girl diapers," also known as "Little Depends," which they'll wear until they grow into "Adult Depends."

From the Department of Ironies Abounding

We live in the "Age of Rights." When children are seen as the minority group, the handicapped, pets, barnyard animals, wild animals... why, these days, even trees have rights! I'm not about to deny that the concept of rights is valid, and I'm not suggesting for a moment that some of the above have no rights, but I wonder... what ever happened

to obligations? I haven't heard anyone use the term in a long time. I mean, have you ever heard of the "human obligations movement?" I think I know how this one-sided state of affairs came about. It stems from how children are reared.

Once upon a time, children had obligations toward their families. For one, they were obligated not to embarrass their families. They were obligated to pitch in and help with the work of the family, whether it was cleaning the house or bringing in the crop. They were obligated to respect their parents. In short, the family was where children practiced and learned obligation. Later, obligation transferred to nation, employer, spouse and one's own growing family. Now, if not most of today's children, I realize, are being reared in families where they are obligated to act like they have obligation are parents.

Modern parents act like they're obligated to buy children what they want, take them where they want to go, do their homework, get all the bad grades, and so on. It should surprise no one that fits and loses of today's kids act like their first and only allegiance is to themselves. The very ideal that has held our fragile

democracy together through thick and thin — the willingness to make personal sacrifice for the common good — is going quickly by the wayside.

From the Truth Is Stranger than Fiction Department

A teacher in the Northeast was reprimanded for telling a youngster that he shouldn't do to others what he didn't want others to do to him. This after she stopped the child in question from bullying a smaller child. The bully's parents complained that the teacher was imposing her moral values on their little Mr. Royal Highness.

Need I point out that the controversy in question involves nothing less universal than the Golden Rule? Her administration, fearing litigation, caved in and disciplined the teacher. This is consistent with what teachers consistently tell their students: Discipline a child today with reprimand because it may well turn out that the adult doing the discipline ends up being the disciplinee. It's a child needing the discipline gets off scot-free.

Family psychologist John Rosemond on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

Bad lighting makes for bad stargazing

When a new public building was built not far from my home, I was horrified to see its outdoor lighting scheme. Its parking lot was aglow with pole-mounted fixtures sending as much light downwards and upward as down on the ground. The outside of the modestly sized building sported a whopping 18 wall sconces. My guess is the lighting designer was voted out by the Department of Corrections' community work center next door and decided that lighting the place up like an old-fashioned power plant would provide better security.



belonged. But there's not much you can do with a badly designed wall pack. While many new parking lot fixtures are designed to direct all their light below the horizontal, wall packs seem to be lighting behind. A few are well designed, like those on Twin Falls' new Deseret Industries building. But most are completely unshielded, shining light in every direction and visible for miles. Worse, they can actually decrease security by providing deep shadows for criminals to hide in and mak-

Sky calendar through Saturday
Planets: One hour before sunrise: Venus: SSE, very low; Jupiter: SW, low; One hour after sunset: Mars: WSW, high; Saturn: S, very high; moon: homequarter 6:01 a.m. Wednesday, Close to Mars on Monday night. Close to Saturn on Thursday night. Other date: Daylight saving time started this morning, 2 a.m. Set clocks ahead one hour.

Maybe it's an attempt to rein in the surging electric bill. Or perhaps they read the statistics that found no demonstrable crime-reducing effect from increased lighting. Night-sky-friendly wall packs can be found at the International Dark Sky Association's Web site (www.darksky.org/fixtures). If only that offending building's lighting designer had employed such fixtures, they could have lit the dark areas of their property, kept their electricity bills in control and still helped to preserve the night sky for all to enjoy. Next week: Observing bright lunar craters.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herick Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Husband is desperate to heal wounds he inflicted

DEAR ABBY: I have an enormous problem and need a woman's input, and that's you. I realized recently that I have abused my wife, "Doreen," for years.

I never hit her and I never cheated, but I had many frustrations inside and I took them out on her verbally. I never realized what I was doing to her emotionally. A few months ago, it happened again — I yelled at her. After a weekend of crying, Doreen came to the conclusion that she didn't need the aggression anymore. Our marriage is in deep trouble. Abby, Doreen is my life. I worship her. I really do. I love her and I'm in love with her. I always have been and I always will be. I'm seeing a counselor. It is going well, and Doreen has agreed to go, too, both alone and with me. Although we have been intimate recently, she shows me very little affection or attention, and says very little to me. I understand she needs time and her own space, and I'm trying hard to give that to her, but she



means so much to me that I want to be around her as much as possible. I feel like my heart has been ripped out of my chest. My doctor told me I am clinically depressed. It means my brain chemistry is out of whack. Before you can heal your marriage, you will have to heal yourself because your depression and not your frustration — may have been the cause of your ugly outbursts. I understand that you

feel awful right now, but it may be necessary to reorganize your priorities and crowding your wife out of your own insecurity is unwise. Although you may not realize it, being beaten down can be as damaging to the target as being beaten up. In fact, the effects can be more long-lasting if the person is told repeatedly that he or she doesn't measure up.

Your wife's feeling for you may not be dead as much as you may think. It's worth trying to listen to your therapist, and take your relationship with Doreen one day at a time.

DEAR ABBY: In a few months, some good friends of mine will be getting married. I am in the bridal party. The problem is, my ex-fiance is one of the groomsmen. My ex and I did not break up well, nor have we had any contact since I moved out.

Because my ex is not the best man, it's really not best to deal with him during the coming month or during the wedding. However, I'm afraid it might be uncomfortable for me during such things as the reception dinner, the picture-taking etc. I don't want to distress the bride and groom, not this close to the wedding. How should I handle it if he should make things uncomfortable, other than as politely as possible? — CONCERNED INQUIRY, N.Y.

DEAR CONCERNED: I'm sure the bride and groom are well aware of the circumstances of your breakup. Therefore, it would not be out of line to suggest to whoever is handling the seating at the reception that you would like to sit next to your former fiance. Be cordial in your interactions with him, but don't linger or allow him to start a serious conversation, and you should be able to make it through the occasion with a scene.

Let kids play in the wild to get a lifelong love of nature

By Melissa Healy Los Angeles Times

Science camp won't do it, and neither will joining the 4-H Club. In fact, being in 4-H or all its outdoor activities may not be enough. Parents wishing to raise a future environmentalist should give their kids plenty of time for free play in the wild before they're 11 years old, suggests a new Cornell University study. Psychologist Nancy Wells and

her research staff reviewed data gathered in a 1998 U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service survey in which urban adults provided details of their childhood play activities. They discovered that those who, as children, had engaged in activities such as camping, playing in the woods, birding, hunting and hunting were significantly more likely to consider themselves active environmentalists than those whose experiences of nature were more controlled or

instructional. Domestic, nature-oriented activities, such as gardening, had some effect on adult attitudes about environmental issues, but it was not strong. "When children become truly engaged with the natural world

at a young age, the experience is likely to stay with them in a powerful way — shaping their subsequent environmental path," says Wells. The article appears in the biannual, peer-reviewed online journal Children, Youth and Environments.

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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.
Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus:
Monday: Salisbury steak, cook's choice
Tuesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, Jell-O salad, bread and cake
Wednesday: Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, green salad, french bread, tapoca pudding
Thursday: Pork chop, potatoes and gravy, cooked cabbage, fruit salad, bread, fruit pie
Friday: Country pasta bake, peas, bread, salad, cheeseecake

Activities:
Tuesday: Dance from 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Bridge Club
Quilting
Medicare D
No exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Tax assistance
Wednesday: Quilting
Elks Card Club
Medicare D
No exercise
Thursday: Center pinocle
Tax aid
Medicare D
Friday: Blood pressure
Lunch bingo
Quilting
Exercise
Texas Hold'em

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.
Menus:
Monday: Biscuits and sausage gravy, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, mixed vegetables, Jell-O, fruit cream puffs
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, Oriental vegetables, apple carrot salad, pineapple upside down cake
Thursday: Beef stroganoff, green beans, green salad, tapoca pudding
Friday: Oven-baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, green pea salad, coconut cream pie

Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Bowling
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aloha party, Balloon volleyball
Base, 10 a.m. to noon
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Fitness Class, 11 a.m.
Thursday:
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Making manners matter
Getting your toddler to learn good table manners requires a little focus. The Piggy Platter PlaceMat is a manners-minded place mat that helps you do just that.
Created by a company called Smart Parents, the shatter-proof, stain-resistant plastic mat allows you to put interesting, eye-catching material — ABCs, numbers or pretty pictures — underneath it. In fact, a set of "Platter Pix" comes with every Piggy Platter.
Designed to clean and dishwasher safe, the platter has a smooth frosted rim and colored rubber gutter and gasket. It's all-around rim holds 16 ounces of spilled liquid while making it difficult for little fingers to grasp or lift it off the table. The front gutter helps catch spilled food and debris so when your child no longer needs the extra coverage, allowing the place mat to "grow" with your little one.
The place mat comes in two colors — orange sherbet and grape juice. It costs \$24.99 and can be purchased at www.perryandpenny.com or call (503) 288-5530.

West End Senior Citizens Club
1010 Main St., Buht

Menus:
Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, salad, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Tamale pie, green salad, Spanish rice, dessert
Thursday: Beef stroganoff, green salad, carrots, fruit Jell-O, bread sticks, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. \$4 for seniors, \$5 for seniors under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger
Monday: Cards and dominoes, 8 to 9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: AARP tax assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

Menus:
Tuesday: Tuna noodle casserole, carrots, fruit, salad, wheat bread, bread pudding
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Hamburger patty, baked potato, vegetable, fruit

Activities:
Monday: Skateland, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Tax, 8 to 11 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Exercise
Saturday: Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; pancakes, sausage, eggs; \$3 per person, \$10 per family

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served

Menus:
Today: Pork roast dinner
Monday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff with noodles, spinach, Jell-O, carrots, brownie, hot bread
Friday: Chicken, rice, glazed carrots, Jell-O salad, hot bread, cookie, ice cream

Activities:
Monday: AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Tax aid, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, peas, cottage cheese and fruit, brownies, bread
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, vegetables, Mandarin oranges, dessert, bread sticks
Wednesday: Fish and chips, broccoli, carrot salad, dessert, corn muffins
Thursday: Pepper steak, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, Jell-O, berry shortcake, rolls

Activities:
Monday: Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Wild One, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Activity party, 6 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Birthdays dinner, noon
TDPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Lasagna, green salad, fruit, vegetable, garlic bread, dessert
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, fruit, salad, bread, dessert
Friday: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and

coffee; Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Menus:
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, french fries, baked beans, tossed salad, pineapple, cookie
Thursday: Beef and noodles, broccoli; deviled eggs, colelaw, fruit, Jell-O parfait
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Activities:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.
218 N. 8th St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Tuesday: Biscuits and sausage gravy, California mixed vegetable, gingerbread and nut bread
Wednesday: Chicken rice soup, egg salad sandwiches, carrot sticks, cream pie
Friday: Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, green beans, green salad, hot dinner rolls, sugar cookies

Activities:
Bingo is at 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Family night will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by bingo for prizes.
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Monday: Fried fish, fried potatoes, buttered peas, green salad, homemade bread, cookies, appleauce
Tuesday: Ham salad sandwich, vegetable soup, cream pie

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hallett

Menus:
Tuesday: Parmesan chicken, baked potato, English peas, hot rolls, fruit and nut tossed salad, peach cobbler with whipped topping
Wednesday: Buttermilk pancakes with syrup or biscuits and gravy, fresh strawberries with whipped cream, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit
Thursday:
Friday: Roast pork with gravy or baked fish, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple-

auce, carrot raisin salad, coconut cream pie

Activities:
Monday: Shopping in Jerome, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Carey center
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Friday:

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals, lunches available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under age 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken strips, cooked cabbage, potatoes and gravy, apricots, biscuits, milk
Tuesday: Cheeseburger with the works, potato salad, baked beans, salad, fruit, milk
Thursday: Beef 'n' noodles, beets or brussel sprouts, fruit Jell-O, bread, milk.

Activities:
Monday: Tax Aid, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilt, 1 p.m.
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: 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 meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

Menus:
Tuesday: Pizza, tossed salad, pineapple, cookies
Wednesday: Tuna casserole, peas, fruit, bread pudding
Friday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit, dessert
Saturday: Battered walnuts, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice.

Activities:
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday: Letty and Glenns Packham anniversary

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 shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus:
Monday: Beef stew, biscuits, assorted salads, cheese-cake
Tuesday: Rubeen sandwich, macaroni salad, sauerkraut, pudding
Wednesday: Biscuits and sausage gravy, hashbrowns, fruit salad, Jell-O jewels
Thursday: Chef salad, Texas toast, cottage cheese and pineapple, cookies
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHHA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menus:
Monday: Pasta and meatballs, Italian vegetables, french bread, green salad, strawberry rhubarb crisp
Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, apple cabbage salad, cookies
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, roll, salad, orange sunshine cake
Thursday: Macho nachos, rice, tossed salad, butterscotch pie
Friday: Lemon trout, baked potatoes, fruit salad, roll, ice cream sundae

Activities:
Monday: All play pool
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure
Tax assistance by appointment
Tuesday: All play pool
Woodcarving class, 8:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Pinocle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

South Central District Health Salutes Health Heroes

April is Public Health Month

South Central District Health prevents disease, promotes healthy lifestyles, and protects the health and quality of the environment. From immunizations to restaurant inspections to tracking infectious diseases, we help keep your family and community healthy. During Public Health Month in April, we salute local residents who work to enhance the health of our community.

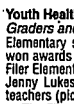
This Public Health Month, dedicate yourself to a regular exercise program, eating more sensibly, stopping the use of tobacco, and always buckling your seat belt.

2006 Health Heroes

Nominations were received from the community and SCDH staff for individuals and businesses that worked to protect, promote, and enhance the health of southern Idaho citizens during calendar year 2005.



Adult Health Hero • Ann Bybee, Diabetes Educator
Ann Bybee from Jerome has been actively involved with the Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition for several years. She works hard at educating people about their diabetes and referring people to services that are available to them. She is actively involved with educating nursing students and health professionals about how to care for people with diabetes, as well as many other community activities targeted at helping people from all walks of life learn how to live with their diabetes.



Youth Health Heroes • Filr Elementary School 4th Graders and Valley Elementary School K-5 Classes
Elementary school walking programs from Filr and Hazelton were among the nominees for their innovative programs. Vicki Leach and the Filr Elementary School 4th Graders (pictured at top right), and Jenny Lukes and Valley Elementary School K-5 students and teachers (pictured at bottom right), were honored.



The Filr Elementary program included a 50-mile week-long walk to help teach children the benefits of physical exercise and the history of southern Idaho. The program received national media attention and a \$10,000 General Mills Challenge Grant.
The Valley Elementary program was set up as a six-week challenge for both K-5 students and teachers. During the Fall 2005 challenge, students walked 6,700 miles!
Corporate Health Hero • College of Southern Idaho
CSI was nominated for its consistent work to protect, promote, and enhance the health of citizens in south central Idaho. Some examples of these efforts during 2005 include: Building a new recreation center for students, staff, and community members; providing dental salaried and fluoride varnish services for low income children through the Dental Assistant Program; training student nurses on how to conduct foot exams for people with diabetes and then providing free community screening clinics; and efforts to establish policies to become a "smoke free" campus. Dr. Claude Buetner, CSI Vice President, accepted the award.

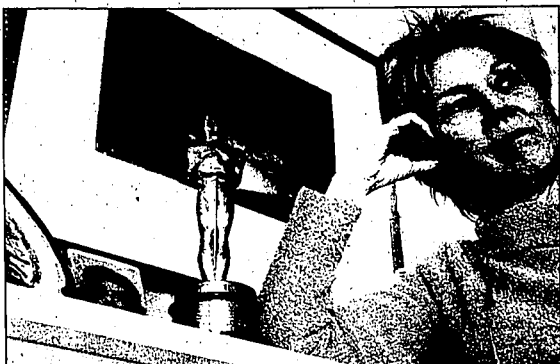


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FAMILY LIFE



Documentarian Gerladine Wurzburg and her Oscar for 1992's 'Educating Peter,' at her home in Washington. According to the Awards and Recognition Association in Glenview, Ill., trophy sales are a \$3 billion business in the United States and Canada.

Trophy life

Finding the display space in homes

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

On living room mantels, bedroom bookcases, basement cabinets and office shelves, life-size trophies, large and small, are on glittering display: gold or silver statuettes for soccer regional MVP; the Nobel Peace Prize; a high school debate champion; the best in show—scholarship; a Pulitzer; a Little League winning pitcher; a MacArthur genius award; a country club's hole-in-one; a gem society's best diamond.

In this season of Oscars and Olympics, Golden Globes and Grammys, a question about trophies must be faced: What do you do with them since you get home?

Consider, for instance, the mantel in Gerladine Wurzburg's Washington rowhouse. The documentarian has arranged a Shaker box, a tile depicting Che Guevara, stones from a favorite island in Maine—and an Oscar. Granted, it does have a singular cachet. Wurzburg was presented with her 8.5-pound, 13.5-inch statue for Best Documentary Short Subject of 1991 for the film "Educating Peter." She and her husband, film producer Grady Waits, have gotten used to the golden guy, but planners still do a double take.

"People are amazed," says Wurzburg. "The first time they come to our house, at some point they realize what it is but they still have to ask, 'Is that an Oscar?'"
Displaying one very special award—an Emmy, a Grammy, a Helen Hayes or a Heisman— isn't usually a problem. But rows of accolades from years of championship seasons can present a challenge.
Harvey Grant, a former NBA forward, is currently director of player development for the Washington Wizards. Most of his trophies from his college days and professional career, which included stints with the Washington Bullets, Portland Trail Blazers, Washington Wizards and Philadelphia 76ers, are still back in his home town of Sparta, Ga. But he has four sons who are following in his size-17 footsteps: Jerai, 17; Jerian, 13; Jeram, 11; and Justin, 9. All are award-winning basketball players. And their mother, Beverly Grant, has to deal with waves of trophies that are brought back almost weekly to their Bowie, Md., home.

"My boys like getting them because they work hard and they are proud when they are rewarded," says Beverly, who works in real estate. "But sometimes I think, 'Not another trophy'—another dust collector for their room. Depending on the main floor a trophy-free zone, she has organized shelves for each son to display his prizes in his bedroom.

Her oldest son, Jerai, displays his vast array of awards along

Now everyone's a winner

The Washington Post

Alan Tash, owner of the Washington (D.C.) Trophy Center, is entering his busiest time of the year, when teams start ordering spring season trophies. Some trophies for every member of the team. He mentions a couple who came in to his shop recently seeking a soccer statue for their 5-year-old daughter who had just scored her first goal.

In today's feel-good society, trophies are being handed out not only for winning championships, but also for "participation trophies," as they are known. Here, as parents, educators, psychologists and coaches.

Ann Dickinson, author of the syndicated newspaper column Ask Amy, published a letter from a reader recently about this subject. "Soccer Mom" questioned the wisdom of giving her 6- and 4-year-olds trophies every season. "I don't think they deserve to be put on a pedestal for their every achievement," said the letter writer.

Dickinson responded that she thought rewards for all were not necessary, but that if every other child was getting a "self-esteem" award, it was

not a good idea to remove a child from that list. The exchange created an avalanche of letters and e-mails, according to Dickinson, who said the topic provoked a heated debate with opinions about equally divided.

Coaches and athletic organizations say they are trying to stem trophy inflation by being creative about awards. Shep Snyder, president of the Burtonville (Md.) Athletic Association, which sponsors boys' and girls' lacrosse, wrestling, baseball and softball. He said some teams give \$3.50 participation trophies for kindergarten and first-grade players. For the older teens, trophies are awarded for first or second place. Snyder said that instead of trophies, T-shirts, medals or balls signed by the entire team can be alternatives.

Whatever parents may think of them, tangible awards can be very meaningful to children. Dickinson said she got one letter from a woman from California who was forced to evacuate her home when wildfires were bearing down on the neighborhood. She gave each child a plastic bag and told them to fill it with what was most important to them. They filled them with trophies.

At the Burke household in Washington, all seasons of sports and academies involving four active kids have produced a trophy bonanza. Tricia and Liam Burke, a financial analyst, have never counted up the total belonging to kids Maggie, 16; Molly, 15; Katie, 13; and Liam, 7. But there are well over 100 trophies lining around the house. Tricia Burke admits to quietly disposing of several boxes of awards over the years. Current prizes include IGC Baseball, CYC Basketball, Irish Dancing, Stoddard Soccer and Academic Excellence.

"When they first get one, we put it on the mantel in the living room so we can ooh and aah over it for a few days," says Tricia. "Then it goes up to their bedroom."

side his collection of celebrity sneakers.
"Trophies can take over your life. So I keep them in three areas," says Virginia Kennedy, a real estate agent. Her daughter, L.C., 16, an accomplished rider, has won awards for prize-winning ribbons, cups and engraved trophies. The McLean, Va., family displays several major awards in the living room, but she and L.C.'s dad, Jim Kennedy, a vice president at Computer Sciences Corp., created space in the family room to accommodate the trophies. The rest are found in L.C.'s bedroom, where wooden shutters mounted on closet doors keep the hanging ribbons flat. And even though pink ribbons (fifth place) would go better in her pink bedroom, L.C. says she's keen on displaying the blue she

"Real Estate Corner"

PITI AND YOU

By Laura Fitzgerald
Re/Max American Dream Realty

Buying a home requires careful budgeting, particularly if it is your first. There are some costs of home ownership that are fixed on the purchase price and assessed valuation of the house. There are the monthly amortized costs of principal, interest, taxes and insurance known as "PITI." But "Taxes" does not mean forever.
Even if you assume a mortgage, your monthly

costs may not remain the same as the seller's. Increases can result from changes in assessed valuation, in insurance premiums, in property tax rates, and for assessments for improvements and services, such as sidewalks, sewers and lighting.
A decision that stretches your means to fit limits can make P.I.T.I. read "pity." So plan carefully. ☺

Work force return challenging for stay-at-home parents

By Kathleen Lynn
Knight Ridder News Service

HACKENSACK, N.J.—After a decade out of the work force now raising three children, Leslie Felner needed a paycheck again. But prospective employers dismissed her two master's degrees and experience as a health planner.

"I was being turned down for jobs I could do," said Felner, 47, of Fair Lawn, N.J. "They wanted to see recent and relevant paid experience."

Her frustration is shared by millions of women and men who try to return to work after taking a break to raise kids or care for elderly relatives.

After all, only about 60 percent of American mothers are in the work force when their children are younger than 6, according to federal data. But when they have children whose ages are between 6 and 17, about 70 percent of all American mothers are in the work force. They return for a number of reasons: to help pay the family bills, to save for retirement, or simply because they find a job fulfilling.

"Others are forced into the workplace unexpectedly after a death or when a spouse dies or becomes unemployed. Many of these job seekers have minimal work experience or education.

Regardless of the circumstances, reentry is often a struggle.

"Most people are capable of getting jobs, but it's not easy," said Kate McAteer, coordinator of Women in Transition, a Wayne, N.J., non-profit that works with homemakers returning to work.

A break from work is also costly. A recent study found that women who step out of the employment market for three years or more lose 37 percent of their earning power.

Making the transition back to work is easier for people who are out for only a year or two, especially if they have kept up their contacts and skills, as job counselors strongly recommend.

But job hunters who have been out for many years are often unfamiliar with the technology that has transformed the American office. Their skills and professional networks have grown stale. Their old industries may even have disappeared.

Most of those who take time off for family reasons are women, but sometimes men do, also. And in some cases they face even more skepticism from prospective employers, because they're not traditionally thought of as family caregivers.

For any worker in transition, getting computer training is often the first, and most crucial, step.

"It's impossible to go into any sales or visitor computer skills," McAteer said.

The good news is that this

training is available in a number of places, including community colleges, business schools and non-profit groups. Displaced homemakers, who are forced to return to work by divorce or the death of a spouse, can get state and federal grants to help pay for retraining.

"You feel like a nobody. It's scary," said Maria LaQuaglia, a job counselor at the Women's

LaQuaglia said.

On a recent graduate of the women's center program is Beatrice Collins. A 34-year-old single mother, she worked in retail and then was unemployed for several years after the birth of her daughter four years ago.

Eventually, Collins landed on public assistance—an experience she found dispiriting.

To dig herself out, she attended computer classes at the center and got a Microsoft Office certification. Now she's a clerk in Englewood, N.J.—a job she said she couldn't have gotten without the help of the women's center.

Job-seekers are advised to look for work everywhere—in newspaper classified ads, on the Internet, through employment agencies—and to let everyone know they're looking. A neighbor, cousin, fellow soccer mom or even the landlord one of these people may know someone who's looking to hire.

"There's no one-size-fits-all," McAteer said. "Go out there and try everything you can. People who do

that get jobs."

Job-hunters should also look for industries that are growing, where there's demand for workers and room for promotion. And they should focus on the employer's needs, not their own.

"No one is going to pay you just so you can pay your bills," said McAteer. They will only know what kind of job you'll do and why they thought they were in particular."

Bill Miller, president and CEO of Women Work, the National Center for Women's Employment, predicted that employers may soon realize they can't afford to ignore returning workers, because they'll be facing a labor shortage as baby boomers retire.

In some high-demand fields, such as accounting, corporations are already taking steps to bring back workers who have taken time off.

Felner's boss at the Center for Interreligious Understanding, Rabbi Jack Bemporad, was understanding about her years out of the workplace and her desire for a fulfilling job.

Bemporad looked for a hardworking, intelligent employee, rather than insisting on a narrow set of work skills—because he believes the right worker can learn those skills on the job.

"I felt she was the type of person I could trust," Bemporad said of Felner.

It took Felner about four years to find this good fit—illustrating another point made by counselors: Returning workers should not give up hope.

"I tell them, 'You'll get through it. And once you get through it, you're ready for the next thing, because there's always a new challenge in life.'"

—Maria LaQuaglia, job counselor

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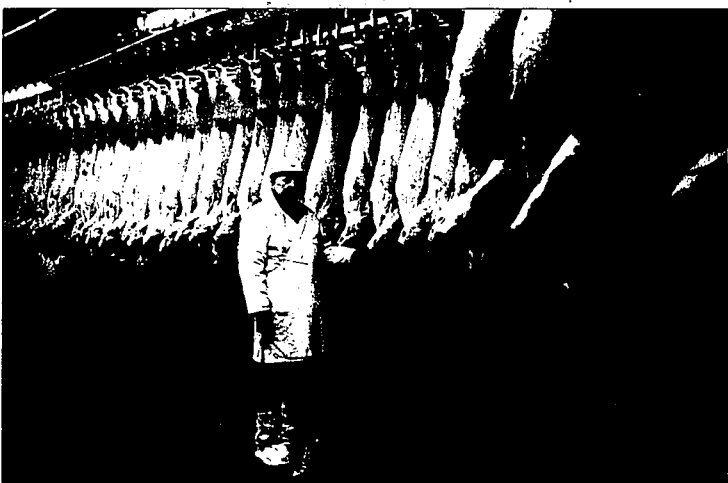
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Four generations more than **100** years



Independent Meat Co. CEO Patrick Florence stands with dressed hogs on a recent Saturday morning on the company's meat lockers in Twin Falls. The company processes between 600 and 700 hogs per day, he said.

SEARS-KMART MERGER: ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY



A customer shops inside the Sears store in downtown Chicago on March 15. March 24 marked the one year anniversary Sears Holdings Corp. which was created by the merger of Kmart and Sears. Minutes after securing final approval for the Kmart-Sears merger last year, Edward Lampert pledged to transform the two faded retail icons.

Outlook for Sears dismal year after deal

By Susan Chandler
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The Sears Essentials store sits forlorn in an old strip mall off Hicks Road in northwest suburban Palatine, Ill. A few dozen cars dot the giant parking lot, which is bordered by a former Card & Party Outlet store with a for-rent sign. More than 150 blue shopping carts are lined up outside, but there are few shoppers inside the cavernous store on a weekday afternoon. An appliance salesman in a white shirt and khaki pants leans back against a dishwasher drumming his fingers on the lookout for customers. A middle-aged woman in a yellow windbreaker is frustrated that she can't find a

pair of pumps in her size for an upcoming wedding. She leaves empty-handed.



Lampert

Sears Essentials — the combination of Sears brands in former Kmart stores — was supposed to be the future of Sears Holdings Corp., the \$55 billion retail Goliath formed by the March 2005 merger of Sears and Kmart. But as the one-year anniversary of the merger arrives, the outlook for Sears is dismal.

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Commercial cloning of cutting horse opens new market niche

By Barry Schlachter
Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — The first high-dollar Texas cutting horses have been cloned, one commercially. The other through a Texas A&M research program, their owners announced Thursday. Horses had been successfully cloned before, just like sheep, cattle, cats, deer and a dog. But these were the first clonings, triggering expectations that they will create a profitable niche in the cloning industry, which has been restrained by a voluntary moratorium on the consumption of milk or meat from cloned livestock. "The clone of 26-year-old Royal Blue Boon, which has earned \$381,764 in winnings and more than \$2.5 million

from breeding, was born to a surrogate mare on Feb. 19 in Bartlett, Okla., owner Elaine Hall of Weatherford and an Austin-based cloning company, ViaGen, said.

Created at a cost of \$150,000, Royal Blue Boon "too will never be trained to compete but would be used eventually for breeding," said Hall of Larry Hall Cutting Horses, a breeding company. Milton Bradford of Encore Genetics of Weatherford, ViaGen's exclusive marketing agent for horse cloning, predicted that Boon Too's offspring could fetch from \$100,000 to \$150,000 apiece.

On Feb. 12, the first of five clones of Smart Little Lena were born at a Whitesboro breeding facility, said Bill Freeman, leading member of the syndicate that owns the champion stallion.

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Health insurers, customers have a new concern: the mother tongue

By Lisa Gilron
Los Angeles Times

The Rodriguezes insist they answered the Blue Cross salesman's questions honestly in a telephone conversation in Spanish. If anything was amiss with the husband's application, they say, the fault lies with Blue Cross because the company filled out their applications in English, a language they do not understand. "What we want is the deal they promised us — if we paid them, we were covered," Maria said in Spanish. Blue Cross, a unit of WellPoint Inc., declined to comment. The company canceled his coverage, returned \$1,700 in premiums and left the couple instead with a \$130,000 hospital bill.

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Florence family's business honored

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ask any retail or wholesale business owner the formula for success and the reply most often heard is: Providing a quality product with competitive pricing plus good customer service equals longevity. Independent Meat Co. of Twin Falls has used that recipe for success for more than 100 years. Because of the company's commitment to excellence, the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce honored the family-owned, fourth-generation business in January with the Curtis T. Eaton Award for longevity and community service. "The Independent Meat Co. has been a staying force in the local economy for the past 100 years," said Shawn Barigar, chamber president and chief executive. "They have always been willing to contribute to community causes." A self-proclaimed "private person," Independent Meat CEO Patrick Florence said winning the award bordered on embarrassment. "It is a great honor

About Independent Meat Co.

- Independent Meat Co. was established in Twin Falls in 1904.
- It is a family owned, fourth-generation business.
- It sells products under Falls Brand Meats, Salmon Creek Farms and Family Fresh labels.
- The Falls Brand label was introduced in the late 1920s.
- The Salmon Creek Farms label was introduced in 1995.
- The Family Fresh label was introduced in 2005.
- The company has 260 employees, and annual sales above \$50 million.

for our family and for me in particular," he said. "My father (Otto) accepted the award with me. I know it meant a lot to him."

Independent Meat was established in Twin Falls in 1904. Otto Florence first

went to work for the company in 1919, and by 1925, he was promoted to processing manager. But it wasn't until the 1930s that the Florence family purchased the company.

Independent Meat produces and distributes a full line of protein products that includes beef, lamb, poultry and natural pork under the Falls Brand Meat, Salmon Creek Farms and Family Fresh Farms labels. Over the past 100 years the company has seen its customer base expand from the Magic Valley to the Pacific Rim, South America and Cuba.

Independent Meat employs 260 people and has contracts with 27 partners in Idaho, northern Utah, Wyoming, South Alberta and Saskatchewan. The company's sales exceed \$50 million annually.

"A family tradition of quality is our legacy and our assurance that we provide the finest fresh and processed meats in the industry," Florence said. "Food safety is our priority."

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Raudel and Maria Rodriguez say they properly answered questions in Spanish in applying for health coverage last fall. Now they are suing Blue Cross after it cancelled coverage claiming the couple failed to disclose pre-existing conditions.

Health insurers, customers have a new concern: the mother tongue

By Lisa Gilron
Los Angeles Times

When she learned the cost of an operation that opened her husband's clogged arteries last fall, Maria Rodriguez was glad she had signed the couple up for health coverage several weeks earlier. But then Blue Cross of California said Raudel Rodriguez, a 53-year-old self-employed scrap-metal hauler, had failed to disclose pre-existing conditions — irritating chest pain — that made him uninsurable. The company canceled his coverage, returned \$1,700 in premiums and left the couple instead with a \$130,000 hospital bill.

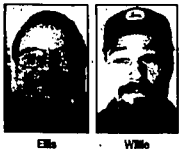
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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES



Ellis Willie

Truck drivers

TWIN FALLS — Mike Ellis and Steven Willie each completed Professional Truck Driving School's three-week class and obtained their Class A commercial driver's licenses. Ellis graduated March 17, Willie on March 22.

Jean E. Hanson

TWIN FALLS — Jean E. Hanson of Capricorn Financial Strategies and an investment adviser representative of Commonwealth Financial Network, has been awarded the Accredited Investment Fiduciary designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies, a nationally recognized training organization for fiduciaries.

Designees are trained in investment fiduciary responsibility and portfolio management.

Nanette Duncan

TWIN FALLS — Nanette Duncan was recently named Northside District manager at Wells Fargo Bank. She will have the responsibility for the Wells Fargo stores in Jerome, Gooding, Shoshone, Tilly, Ketchum and Sun Valley.

Duncan, a Louisiana financial services veteran, recently relocated to Twin Falls from Louisiana where she most recently served as a branch manager for Whitney National Bank. She has extensive experience in financial services including branch operations and management, investments, insurance and small business products and services.

She is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in management.

Meat

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The company goes far beyond what is required by regulators and inspectors, he said.

History of the Falls Brand, Salmon Creek and Family Farm Fresh labels

Independent Meat Co. has been using the Falls Brand Meat label since the late 1920s. Although the exact date is unknown, the name was taken from the namesake of the city and featured a picture of Twin Falls on its label. The brand was used on all Independent Meat products sold in the Magic and Treasure valleys and eastern Idaho until 1995.

About a decade ago, Independent Meat began to market its fresh pork under the Salmon Creek Farms brand. It was named after the company's swine-production facility near Salmon Creek Falls, just south of Twin Falls.

Patrick Florence said pork produced at Salmon Creek Farms is 100 percent natural. "Our typical Salmon Creek Farms retail customer (including restaurants) is looking for a healthy eating experience," he said. "The meat is pure and not enhanced, which allows the real flavor of pork to the table."

In 2005, Independent Meat introduced its Family Farm Fresh line of natural pork. It is packaged in larger cuts, mostly for roasting and cooking in a crock pot. According to Florence, Family Farm Fresh was an instant success with larger families that like to cook at home.

Independent Meat Co. processes 600 to 700 hogs daily. Over 300 products are derived

of professional performance training courses.

Aaron Miller — Banner Bank announced the addition of Aaron Miller to their team of banking professionals at the Boise Commercial Banking Center as real estate loan officer. His major responsibilities will include family home loan origination and custom construction in the Treasure and Magic Valley regions.

Prior to joining Banner Bank, Miller was a district manager at First Horizon Home Loans covering Southern Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. He also worked for D.L. Evans Bank as an originator in Twin Falls and is a Washington State University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication.



Tolman Magee

First Federal employees

TWIN FALLS — First Federal announced the addition of two new employees.

Jake Tolman was hired as a loan officer in the Jerome Office. He is a native of Magic Valley and received a bachelor's in business administration with an emphasis in finance from Idaho State University. Prior to working at First Federal, he worked in insurance.

Tolman lives in Twin Falls with his wife and two children.

Debra Magee was hired as the branch manager for the Falls office. She is a fifth generation native Idahoan who graduated from Kimberly High School.

She has 27 years of banking experience. She has worked in many different positions including teller, new accounts, operations, managerial, consumer/commercial lending. Magee has three sons.

Humberto Aguilar works in the Loan Division as a member of the Warehouse team. He joined Cactus Petes in February 1985.

Rosalie Houston works as a Cashier in the Gaming Division. She joined Cactus Petes in August 2005.

Dee Hinkle is a beverage server in the Food and Beverage Department. She joined Cactus Petes in March 1992.

Jill Stone

TWIN FALLS — Jill Stone, a Realtor with Irwin Realty, was recently awarded the Performance Management Network Designation by the Women's Council of Realtors.

The designation offers a suite

from every animal," Florence said. "We process everything but the squeal."

Farms, bacon and chops are the most obvious items produced, but Florence said the company also sells pig skin, offals (entrails) and blood.

The high-quality leather produced from the skin is sold to Reebok, Nike and Adidas for athletic shoes. The nutrient-dense offals are popular in Asian countries and are perceived as a delicacy with a greater value than the meat itself.

The blood of the pigs is used to produce dog food. After removing the water, the blood is dried and mixed with fats and oils and then ground into a powder-like protein meal with the same consistency of flour.

Growing up on the farm

As a youngster growing up on the farm, Florence said he didn't think he would follow in his grandfather's and father's footsteps. He remembers getting his first paycheck at 11 for sweeping and mopping floors. After high school, Florence graduated from Idaho State University with a degree in business administration. He then spent time in the military. After his discharge from the service, Florence went to work for his dad at Independent Meat.

"As a kid, I always enjoyed going to the plant with my dad and hanging out in the canyon feeding the cattle," Florence said. "I loved the outdoors and hanging out with the animals. So I guess it is inevitable that I'd eventually work here."

Times-News writer Bob Kirkpatrick can be reached at 733-3737 or e-mail at bkirkpatrick@magicvalley.com.

MILESTONES

Effluence Massage
Effluence Massage announced its new business location at 2122 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls. It specializes in Swedish Massage. Prices are \$60 for one hour and \$40 for one half hour. Regular business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, after business hours are by appointment.

Owner Naomi Johnson graduated from the business, Swedish, and Thai programs at the Twin Falls School of Holistic Studies. She is continuing her education at the Academy of Massage in Twin Falls. She has completed another Swedish program as well as anatomy and physiology programs and will be offering other techniques as she completes more courses.

A grand opening will be held April 5.

Allstate Insurance

Allstate Insurance Company announced the opening of the Neil Christensen Agency located at 768 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls.

Christensen comes to Allstate from Techna Glass where he worked for the past four years, most recently as marketing director. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Utah State University.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house will be April 19 starting at 4 p.m. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.

Pioneer Floors Carpet One

Pioneer Floors Carpet One, located at 917 Main, Buhl, recently sent two sales professionals, Allen Compton and Doug Palmer, to Carpet

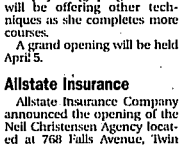
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Law firm targets sunscreen makers

By Lisa Gilron
Los Angeles Times

A San Diego law firm best known for suing after Emron Corp. and other companies on behalf of shareholders has found a new target: Sunscreen manufacturers.

Lawyers with Lerach Caughlin & Jia Geller Rudman & Robbins alleged in a suit Thursday that the makers of Coppertone and other popular brands of sunscreen are slandering consumers with lies about how well the lotions guard against the sun's harmful rays.

The proposed class-action suit filed in Los Angeles attacks sunscreen labels and advertisements as false and misleading, saying they suggest that the products fully block out the harmful effects of the sun.

The suit contends sunscreens offer some protection against the burning effects of UVB rays, but research shows that they do not block all UVB rays, the type that cause skin cancer, aging and wrinkling.

The alleged hype has created a false sense of security among consumers and helped expose millions of people to ultraviolet radiation from the sun, the leading cause of skin cancer, the suit says.

"Sunscreen is the snake oil of the 21st century," Lerach partner Samuel Rudman said. "False claims such as 'sunblock,' 'waterproof' and 'all-day protection' should be removed from these products immediately."

Coppertone maker Schering-Plough Corp. has "vigorously disputed" the allegations, said spokeswoman Denise Fey. Schering-Plough and Neurologer Corp., a Johnson & Johnson company based in Los Angeles, said all their sunscreens complied with Food and Drug Administration rules.

The suit consolidates allegations made in nine complaints filed on behalf of consumers by several lawyers and seeks refunds for anyone who bought a falsely advertised sunscreen. Lawyers said they would ask the court to force manufacturers to give up earnings from the sales of any falsely advertised product.

More than \$455 million worth of sunscreen and tanning lotions are sold annually, much of it by the companies named in the suit. They include Playtex Products Inc., Tanning Research Laboratories Inc. and Chatterin Inc. Brands include Banana Boat, Hawaiian Tropic and Bullfrog.

The plaintiffs' lawyers said the FDA sunscreen rules are the industry had succeeded in thwarting the implementation of a stricter proposal five years ago. That rule would have banned the use of terms like "sunblock," "waterproof" and "all-day wear" in labels and ads, said Mitchell Iversky, a New York lawyer involved in the case.

Remade in India

Americans seek opportunity in booming Bangalore

By Terence Choa
Associated Press writer

BANGALORE, India — After graduating from Northwestern University last year, Nate Linkon contemplated job offers in Chicago and New York. But he chose a less conventional path and started his career here, in India's booming tech capital.

The 22-year-old Milwaukee native works in marketing at Infosys Technologies Ltd., India's second-largest software exporter. He's part of a small but growing number of young Americans moving to Bangalore and other Indian cities to beef up their resumes, launch businesses or study globalization in one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

Nearly 600 Americans are working or interning at information technology companies in India, and the number is expected to grow, according to India's National Association of Software and Services Companies, or Nasscom.

India's economy has averaged 6 percent growth over the past three years, driven by the rapid expansion of its software, IT and business-process outsourcing industries. President Bush's recent visit to India underscores the strengthening economic and political ties between the two countries.

India's economy still trails China in size and growth rate. But unlike China, English is widely spoken in India, making its culture and career opportunities more accessible to foreign workers.

Like the young Americans who flocked to Eastern European cities like Prague and Budapest after the fall of communism, some college and business school grads are now heading to the world's second most populous nation to be part of its historic economic expansion.

"I didn't want a typical job right after college," said Peter Norlander, 22, of East Greenbush, N.Y., who took a job in Infosys' human resources department after graduating from Cornell University last year. "Big things are happening here. I've got a front seat."

Bangalore is at the heart of India's bid to become a 21st-century economic powerhouse. A sprawling southern metropolis of more than 6 million, it is known as India's Silicon Valley and is seeing fast growth, with an explosion of new office towers, technology parks, condos, complexes and shopping malls.

With its numerous call centers and software firms serving



Human Resource Support Manager Peter Norlander of East Greenbush, left, Marketing Executive Nate Linkon from Milwaukee, center, and MBA student at the University of Michigan and Infosys intern Eric Stuckey pose for the camera in front of the glass pyramid at the Infosys campus, India's second largest software exporter, in Bangalore, India, on March 23.

foreign clients, Bangalore is also at the center of the global outsourcing debate, generating complaints from American workers worried about their jobs being shipped overseas.

Companies like IBM Corp., Dell Inc., Microsoft Corp. and Oracle Corp. have large offices here and are expanding their Bangalore work forces to tap into India's huge pool of well-trained, relatively inexpensive engineers and other professionals.

Older American expatriates have been coming to India for years to manage subsidiaries or train Indian employees. But now younger Americans are coming to take jobs at India's leading private firms or multinationals expanding their India operations.

"India corporates also gain from such professionals working with them, gaining knowledge of the cross-cultural nuances of managing a global work force," said Nasscom's Deepakshi Jha.

With its manicured lawns, food courts, gyms and cutting-edge architecture, the Infosys campus in Bangalore is an oasis of modernity in a city where the streets are jammed with buses, motorcycles, rickshaws, horse-drawn carts and herds of cows and goats.

Once they step off their corporate campuses, however, Americans must contend with the hassles of daily life in India, from haggling with rickshaw drivers to confronting scenes of grinding poverty.

"It's emotionally exhausting,"

said John S. Anderson, 29, a Stanford business school student who returned from India last summer after a year in Bombay helping eBay Inc. integrate employees at a newly acquired Indian firm.

"The poverty that you see at such an in-your-face level, and so much of it, gets really tiring," Anderson said. "You get up and drive to work in the morning, and every day four little girls come up to you and beg for money."

Another complaint is the seemingly endless workday here. Because of the time difference, employees often must work late at night or early in the morning to talk with colleagues or customers in the United States and Europe.

Gill Anderson and others say the chance to live, work and travel in such a dynamic society outweighed the troubles.

"All I knew about outsourcing in India was call centers," Anderson said. "What you find out when you go there is that there is just a ton of brilliant people with a strong entrepreneurial spirit."

Americans generally accept lower salaries to work in India, but their money goes a lot further, allowing them to dine at high-end restaurants, dance at the trendiest clubs and travel

extensively within the country. American software engineer Anna Libkhen, 31, took a big pay cut — she now earns about one-fourth her salary in New York City — when she transferred to Bangalore for Thomas Financial in October 2004.

But the chance to immerse herself in Indian culture is priceless.

"India as a country has a lot to offer: yoga, ayurveda (herbal medicine), meditation, food, dance, music," Libkhen said. "These are all the cultural aspects of life I was looking for."

Infosys, which has about 50,000 employees worldwide, aggressively recruits foreign employees and interns, hoping its international work force will help it better compete in the global marketplace. Each year, more than 10,000 applicants apply for its 100-plus internship spots.

N.R. Narayana Murthy, Infosys' chairman and co-founder, said the company started its internship program six years ago to show foreign students there's more to India than "cows, poverty and pollution."

"They get exposed to another side of India," Murthy said in an interview on the Infosys campus in Bangalore. "These people will become leaders in all walks of life. If we can create a positive

impression on their minds at an early stage, it's good for India and for Infosys."

Eric Stuckey, 32, an MBA student at the University of Michigan, jumped at a chance to intern at Infosys as part of a research project on global outsourcing. A former software developer, he wanted to witness the growth of India's burgeoning IT industry and get experience working with Indian companies.

"India and China are coming into their own," said Stuckey, who plans to pursue a career in management consulting. "As a business person, I know that I will be working with India and China in the future, and this is a great chance to get a first exposure."

Linkon said that while his friends back home complain about mental tasks at their entry-level jobs, he's given responsibilities at Infosys that "stretch my comfort zones and force me to work in areas in which I have little experience."

"I had originally thought I'd pay my dues as soon as possible and move back to the U.S.," Linkon said. Now he plans to stay in Bangalore for at least another year. "I'm realizing now that there is too much to learn and experience before I leave

Asia."

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MONEY

Israel's 'kosher' cell phone testing appetite for growth

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press writer

HERUSALEM — It sounds like the setup for a punch line: What do you get when you cross an ultra-Orthodox rabbi with a mobile phone?

But the "kosher phone" is real and its developers are serious about looking beyond the religious enclaves of Israel. Some Arab companies even have inquired about the phone's main feature: keeping out sex lines and other worldly temptations.

"There's interest out there in a conservative phone," said Abrasha Bursyn, the chief executive officer at MRS Communications Ltd., an Israeli subsidiary of Motorola Inc. and pioneer of the kosher mobile that debuted last year.

The phones — carrying the seal of approval from Israel's rabbinical authorities — have been one of the most successful mergers of technology and centuries-old tradition in the ultra-Orthodox community, which is most widely recognized by the 19th-century black garb based on the dress of 16th-century European Jews.

The kosher phone is stripped down to its original functions: making and receiving calls. They're not messaging, no Internet access, no video options, no camera. More than 10,000 numbers for phone sex, dating services and other offerings are blocked. A team of technical overseers makes sure the list is up to date.

"These are the same rabbis who have told followers to restrict television and radio. But they've not considered just too essential in one of the world's most tech-friendly nations. The ultra-Orthodox account for about 7 percent of Israel's 7 million people.

Nor MHS is thinking bigger. Talks are under way to introduce a kosher phone to Jewish communities in the



Ultra Orthodox Jews in prayer shawls use a mobile phone and a camera in 2004 to take pictures of the sunrise as it is seen from Masada, a cliff overlooking the Jordan River where Jewish rebels defended a fortress from Roman soldiers in 73 A.D. Talks are under way between MRS Communications Ltd., an Israeli subsidiary of Motorola, to introduce a "Kosher phone" to Jewish communities in the United States and other nations possibly later this year.

United States and other nations possibly later this year. Israeli Arabs — about 20 percent of the population — have also taken notice of the phones as a possible option for those trying to protect conservative Islamic sensibilities.

Some Arab cell phone providers see the same attraction. They have sought infor- mation from MHS via e-mails from Jordan, which has a peace treaty with Israel, said Bursyn, who declined to give further details of the contacts.

"This was a unique product for a unique brand of customer," he said.

"But we see some potential beyond this niche market."

The kosher phone is an example of demand leading the way for supply.

In late 2004, a special rabbinical panel was formed to study how to bridge the need for cellular phones and ultra-Orthodox codes. The community was torn.

Some saw the phones as a non-threatening convenience. Others believed the sophisticated "third generation" phones offered an unhealthy freedom: the ability to download

pornography or allow young people to make furtive contact with the opposite sex — which is highly restricted in ultra-Orthodox society. The conservative magi- zine Pniny called the multitasking new phones "a candy store for the evil impulse."

The rabbis' solution — find a cell phone that's only a phone.

"They saw the future and were frightened," said one of Israel's most prominent attorneys, Jacob Weinholt, who was asked by the rabbis to approach Israel's four main cellular

companies with the idea of the pared-down phone. "In 10 years, we may have commercials coming over the phone. Maybe gambling, doing TV. The companies wanted to keep the cell phones, but not allow this commercial world to enter their communities through them."

MHS — Israel's smallest cell phone company in terms of market share — was the first to take the challenge. But instead of simply blocking the non-cell services, the new phones were specially engineered with hardware to prevent upgrades or sharing chips with other handsets.

The kosher phone was ready last March, backed by an unusual sales force: 80 men and 10 women from Israel's ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods who went through a crash course in cell phones and door-to-door pic- tures. The classes were arranged to accommodate synagogue prayer schedules and Torah studies.

"These people were figures in their community. They weren't novices. They started spreading the word in synagogues and wedding halls," said Matanel Shalom, chief of marketing at Sales & Direct Marketing Ltd., a Tel Aviv-based company hired to market the kosher phone.

By summer, more than 20,000 kosher phones were sold. But it was just a foothold in an estimated market of at least 100,000 cell phone users among Israel's 500,000 ultra-Orthodox. Two of Israel's other three cell phone players have developed their own kosher phones. The options now come in a range of styles and colors — from staid black to enamel red.

"If you think about it, the ultra-Orthodox religious community is doing things that are not kosher. These days, the kind of phone you carry is part of who you are," said Shalom. "Some rabbis didn't like it, but that's the reality."

Sears

Continued from F1

At Sears' core chain of nearly 900 department stores, sales were down more than 8 percent in 2005 and plunged by 12 percent during the crucial holiday season.

Sears Holdings' debt is rated "junk" by all three major rating agencies, a far cry from the A credit rating the old Sears carried for decades.

Sears and Kmart are opening few new stores while competitors such as Wal-Mart unveil more than 300 new locations a year.

The man calling the shots on merchandising and marketing is Sears Holdings Chairman Robert Lampert, a 43-year-old hedge fund operator with no retail experience who gained control of Kmart while it was in Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

By rushing Kmart out of bankruptcy in 2003 and then using the still-struggling discount retailer to launch a bid for Sears in 2004, Lampert has stretched himself and vastly expanded the borders of his retail empire.

Lampert's supporters, and there are many in the investment community, believe he will be able to hold on to his prize. In a vote of confidence, they recently hid up Sears Holdings stock to more than \$30 a share.

His critics wonder if he hasn't overextended himself. They also warn that Lampert's efforts to give up market share to fatten profit margins is shortsighted and self-defeating.

"What has been done is not sustainable," argues Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Davidowitz & Associates, a retail consulting and investment banking firm in New York. "The reason your sales dropped 12 percent is you cut promotions, you've increased prices, you've handed your customers to J.C. Penney, Kohl's, Target and everybody else."

Sears finds itself stuck in the middle, its brand associated with stodgy merchandise. A marketing professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, "It's not really cheap and it's not really good."



Latina music superstar Thalia holds up a March of Dimes WalkAmerica paper sneaker that she purchased at a Kmart store in New York on March 21. Kmart customers can contribute to the March of Dimes by purchasing the sneakers for \$1 at stores in the U.S.

worth put at \$3.5 billion. Favoring companies with strong cash flows that had fallen out of favor with Wall Street, Lampert likes to estimate himself with the country's most famous investor, Warren Buffett. No surprise, Lampert has studied Buffett — No. 2 on Forbes' list — like a scholar poring over a newly discovered ancient text.

Unlike Buffett, who generally takes a hands-off approach to operations, Lampert has earned a reputation for aggressively managing the companies he invests in. He focuses on reducing overhead and trimming capital investment, and he is unabashed about using cash flow to buy back shares.

He is also skeptical about investing in new stores and store remodeling. Last year, Sears and Kmart cut their capital expenditures in half.

Some observers are skeptical Lampert has the skills to lead a turnaround at Sears. "Lampert is a stock picker. Does he make you a good CEO or chairman of the board of a company? Usually no. They are different skills," said James Schrage, professor of entrepreneurship and strategy at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

An outside consultant who has worked at Sears on management issues, shares Schrage's concern. "They make the fatal assumption that if you're smart, you can figure it out. People say the same thing about sports, but Michael Jordan didn't make it in baseball, and you don't find much better athletes than him. In business, everybody is a specialized animal, but no one wants to admit it."

In the business world, it's easy to keep score. Increases in revenue, profit or return-on-equity are positive indicators. Decreases are not good. Retail and restaurant companies have an additional way to measure themselves: same-store sales, the percent change in sales at stores open at least a year. In the retail world, same-store sales are a closely watched indicator of financial health and shopper enthusiasm.

its retail concepts. A Sears task force concluded it would take about \$3 million per store to convert 50 old Kmarts to Sears Essentials. Lampert told them to make a go of it with \$2 million per store. Almost three-quarters of that was spent on back-end functions customers don't see, like the information technology systems, leaving only about \$500,000 for all the things they do see — new flooring, shelves, lighting and shopping carts, ac-

ording to sources close to Sears. Sears recently announced it was dumping the Sears Essentials format because of poor customer response and changing the name of the stores to Sears Grand.

If Lampert has a plan for rejuvenating Sears, he has unveiled it. One year after the merger deal, he describes Sears Holdings as a "555 billion revenue, 350,000-person start-up"

and characterizes his re-
strategy as a work in progress.

"We are a learning company that analyzes, tests and adapts as appropriate," Lampert wrote in a December letter to shareholders. "While we are clear on our vision, we recognize the importance of being flexible and quick to change if the situation warrants. We will not rely on a single grand strategy but will respond to customer desires and market opportunities."

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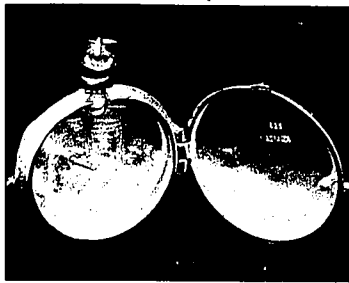
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TECH BITS



In this photo released by Japan's metalworking company Elwa Industry Co., a human DNA pendant, shaped in a rounded-perfume bottle with a crystal container for the genetic material are shown.

Company offers DNA in a pendant

TOKYO — People hoping to remember deceased loved ones with something more permanent than a lock of hair or faded photo can now have a piece of their DNA saved in a pendant. Elwa Industry Co. recently began selling pendants for preserving genetic mementos of the dead. The company, which mainly manufactures decorative metal fixtures for houses, entered the DNA pendant business last August with a line of products for saving the DNA of bygone pets. Quickly, the company started receiving requests for pendants for human DNA, said general manager Morihito Imai. The human DNA pendants come in two shapes. One resembles a rounded perfume bottle. The other is shaped like a stylized human face, cut in such a way that it can fit together with a second pendant of the same shape — “for couples,” Imai said. Made of silver, the pendants are \$428, including the cost of extracting DNA — usually from a strand of hair or piece of fingernail. The genetic material is placed in a crystal, which in turn is enclosed in the pendant. While the perceived permanence of a DNA sample is one of the product's attractions, Imai said some customers also seem to be hoping to hold on to genetic material in case it becomes possible to clone human beings.

— Carl Fieria, Associated Press writer

Study: Korea not always the most-wired

BOSTON — Because of its high prevalence of broadband access, South Korea is often considered the world's “most-wired” nation. But a new study of international Internet usage offered evidence that people in other countries are even more connected. When pollsters for Ipsos Insight recently asked 6,500 people in 12 countries whether they had used the Internet in the past month, 88 percent of South Koreans said yes. That ranked No. 4 behind Japan (89 percent), Canada (72 percent) and the United States (71 percent). (For those who track Asia's fastest-raising economies, China had a rate of 50 percent, while India showed just 15 percent — though Ipsos researchers only queried people in urban areas in these countries.) South Korea also didn't own the top slot in time spent online. The survey found that Korean Internet users, on average, were online for 12.7 hours each week, behind those in China (17.9 hours a week) and Japan (13.9). Canadian Web surfers checked 12.3 hours each week and Americans were fifth at 11.4, followed by Mexicans at 9.2.

— Brian Bergstein, Associated Press writer

Speech recognition offered for handhelds

BOSTON — For now, something like “Call Mom” is the most advanced voice command that most cell phones can handle. A maker of speech-recognition software for personal computers hopes to change that. Nuance Communications Inc. is trying to line up wireless carriers for a new service allowing hands-free, speech-to-text messages or e-mails of nearly unlimited length, as well as voice-command Web browsing and music downloads. Nuance is hardly the first to predict an end to awkward abbreviations in brief messages typed using thumbs. But speech-recognition capability in cell phones has largely been confined to dumping a few voice commands into a phone's memory to enable hands-free dialing. Kagan said the time is ripe for introducing more robust speech recognition in handheld devices because growth in bandwidth capacity has enabled ever-larger amounts of data to be exchanged wirelessly. Burlington, Mass.-based Nuance plans to introduce the technology next week at a conference in Las Vegas.

— Mark Jewell, Associated Press writer

Roaming virtual world is a real trip

I wanted to get up at 5 a.m. Wednesday and watch the solar eclipse with my new friend Tony, but I was foisted from a night of robotic line dancing in my high-heeled sandals and low-rider jeans.

LESLIE WALKER
WASHINGTON POST

It was weird watching the sun go down in a virtual world. I got so floated on my long mop of brown hair and curvy cartoon body that I barely noticed the light fading in Second Life, the trendy online universe I visited for the first time Tuesday. Besides, I felt higher than Mount Everest after fulfilling my lifetime dream of flying. What a rush.

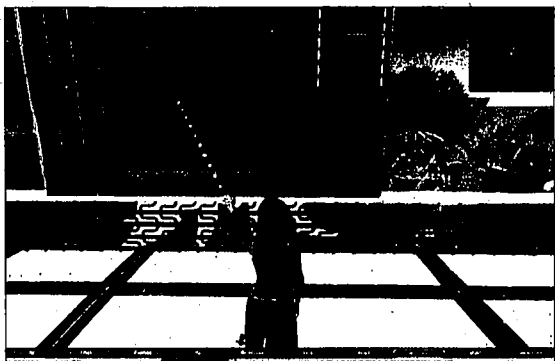
Second Life didn't feel as crowded as it might have, given all the hubbub over this fast-growing, three-dimensional world where people are not only hawking stuff but buying land, building virtual casinos and opening other businesses that earn real dollars selling virtual stuff. I flew around outside the pseudo-cities and saw plenty of cheap empty space where you could still buy a tract, throw up your dream palace and settle in before the mobs arrive and push prices to the stars.

And it looks like the mobs are on route. Second Life's creator, a company called Linden Lab, landed an additional \$11 million in financing this week from a group of high-profile investors, including Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos and eBay founder Pierre Omidyar. Linden Lab employs about 80 people and isn't profitable yet, but it's “very close” and has drawn a total of \$30 million in funding, said founder Philip Rosedale.

That's a lot of dough for a company chasing an ambitious dream that has eluded entrepreneurs for years — basically, creating a 3-D version of the Web. Not only does Second Life have quite a few failed predecessors, it has other rival virtual worlds vying for attention today.

Yet Second Life was the one that had tongues flapping at two recent high-tech gatherings. And not just because 168,000 people have signed up to participate in its admission-free universe — that's far fewer than the millions paying monthly fees to play heavily scripted online games such as World of Warcraft. No, it was the volume of economic activity and original software development taking place in Second Life that caught people by surprise.

What's different about Second Life is that most everything inside its virtual environs is created, managed and owned by users. Players retain property rights for their creations and can sell them to others for “Linden dollars,” a virtual currency. Those fake bucks can be swapped for real ones at exchange rates of about \$1 to 250 Linden dollars. Second Life makes money by selling “land” and charging virtual rent ranging from \$5 to \$195 per month. Lots of participants are creat-



Second Life users, who personally design avatars and navigate a virtual universe, also can buy and sell virtual items with its own currency called “Linden dollars” after creator Linden Lab.

ing goods inside this world, which already occupies virtual acreage equivalent to the size of Boston and is growing nearly 20 percent a month. Their handiwork includes scenery, roads, glittery sex-mails, yachts, clothing boutiques, fanciful magic wands and unicyles. Users are busy creating the equivalent of what it would take a team of 3,000 software developers to build in the traditional game-world model, Rosedale said.

For those who lack time to create adornments for the cartoonish bodies called “avatars,” the SLboutique.com Web store and other virtual-tool makers offer all kinds of clothes and extras, including 202 styles of virtual wings for about 40 cents, big ponytails for 60 cents or a pack of “Smoker's Delight” cigarettes for mere pennies. Like other virtual objects, the gigs are scripted to act like their real-world counterparts, animated so they light up, emit smoke and stop doing anything after seven minutes.

I finally decided it was time to experience this pointless place first hand. What I never understood about Second Life, even back when Rosedale showed an early version at an

event in 2002, was what purpose it served. As creative and colorful as his fantasy world was, Rosedale always insisted it was not a game. So why would people go there?

Foolish me. All you have to do is take one fly-through and see Ferraris whizzing by below, vintage aircraft gliding through clouds above, bling-bling hanging from shapely women in skimpy clothes who hop, skip and fly everywhere, and you get the picture. It's about the same things as the real world — identity, status, seeing and being seen.

Which kind of surprised Rosedale, who imagined the fantasy world people would create in Second Life would be a bit more unconventional, like the strange visions science fiction writers have been concocting for years.

“Instead it looks like Malibu,” he said, chuckling. “It turns out everyone wants a Frank Lloyd Wright-style, cantilevered, modernistic house hanging off a cliff somewhere.”

It takes a fairly high-end video graphics card and a powerful computer to move around smoothly in Second Life, which may keep away the mass audience for another year or two. But the company says its virtu-

ality economy is starting to hum. During a recent 30-day period, residents bought or sold a quarter-million virtual items, swapped 75 million instant messages and exchanged goods valued at \$800,000 real dollars.

One real-world business catering to Second Life and similar virtual communities is Washington-based Electric Sheep Co., a year-old start-up employing 12 people. In addition to owning SLBoutique.com, Electric Sheep sells services to other companies, including big brands exploring ways to interact with customers inside virtual worlds.

“We are looking at some medical applications, too,” said chief executive Sibley Verbeck. “You could imagine developing something that would help people get over phobias by immersing them in something like what they're concerned about.”

I don't know if the imagery is all that real yet, but I can say that the open-ended nature of Second Life felt new and interesting, a lot like taking an early tour of the World Wide Web back in 1993 and straining to imagine where it all would lead.

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Corporations see benefits in long-term charity efforts



By Dan Sewell
Associated Press writer

CINCINNATI — Greg Allgood's job at Procter & Gamble Co. has taken him to remote, disease-plagued villages in Kenya, into some of the Western Hemisphere's poorest slums in Haiti, across rebel-ridden territory in Uganda and to tsunami-devastated Sri Lanka and earthquake-ravaged Pakistan.

While most people who work for the Cincinnati-based company sell consumer products such as Crest toothpaste and Pampers diapers, Allgood is the director of the Children's Safe Drinking Water Project. The charitable program aims to curb the nearly 2 million child deaths attributed annually to polluted water with a water-cleansing product called Pur that the company donates or sells at cost.

Like other major U.S. companies with international interests, P&G sees long-range business benefits in charitable projects in developing countries, what some call "strategic philanthropy."

"We're not a for-loss company," Allgood said. But there is strong backing among P&G's leaders for the charitable project. "This is something we should do."

Companies that work to improve health and education overseas also can improve their images in foreign countries and among consumers at home. They can reap benefits to employee morale and recruiting. And they can lay the groundwork in future markets.

"We're going into some of these countries where P&G has no presence," Allgood said. "And maybe it's 50 years from now when we have business in Haiti, but someday, we'll want to."

What better way to learn the distribution infrastructures and government relationships than coming in with a product that's saving lives?

U.S. corporate donations overseas have been increasing in recent years, highlighted by the more than \$566 million in contributions to tsunami relief, according to the Business Civic Leadership Center for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The center hasn't compiled statistics on ongoing charitable projects but says they are on the increase, too.

A sampling Starbucks Corp. provides support to coffee- and tea-growing communities around the world and works to improve education in rural China and Guatemala. Johnson & Johnson Co. programs include eye health in Asia, diabetes treatment in Mexico and fighting pediatric AIDS in China, Russia and other countries.

General Electric Co. programs include support for rural teacher training in China and education for slum children in India. In most cases, the corporations partner with nonprofit agencies.

"I think there are various ways you can engage in these kinds of activities; there are a lot of different models out there," said Brenda Coltrilla, senior director for Merck's office of contributions. "You try to create the least amount of bureaucracy and get the most done with your partners."

Merck, based in Whitehouse Station, N.J., has been working since the 1980s with partners including former President Jimmy Carter's Atlanta-based Center Center to donate drugs that combat river blindness in Africa. The company also provides vaccine training to African health professionals, among other programs.

Greg Allgood, director of the Children's Safe Drinking Water project for Procter and Gamble, adds PUR water purifier to a jar of dirty water Feb. 14 at the P&G headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio. P&G developed the Pur sachets in cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Insurance

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Kominitsky is an author of a new study that found that as many as 10 percent of HMO financiers in California speak no English, or have limited proficiency. "They pay their premiums," he said, "and they are entitled to the same level of service as English-speaking members."

Under current law, however, non-English speakers have fewer safeguards when buying health coverage than they do when buying a car or renting an apartment.

Auto dealers and other retailers that sell products with financing long have been required to put contracts in Spanish if that is the language used to make the deal, said Alejandro Cedillo, a Los Angeles County Neighborhood Legal Services lawyer. That protection recently was expanded to consumers who speak Asian languages.

"There's nothing that would apply to health insurance," she said.

That's about to change. The state Department of Managed Health Care expects to finalize rules this year that would require health plans to put key documents in the consumer's primary language and to pay for interpreters to accompany patients to doctors' offices and hospitals.

For Maria Rodriguez, it was a Spanish-language television commercial that prompted her call to Blue Cross last summer. She said she spoke to an agent who described the plan and asked questions about the spouse's medical history — all in Spanish.

"The couple said Raudel had continued chest pain only last year. But his physician had diagnosed heartburn, and they had no reason to believe it was anything more significant."

Applications for coverage one for each of them — arrived in the mail already filled out in English, making it impossible for them to verify the accuracy of the responses. The couple said they signed nonetheless. They began paying premiums of more than \$500 every other month on Raudel's policy. Raudel took effect Aug. 1. The couple pays almost \$500 every other month on a separate policy for Maria, which remains in effect.

A couple of weeks later, Raudel felt chest pain again and went to the doctor. The physician ordered tests but found nothing wrong, the Rodriguezes said.

Finally, after the pains continued, a cardiologist ordered a test that showed for the first time, the couple said, that he had coronary problems. The cardiologist told the couple that if Raudel did not have surgery, he could have a heart attack. "I told my husband, 'Thank God we got that policy,'" Maria said. "We were scared (about the operation)... But at least it was going to be covered."

Raudel had his operation in mid-September, spent three

days in the hospital and went home. A few days before Christmas, Blue Cross canceled their coverage retroactively, citing information it had discovered in Raudel's medical records.

The couple had no idea what the notification letter was about because it was in English. It was not until Raudel went in for a follow-up visit with his physician that they learned that he no longer was covered.

"We cried every day for more than a month," Maria said. Then they found a lawyer, Jess Araujo, who practices in Santa Ana, contends that the case shows that Blue Cross takes advantage of customers who cannot speak English.

"They want to speak Spanish to hook you in, but then they underwrite, and responsible investigation of potential fraud."

Language is not the only problem in this case, said Robert Gianelli, a Los Angeles lawyer who specializes in insurance cases and is also representing the couple. He contends that Blue Cross is using the benefit of hindsight to discern a pattern in Raudel's medical record that his physician at the time did not.

Moreover, he said, the company examined the Rodriguez case with a microscope only to avoid paying for expensive care — an illegal practice known as "post-claims underwriting."

Industry and legal experts say there is a fine line between improper post-claims underwriting and responsible investigation of potential fraud.

"A prudent thing for an insurance company to do if it has a claim six weeks after a policy goes into effect is to get the medical records from the previous doctor to see if they got bagged," said Bob Laszewski, an insurance industry consultant. "You'd be foolish not to ask for the medical records."

Laszewski said it would take more than a heartburn diagnosis into effect to find a pre-existing condition.

"But if a guy had been told he has angina or something of that sort, now it's a pre-existing condition," he said. "It's going to depend on what the facts and circumstances are."

At the same time, said Bryan Lang, a physician and law professor at California Western Law School in San Diego, "the insurance company had a duty to investigate. If they didn't investigate ahead of time, that's their problem."

If the Rodriguezes lose, they said, to pay the hospital bill they would have to sell the home in which they raise three children, and Raudel might never receive the follow-up care his doctors had ordered.

As it is, he buys his medications in Mexico, where they are about half the price he would pay in California. But he has not seen a doctor since the couple discovered that Blue Cross dropped him.

"We can't afford it," Maria said.

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