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Deeply divided



Protesters pray during the The Great Walk in Solidarity with Immigrants on Saturday in New York.

AP poll finds more than half of Americans open to allowing illegal immigrants to seek legal status

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are divided about the economics of illegal immigration...

one-half of those questioned are open to allowing undocumented workers to obtain some temporary legal status...

along the U.S.-Mexico border could help to fix such a complex and enduring problem...

AP Ipsos Poll: Americans divided on illegal immigration. Includes a bar chart showing 41% favor and 51% oppose.

Unfriendly skies? Airline delays and complaints on the upswing, report says

The Associated Press

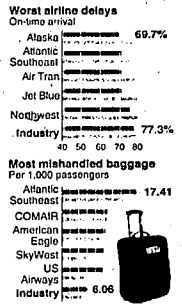
WASHINGTON — Travelers increasingly are unhappy with airlines, ranking lost luggage among their biggest complaints...

Did you know?

Southwest Airlines had the lowest rate of complaints, 0.48 per 100,000 passengers...

Report says airline service has suffered

The airline industry's customer satisfaction last year was at its lowest since 2000...



over 2004 and the rate of mishandled baggage jumped from 4.83 per 1,000 passengers to 6.06 in 2005.

The height of delays, cancellations and anger over being left stranded in terminals was reached five years ago...

Passengers are now returning to pre-Sept. 11, 2001, levels, but there are 200,000 fewer flying employees to serve them...

Intense competition from low-fare airlines and high fuel prices have forced many traditional airlines to cut back or charge passengers for amenities.

Many airlines no longer serve meals on flights. Some charge for pillows. And there's a price now for overweight or extra bags.

Airline industry spokesman David Castelvetter said carriers know their service has suffered

Needle in a haystack

Woman reunited with class ring after more than 26 years

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — During her junior year at Wendell High School, Joan Horner (then Bokna) had finally saved enough money to buy her class ring...

Then one day, while working at a local diner now long gone, the ring with her ruby birthstone in the center disappeared.

Horner graduated, married and moved out of her home on Second Avenue West in Wendell. She started a family and a career in Wenatchee, Wash.

He happened across the ring while working in his backyard flower beds last fall.

Grant Jennings, who had moved into the modest Second Avenue home in 1996, he was more likely to find age-old tubers in the ground than jewelry.

She was the only "Joan" in the class, said Jennings, whose search was helped by the school's special education teacher and lifelong Wendell resident Melanie Mattix.

"Grant came down and showed me the ring. I recognized the name instantly," Mattix said.

"I got a call from my sister-in-law and she says, 'My mom has your class ring,'" said Horner.

Horner said that after learning of the discovery, she couldn't wait to get it back but she had to wait on Lori's parents, Jim and Cheryl Davis, to make the road trip to Washington in February.

"I wanted it so bad and it killed me waiting," Horner said.

Luckily, the ring hadn't changed a bit. "Thank you so much," Horner gushed, the ring shining on her right hand.

Jennings is relieved the ring is where it should be. "I just knew I had to get it back to you," he said.



Grant Jennings of Wendell looks on as Joan Horner shows off her 1980 class ring. Jennings found the ring while digging in the flower beds in his backyard...

More than 23 percent of U.S. children aged 2 to 5 were overweight and more than 10 percent were obese in 2001-02

Obesity epidemic hits child safety seats

Many kids too heavy for them

By Lindsay Tanner Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Many young children are too heavy for standard car-safety seats, and manufacturers are starting to make heavier models to accommodate them...

Without exceptionally tall, a 3-year-old weighing more than 40 pounds would generally be considered overweight.

Lead author Lara Trifiletti said researchers at a safety center at Johns Hopkins Hospital became interested in the topic because they saw children

"who were very obese and our car-seat technicians were having a hard time finding car seats to fit them."

She did the research at Johns Hopkins but now works at Ohio State University's Children's Research Institute.

Using inadequate car seats for heavy children could put them at increased risk for injury in a car accident, the researchers said.

"We don't recommend that a parent use a restraint system for a child that has outgrown that system," said Eric Bolton, a spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Based on national growth charts and the 2000 Census, at least 283,305 children ages 1 to 6 are too heavy for standard car seats. That includes nearly 190,000, or almost 5 percent.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with a few showers possible. Highs in the lower 60s. Tonight: Scattered rain showers overnight. Lows in the upper 30s. Tomorrow: Cloudy to mostly cloudy with rain showers likely. Highs in the middle 50s.

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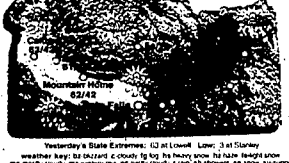
Today: Mostly cloudy with a few showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Tonight: Showers becoming more numerous. Lows in the middle 30s. Tomorrow: Cloudy and rainy periods likely. Highs in the middle 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A series of Pacific weather disturbances will make their way across the area this week. These disturbances will bring periods of cloudy skies along with mixed showers, the valleys and mountain snow showers.

Today Highs 44 to 48. Tonight's Lows 24 to 28. An active weather pattern is settling up and will take us through the week. Intervals of cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and rain showers will be possible daily through at least the middle of the week.

Today High/Lows 64 to 47 and 47 to 33. Expect increasing cloudiness with rain showers developing later today and into tomorrow. Rain chances will persist through week's end.



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Table with 5 columns: Day (Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), High/Low, and weather icons. Today: High 61, Low 39, Mostly cloudy with occasional showers. Tonight: High 61, Low 38, Mostly cloudy, scattered rain showers. Tuesday: High 56, Low 34, Rain showers likely. Wednesday: High 51, Low 35, Good rain chances continue. Thursday: High 54, Low 36, Showers early, then partial clearing. Friday: High 57, Low 37, Afternoon rain showers.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Temperature: Yesterday's High 61, Today's High/Low 61/39, Record High 79, Record Low 19. Precipitation: Yesterday's 0.0", Today's 0.0", 1987 Normal Year to Date 0.1", 1988 Year to Date 0.1", 1987 Normal Year to Date 0.1", 1988 Year to Date 0.1".

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Cities include Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Elgin, Emmett, Gardenburg, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, McCall, Pocatello, Rupert, Shoshone, Teton, Twin Falls, Victor, and Yellowstone. Weather icons and high/low temperatures are provided for each city.

Yesterday's Weather

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WORLD FORECAST

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Frist: Senate will vote on immigration bill this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Sunday he wants a full Senate vote on an immigration bill this week and believes that urgent action is needed despite sharp divisions over whether proposed legislation would amount to amnesty. 'There are 3 million people every year coming across our borders illegally. We don't know why they are, we don't know what their intentions are. We absolutely must address it,' said Frist. 'I hope by Friday that we will have a bill on the floor that is comprehensive.'

Two American helicopter pilots killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military said Sunday that the bodies of two American pilots killed when their Apache helicopter crashed near Baghdad were recovered and the aircraft was probably shot down. Three other U.S. soldiers were reportedly killed in Baghdad and northern Iraq. The AH-64 Apache Longbow went down about 5:30 p.m. Saturday during combat operations west of Yousiffah, about 10 miles southwest of Baghdad. The U.S. command said in a statement. 'The soldiers' remains were recovered following aircraft recovery operations at the crash site of the helicopter, which went down due to possible hostile fire,' the statement said. In political developments, Secretary of State Condoleezza

World in brief

Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw made a surprise visit to press Iraq politicians to speed up the formation of the government. The trip came as Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari faced mounting pressure from his fellow Shiites to withdraw his nomination for a second term. Iran said it's successfully test-fired new torpedo. TEHRAN, Iran — Iran conducted its second major test of a new missile within days on Friday, firing a high-speed torpedo it said was submersible and warship can escape at a time of increased tensions with the U.S. over its nuclear program.

Bombings, shootings kill nine in Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan — Bombings and shootings killed at least nine people in Pakistan's restive southwest Baluchistan region on Sunday, while Islamic militants gunned down a cleric near the Afghan border on suspicion he was spying for the U.S. and Britain. A bomb planted in a shopping bag killed two policemen outside a security post in Dhadar, a small town about 60 miles southeast of the Baluchistan capital of Quetta, said Mahmood Marri, a senior government administrator in the area. Gunmen opened fire immediately after the blast, killing four more policemen who were at the scene and wounding four others, said M. M. Mohammed Anjum, an official with the Levies, a police force that looks after security in Baluchistan's tribal areas. — compiled from wire reports



Lara Trifiletti, lead researcher at Columbus Children's Research Institute in Columbus, Ohio, poses on Thursday next to one of only a handful of child car seats that would fit overweight children.

Seats

Continued from A1. almost-5-year-old daughter, Hayley, who is heavier and taller than many kids her age — 46 inches and 46 pounds — and already weighed 40 pounds when she was 3. The \$250 Britax "Lusky" seat Riggs bought is about 10 pounds heavier and four inches wider than standard harness-style seats. 'It's like a Lazy-Boy recliner,' Riggs said. 'It was a little difficult getting it in the back seat but my daughter loves it.' Britax introduced two harness seats with 65-pound weight limits last year. The obesity epidemic 'is something that we do keep in mind when designing our seats to make sure our seats are versatile in accommodating all sizes of children,' said company spokeswoman Joyce Kara. Dorel Juvenile Group, maker of Cosco brand car seats, also introduced a harness seat last year for kids up to 65 pounds.

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Continued from A1. that bristles at the notion of officials penalizing those who did not play by the rules to get here. 'Illegal is criminal,' said Louella, a 65-year-old grandmother from Round Rock, Texas. She said her 16-year-old granddaughter had a hard time finding part-time work because of the laws taken by those who are illegally in the country. 'If we're going to give them amnesty, then why don't we give amnesty to a crime people who break out of jail.' Political analysts see an opening in such poll results for President Bush, who supports a temporary guest-worker program. The Republican Party is divided. Business interests want to preserve their access to foreign workers as a cheap labor force, while many conservatives would rather get tough on illegal immigrants. A two-way split found 62 percent of Democrats and 52 percent of Republicans favored temporary worker status. 'If I were in the White House, I would support a program like this,' said Charles Franklin, a University of Wisconsin political science professor who studies public opinion. 'It does suggest pretty strongly that the president has the opportunity to drive public opinion on this.' Arizona State University professor Bruce Merrill said immigration is a hot issue he had seen in 20 years that did not clearly break along partisan lines. 'Conservative Democrats feel very differently than conservative Republicans,' he said, with both camps strongly opposing the idea of rewarding people who broke the law to enter the country. The AP-Ipsos survey of 1,003 adults was conducted Tuesday through Thursday. Debate is swirling in Congress over a proposal that would legalize about 1 million immigrants in the United States and expand guest worker programs for an estimated 400,000 immigrants each year. Two-thirds of those surveyed think illegal immigrants fill jobs that most Americans do not want. But the survey found greater ambiguity on whether illegal immigrants are good or bad for American society. Fifty-one percent said they would mostly make a contribution to society and 42 percent said they were mostly a drain. Likewise, there was deep division on how serious a crime it should be to enter the country illegally. Fifty-one percent thought it should be considered a 'minor offense' and 47 percent considered it a 'serious criminal offense.' 'Americans are quite divided, but it seems as if they are looking for a solution that involves some sort of legal documentation,' said Brian Sanderoff, president of Research and Polling Inc., based in Albuquerque, N.M. He predicted that as the issue gets more attention in coming months, more Americans will start forming strong opinions. Paul Igan, director of immigration interests predicted opinion would move in their direction as people become better informed. Michelle Waslin, director of immigration policy research for the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy group, said she would consider the specific requirements that immigrants would have to meet to obtain legal status, they are more supportive of the idea. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Ex-hostage Carroll returns to U.S.

BOSTON (AP) — Jill Carroll, the U.S. journalist held hostage for 82 days in Iraq, returned to the United States on Sunday aboard a commercial flight to Boston, saying "I finally feel like I am alive again."



Former hostage Jill Carroll, left, is hugged by her mother Mary Beth Carroll as her twin sister Katie pats her head and her father Jim smiles, right, in Boston on Sunday. AP photo

The 28-year-old was accompanied on the Tufanair flight by a colleague from her employer, the Boston-based Christian Science Monitor, which posted a news story about her return on its Web site two hours after her flight landed. Carroll has been kept out of view of other reporters.

"I feel so good," Carroll said, according to the newspaper. "To be able to step outside anytime, to feel the sun directly on your face — to see the whole sky. These are luxuries that we just don't appreciate every day."

Carroll left the airport in a black limousine escorted by state police and arrived a short time later at the newspaper's

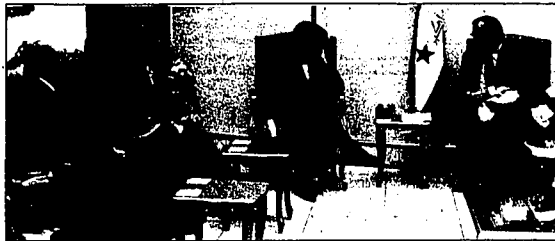
headquarters, where she was reunited with her parents and twin sister.

Monitor spokesman Jay Jostyn said Carroll had no plans to speak publicly Sunday. She was released Thursday after nearly three months in captivity.

On her flight, Carroll was touched to find a red rose on her dinner tray, the Monitor reported. Later, a flight steward

dropped off a copy of Friday's USA Today in which she saw her own face framed by a black head scarf. It was a photo of the giant poster that had been erected in Rome.

She was tickled to see pictures of her family and kissed the photo of her father, Jim Carroll. "It looks good," she said, and ran her fingers over the photo of her mother, Mary Beth, the Monitor reported.



Outgoing Iraqi president Jalal Talbani, right, chats with US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, second right, as British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, third right, U.S. ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, third left, and British ambassador William Patey, second left, listen during a meeting Sunday at the presidential palace in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq. AP photo

Top U.S. and British diplomats visit Baghdad to press for a government

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Frustrated by Iraq's failure to form a government, the chief U.S. and British diplomats told squabbling leaders on Sunday that it is time to pick a governing coalition.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was careful to say the U.S. did not want to interfere in the democratic process, yet hurried Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's failure to organize a unity government. President Bush has made known his opposition to a second term for al-Jaafari, and Shiite politicians are going public with demands that he withdraw as a nominee.

After talks with the prime minister, president and others, Rice said, "You can't continue to leave a political vacuum." Diverging from a trip to England, Rice joined British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on an unannounced visit intended to send the signal that international

patience has worn thin with the stalemate among Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds since December's elections.

"People have a sense of drift in the process, both in Iraq and outside of Iraq," Rice told reporters.

Since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, Washington and London have committed nearly all the billions of dollars spent in Iraq and suffered nearly all the casualties. The U.S. and its allies hope a unified government will be able to curb the violence and pave the way for foreign troops to begin heading home.

That government may not include al-Jaafari. President Jalal Talbani, a Kurd, is working with Sunni and secular parties to try to block al-Jaafari, deepening an impasse hardened by the recent surge in sectarian violence.

Rice and Straw said they set no deadlines in their talks, which included religious and ethnic power brokers.

U.S. officials have made little effort to conceal their desire that al-Jaafari leave office. A week ago, Shiite officials said U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad came to a meeting with the leader of the largest Shiite political organization and carried a letter from President Bush in which he objected to a second term for al-Jaafari.

Rice and Straw posed stiffly for pictures with al-Jaafari; Rice looked pained as she made small talk with the prime minister for a few minutes before the media left the room.

Rice said afterward that the United States is not trying to interfere as the Shiites, who won the largest bloc of votes, chose their leadership. At the same time, she said, "there are two parts to this process. One is you nominate. The other is that someone has to be able to form a government of national unity, and thus far Jaafari has not been able to do that."

Farmworker activists rally at McDonald's for better pay

CHICAGO (AP) — Farmworker advocates crowded the sidewalk outside McDonald's flagship restaurant Saturday, demanding better wages for the people who pick the tomatoes used by the fast-food giant.

Police officers kept the drive-thru open at the busy downtown intersection as several hundred protesters pounded on drums and held signs that read "I'm Not Lovin' It!" — a play on McDonald's advertising slogan.

Rolando Sales, 26, said workers who must fill 125 buckets to make \$50 a day are being exploited so that McDonald's can purchase tomatoes at a low price.

"We put food on the table for families all over this country," Sales said in Spanish. "We are asking McDonald's to take some responsibility as a corporation."

The rally was organized by the Florida-based Coalition of Immokalee Workers, which represents the largely Hispanic work force.

The coalition is urging consumers to pressure Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's Corp. to support a campaign to boost wages for more than 3,000 Florida pickers. They're proposing a penny-per-pound increase in pay.

A McDonald's spokeswoman said Saturday the company was aware of the coalition's issues and had contracted an independent research group to study the farmworkers' conditions and the potential impact of their proposal.

McDonald's suppliers have told the company they will implement the penny-per-pound increase if the study concludes wages are currently inadequate, spokeswoman Lisa Howard said.

Family, friends and fans pay last respects to Buck Owens

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Some of country music's biggest names gathered in this central California farming hub Sunday to pay tribute to Buck Owens, the flashy cowboy who shaped the sound of country music with his honky-tonk twang.

Dwight Yoakam, Trace Adkins and Garth Brooks were among the more than 2,000 friends, family members and fans who crowded Valley Baptist Church in Bakersfield, where the country legend died of a heart ailment at his home March 25 at age 76.

The memorial service opened with a photo montage set to some of Owens' greatest hits, and included performances by Yoakam and Adkins, and a surprise appearance by Brad Paisley.

"Buck gave birth to a movement," Paisley said. "At the time when he came through, his music was so different. He was a maverick in the true sense of the word."

Owens' three sons, John, Buddy and Michael, remembered their father as a stern but loving figure, whose advice they still carry with them.

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NATION

Justice report finds fewer victims of ID theft than did earlier study

WASHINGTON (AP) — An estimated 3.6 million U.S. households — or about three out of every 100 — reported being victims of identity theft, according to a government study that counted misuse of someone else's cell phone, credit card or personal information.

The figures released Sunday by the Justice Department differ from findings of a previous government study that counted 9.3 million victims of the crime.

The department said the most frequent victims of identity theft were households headed by people age 18 to 24; those in urban or suburban areas; and those with incomes of at least \$75,000.

The study was based on interviews with members of 42,000 randomly selected households in the last half of 2004, said Katrina Boura, a statistician with the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The bureau defined identity theft in three ways:

- Unauthorized use of a credit card.
- Unauthorized use of an existing account such as a cell phone or bank account.
- Misuse of someone's personal information to open a new account, get a loan or commit some other crime.

Of the 3.6 million victimized households, the study said:

- An estimated 1.7 million discovered unauthorized use of credit cards during the six-month period. That is about 48 percent of households reporting identity theft crimes and 1.5 percent of all U.S. households.
- About 900,000 households experienced theft from other types of accounts, such as a cell phone account, bank account or debit-checking account.
- Roughly 540,000 households said someone had misused personal information of someone in the home to open new accounts, get loans or commit other crimes.

The last category, and the rarest, is the one the financial services industry more often defines as identity theft.

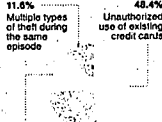
"I think it's important to mentally distinguish between transactional fraud ... (like) the unauthorized use of a credit card, and identity theft, which involves the misuse of information to establish new accounts," said Anne Wallace, executive director of the Identity Theft Assistance Corporation. The industry-funded group helps victims of fraud for free.

An earlier report by the Federal Trade Commission found about 10.1 million people experienced identity theft in 2003 and 9.1 million in 2004. The Justice Department said the different results may be due to differences in the methods used to collect data, the period of time considered and counting methods.

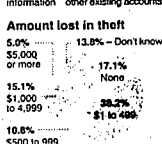
Millions are victims of identity theft

In 2004, three percent of U.S. households discovered at least one form of identity theft during the previous six months.

Victimized households



Amount lost in theft



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Don't Underestimate Your Ability to Build Retirement Savings

Many of your fellow Americans just don't think they are capable of building a reasonable amount of savings for their retirement years. Should you be equally gloomy? Not if you save and invest early and often.

Just how pessimistic are people about building their net worth? Consider these findings from a recent survey sponsored by the Consumer Federation of America and the Financial Planning Association:

- Only 26 percent of the adults surveyed think they could accumulate \$200,000 in net worth in their lifetime.
- A whopping 21 percent of those surveyed said winning the lottery would be the most practical strategy to accumulate several hundred thousand dollars.

In looking at these figures, two things jump out: The first group may be overly pessimistic—and the second group is totally unrealistic. In fact, a person's chances of winning huge in the Powerball are about 1 in 120 million, give or take a few hundred thousand. So, if you are doubtful that you'll accumulate enough money to retire, and you can't count on the lottery, what can you do to improve your savings outlook? Here are a few suggestions:

- Set some goals.** You will find it easier to invest for your retirement if you know how much money you will need to reach your goals. Try to visualize the type of retirement lifestyle you'll want. Will you travel? Volunteer? Open your own small business? A qualified financial professional can help you set a general "price tag" on your goals and show you about how much you will need to save each year—and what sort of investment return you will need to achieve—to meet your objectives.
- Put time on your side.** The earlier you start saving and investing, the better your chances of building the resources you'll need to enjoy a comfortable retirement. You might be surprised at how much you can accumulate over time. For example, if you can afford to put away \$100 a month in a tax-deferred investment (such as a traditional IRA) that earned a hypothetical 7 percent a year, you would accumulate more than \$121,000 after 30 years. Even after you pay taxes on your withdrawals, you'll still have a sizable sum.
- Take advantage of your employer's retirement plan.** If your employer offers a 401(k) or other tax-advantaged retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Every time you get a raise, try to increase your annual contributions. At the very minimum, contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered.
- Avoid heavy debt burdens.** Debt is one of the biggest threats to your ability to accumulate the money you'll need for retirement. Every dollar you use to pay off a high-interest credit card is a dollar that could be used for investing. Of course, it's not easy for many of us to make ends meet these days, but do whatever you can to live within your means and avoid racking up a huge debt load that will take you years to pay off.

By following these suggestions, you should gain confidence, over time, in your ability to increase your net worth to levels that once seemed unimaginable to you. And you can save money on those lottery tickets, too.

Questions:

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NATION

Economics of illegal immigration may defy any changes in the law

By Adam Geller
Associated Press writer

To the mostly immigrant workers and American employers who cross paths at El Centro Humanitario — a former car wash converted to a day labor agency on the fringes of downtown Denver — the nation's heated debate over illegal immigration is no abstract concept. It's economic reality.

"If people are willing to pay another \$20,000 for their \$200,000 house, then fine," said Chuck Saxton, a contractor who regularly hires immigrant workers for a fraction of what full-time U.S. workers would cost, to help him build additions and finish basements for Denver-area homeowners. "But if not, we need to talk about the consequences of throwing out 12 million people."

Those consequences — for U.S. businesses and consumers and the illegal workers who provide a consistent source of cheap, dependable labor — are impossible to deny.

That point has been largely overlooked as congressional lawmakers clash over proposals to step up enforcement and legalize foreign workers. But, regardless of the measures they devise, the economic forces underpinning illegal immigration will be exceedingly difficult to alter, experts say.

"If we enact a law that makes clear we're going to dramatically increase enforcement without allowing greater legal flows, employers and illegal immigrants will find ways around it," said Gordon Hanson, an economist at the University of California at San Diego.

While it is difficult to predict precisely what would happen as a result of future changes in the law, Hanson's assertion is backed up by past experience. The last time Congress overhauled immigration laws in

1986, the rhetoric was at least as heated and sentiments were largely the same. Illegal immigration was alleged to pose a threat to national security. Critics said unauthorized workers were taking good-paying American jobs. Foreign workers were accused of taking advantage of the nation's generosity by soaking up public benefits.

In the end, lawmakers passed a bill that granted amnesty to workers already here, while promising to clamp down on the flow of new arrivals. Congress ordered employers to require documents from their workers, and said there would be consequences if they didn't.

Illegal workers, though, kept coming. In the two decades since, the number of illegal immigrants in the United States has grown from about 4 million to between 11.5 million and 12 million, according to the Pew Hispanic Center. More than 40 percent — about 4.4 million people — have arrived within the past five years.

They account for about one in every four farm workers, hold 17 percent of all jobs in cleaning and building maintenance, 14 percent of all construction jobs and 12 percent of food preparation jobs, the center says.

Would tough new laws change that? The 1986 reforms failed because border and workplace enforcement were both weak, experts say.

Some lawmakers are calling for all employers to screen workers through a national computer system designed to catch those with fraudulent documents. A bill already passed by the House would require much more aggressive border enforcement, including an extensive fence along the frontier with Mexico.

Unlike the enforcement-focused House measure, a bill from the Senate Judiciary Committee calls for offering workers who are already here a chance at

amnesty and citizenship over an extended timetable. At the same time, it would create a guest worker program to allow a continued flow of temporary workers, a response to intense lobbying by business groups.

But experts say that while the provisions in some of the bills might slow the steady stream of arrivals, that would only be temporary.

"When all the dust clears, we're going to have higher levels of legal immigration and lower levels of illegal immigration, but within a few years we'll return to the levels that we've seen," said Peter Schuck, a Yale University professor specializing in immigration law and policy. "Immigrants will figure it out. The zeal of enforcement will wane."

The problem is that enforcement is no match for potent underlying economics, experts say.

More than half the illegal workers in the United States are from Mexico, where the past decade's currency devaluation and debt crisis have created tremendous economic volatility. At the same time, the Mexican labor market has been fed by a baby boom a generation behind the one in the United States. The combination has created tremendous economic pressure, pushing a surplus of workers to seek out opportunities better than those offered at home.

The Rev. Ricardo Hernandez of St. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Rockford, Ill., knows their stories well.

"I think they will keep on working no matter what changes are made in the law, and they'll still be hired by many business people who want only to find cheap labor," said Hernandez, many of whose parishioners are undocumented immigrants from his native Mexico, working in construction, retail and restaurant jobs.

Women's Day Out
A Tasty Preview

The Taste of Home Cooking School is coming to town! In addition to the Cooking School, *The Times-News* has created **Women's Day Out**, an exposition geared exclusively toward women during the day of April 27th. The doors to the Anderson Lumber Building open at 10 a.m. and women from all over the Magic Valley can browse through vendor booths, listen to seminars and have lunch at local restaurant stands.

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EDITORIAL

Tax not the solution to school reform

Lewiston Morning Tribune

Are members of Idaho's teachers union paying attention to what their counterparts in Washington have done?

There, the sponsor of an initiative requiring 65 cents of every dollar spent on public schools to be spent in the classroom has withdrawn.

Why? He couldn't find many supporters, but he found plenty of opponents. Including the Washington Education Association. Members of the teachers union no doubt would have benefited from the requirement in a state that devotes 59 percent of its school money on classroom instruction. But the union and other opponents, including Superintendent Terry Bergeson and the League of Women Voters, correctly pointed out that wouldn't necessarily help students.

Such bureaucratic mandates rarely last. The 65 percent initiative — part of a national movement for school "reform" — is intended to cut costs for administration and wheel spinning. But people in the education trenches say it would end up slashing nursing and counseling, teacher training, curriculum development and building maintenance, just for starters.

At the time Brian Ianness announced he would not pursue a signature-gathering campaign, opponents had raised \$15,000 to fight his initiative. He had raised nothing.

If he crossed the state line, however, he would have reason to scratch his head. In the Gem State, the Idaho Education Association backed an initiative to raise the sales tax by a penny, and require that every bit of the proceeds be spent on public schools.

Nothing for parks. Nothing for police. Nothing for health care for the poor. Nothing for drug rehabilitation. No matter how much money the tax hike brought in, and no matter what the needs were in schools or elsewhere in the state budget, every dollar raised would have to go to public schools.

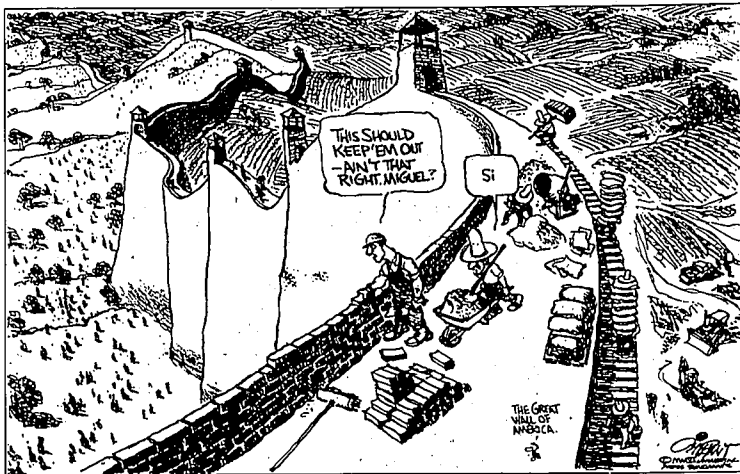
That's a lousy idea for the same reason the 65 percent initiative in Washington was a lousy idea. State and local budgets should be set by people looking at the entire picture, both on the revenue side and the need side, and adjusted each year accordingly.

Does that mean public schools have been treated well in Idaho? Of course not. But name the budget recipient that has.

The solution is more money, but that money raised in order to let some schools cross the line, ahead of all others. That's why state government has a general fund, not a combination of funds dedicated to one purpose or another. Needs change as well as resources, and writers must remain flexible.

The penny sales tax initiative is inflexible, as any budgeting by initiative must be.

And that is as true east of the Idaho-Ontario border as it is west of it.



When illegal is right, what is wrong?

There's nothing like the sight of 500 protesters on U.S. turf, demanding rights in Spanish while waving Mexican flags, to stir Americans from their slates.

In Los Angeles, the iconic phrase may be "Si se puede," but in Muncie, it's "What the...?"

Suddenly, in the flash of a newscast, polite political debate about guest worker programs visually morphed into what seemed like a full-blown invasion.

Demonstrations have the desired effect of focusing attention on an idea and television cameras can tighten that focus so that a slow drip looks like a tsunami. But the same imagery can backfire. I suspect that the sight of so many people demanding rights to which they have no legal claim will not help the cause of illegals in this country, even if it sways politicians to act, well, politically.

Let's just say that convincing others of one's desire to become an American citizen would be more effective if one were to do so in English — while waving an American flag. Just imagine how welcome 50,000 babies waving American flags and chanting, "Hell no, we won't go," would be in Mexico City.

Not before I'm accused of being biased against Latinos, let me be clear: *Yo quiero a los Latinos* could go on in Espana, but when in America, I suspect, say, as the Americans do. Speak English. Otherwise, I'm over-the-top pro-Latino and pro-immigrant.



KATHLEEN PARKER

I grew up in Florida with Cubans as my closest friends, and my stepfather is Mexican — a legal immigrant who came to this country at 16 to attend medical school.

I am, in other words, an unapologetic Hispanophile. But, like a majority of Americans who think Congress should secure our borders, I'm a fan of laws and of those who respect them — even though I occasionally turn right on red when the sign says not to.

The question of what to do with some 11 million to 20 million illegal immigrants already living and working in this country may be too problematic for mere politicians. The issue is exacerbated by our refusal to speak plain, non-PC English about what's what. Illegal immigrants are not "undocumented workers."

They're illegal. And, if we're to use the legal language accurately, they're "aliens." Then again, when we talk about illegal aliens, it is useful to remind ourselves that we're also talking about human beings. To see television images of shrouds crossing the desert into the U.S. is to see criminals intent on misdeeds rather than poor people, hundreds — or whom die each year in the process, trying to find jobs and plenty to eat.

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As we've been told hundreds of times, these people do the work Americans won't do, which is both true and not true. It is true that Americans don't want to work for the low wages that illegal workers gratefully earn, but not necessarily true that no American would do those jobs under any circumstances.

Steven Camarota, research director for the Center for Immigration Studies (cis.org), says that unemployment figures tell the truer story of how native workers are being crowded out of the market by cheap labor: 11 percent of American construction workers are unemployed, as are 9 percent of workers in food processing and 11 percent in cleaning and maintenance.

"The least educated Americans are getting hurt," he says. Standing around a Washington, D.C., Metro station the other day, I watched a Latino sweeping the tiled floor. He was one of those people you barely notice — an invisible soul, dignified, unobtrusive — but plainly attentive to his job. I don't know if he's here legally, but I do know the floor was spotless. I tried to imagine any other American doing the same job. A college student? Another minority? Is there really an involuntarily unemployed

American citizen keeping warm on a street grate because this small brown man is sweeping the floor of an underground tunnel?

Before I bleed to death or start writing poetry, let me balance this romantic view of the illegal immigrant with another nugget: About 27 percent of all inmates in the federal prison system are criminal aliens, according to government figures. Then again, millions of illegals who are otherwise law-abiding people have lived here for 10-20 years, buying houses, attending parent-teacher meetings and giving birth to native-born Americans.

Although there seems no simple solution to such a complex issue, two nagging thoughts persist: (1) The right to protest was a gift from America's Founding Fathers to the nation's citizens, ergo, non-citizens should protest in their own countries; and (2) the purpose of the legislative branch of government is to pass laws that serve the best interests of the nation's citizens.

Which may mean, *No se puede.* Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com.

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Impact of wolves should not be ignored

There are extremists on both sides of the wolf issue, and their over-the-top theories take away from those with educated opinions and logical ideas. But for the record, here's our stand: Too many people are ignorant to the actual effect of wolves in Idaho, and the media has definitely intentionally been ignorant as to the truth about them, to the delight of pro-wolfers. It seems wolf opponents come from people from one of two places: Sun Valley or back east — how ironic. The truth is, recently a few locals have also written, that this has been an "introduction" of wolves into Idaho. Re-introduction, as it's being called, has also written, that this has been an "introduction" of wolves into Idaho. It seems wolf opponents come from people from one of two places: Sun Valley or back east — how ironic.

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and there is much documentation for this for those of us who don't choose to pretend it doesn't exist. As normal hunters, may hunt for the fun of the sport, but at least we humbly take and consume our game responsibly. The wolf situation has been handled up to this point, there could come a time when the only cull to be seen may be behind the fences of elk farms like ours, unless people wake up and make officials fix this situation.

ERIN AND DAVID MILLER
Jerome
(Editor's note: Erin and David Miller own the WD, Miller Elk Farm in Jerome.)

Coal-fired power plant issue needs study

The issue of allowing the construction of coal-fired plants in Idaho is too vital to our health as well as our children's health as well as damaging our environment. We can't allow this to happen without a great deal of study. House Bill 791 will allow time to perform the needed study. You only need to have a medical condition that such a plant would have an adverse effect on or have children or grandchildren to understand this.

Be informed and do your own research on these issues. All you need to do is an Internet search on such issues as coal-fired plants, mercury, coal waste and sulfur dioxide.

After you have done your own research, you can then make an informed decision.
CHARLES AND PHYLLIS ROSS
Hagerman

Bush letting our pillars of power crumble

I was leaving for a trip the other day and scooped up some reading material off my desk for the plane ride. I found myself holding three documents: one was the Bush administration's National Security Strategy for 2006; another was a new study by the Economic Strategy Institute entitled "America's Technology Future at Risk"; about how America is falling behind the world in broadband. And the third was "Teaching at Risk," a new report by the Teaching Commission, headed by the former IBM chairman Louis Gerstner Jr. about the urgent need to upgrade the quality and pay of America's K-12 teachers.

The contrast among them was striking. The Bush strategy paper presupposes that we are a rich country and always will be, and that the only issue is how we choose to exercise our power. But what the teaching and telecom studies tell us is that key pillars of U.S. power are eroding, and unless we start doing it in a strategic way, we aren't going to be able to project power anywhere.

Because we've long been rich, there is an abiding faith that we always will be, and those who dare question that are far less likely to go into teaching today; salaries are stagnant; nearly 50 percent of new teachers leave within five years. To remedy this, the commission



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

— beginning with scrapping IBM's arrogant assumption that because it was such a great company, it could do extraordinary things with average people. Gerstner says, "We can wake up today — or we can have a rude awakening sooner than we think." The Teaching Commission notes that our schools are only as good as their teachers," yet this "occupation that makes all others possible is eroding at its foundations." Top states are far less likely to go into teaching today; salaries are stagnant; nearly 50 percent of new teachers leave within five years. To remedy this, the commission

calls for raising teachers' base pay, finding ways to reward the best teachers, raising standards for acquiring a teaching degree and testing would-be teachers, on the basis of national standards, to be certain they have mastered the subjects they will teach (teachingcommission.org).

Meanwhile, the report by the Economic Strategy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, is equally harrowing. It notes that the loss of national standards, to be certain they have mastered the subjects they will teach (teachingcommission.org).

In an age when connectivity means productivity, when communications infrastructure is the heart of any modern ecosystem, these things matter for job creation and growth. The lack of ultra-high-speed connectivity in the U.S. makes it impossible for U.S.-based companies to enter key new business sectors — one reason venture capitalists are moving their R&D start-ups to Asia, ESI noted.

The wealth and long-term economic growth of the United States, it added, "have long depended upon technological

advancement as a means of competing with our foreign rivals. America's emphasis has always been on achieving such high levels of productivity that it could be the low-cost producer while still paying high wages." The study offers a variety of regulatory and industry prescriptions (econstrat.org).

It's not surprising that the Bush strategy paper is largely silent about these educational deficits. It is to acknowledge that we have to spend money to fix them, and the radical Bush tax cuts make that impossible. It would be one thing if we were going into debt to solve these problems that affect our underlying national strength. But we are going into debt to buy luxury houses and more stuff made in China.

We're like a family that is overdrawn at the bank just as the parents need to send their kid to college, buy a computer and a DSL line, and replace a gas-guzzling furnace. Whatever "strategic plan" that they do for advancement, it won't get anywhere until it rebalances its books.

Thomas Friedman writes for The New York Times.

Decision time

Tough choices ahead for Bush's new chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's next chief of staff is the new broom in the White House and his task is clear: Do some housecleaning or, at least, raise some dust.

But Bush's popularity at a low ebb, Joshua Bolten is expected to breathe life into the president's stalled domestic agenda, warm relations with Capitol Hill and put fresh faces in some jobs, according to former White House chiefs of staff and Republicans with close ties to the Bush administration.

What is not clear is how much change Bolten will feel is needed to convince a wary Congress and the public that the administration is turning a new page. Those who have been in comparable positions under other Republican presidents do not expect Bolten to orchestrate a

if Bush wanted an overhaul, he would have chosen someone other than Bolten, who is much like Andy Card, his quiet-spoken predecessor. Bolten is seen as reorganizing enough to, reenergize the staff and give the perception the changes are more than symbolic. "I wouldn't expect any massive shake-up, but I wouldn't be surprised to see a new face or two in the legislative affairs office," said James W. Cleverly, who worked under chief of staff James A. Baker III in the Reagan administration and was deputy chief of staff for the first President Bush.

Bolten must find someone to take his old job — director of the Office of Management and Budget — and find a new domestic policy adviser. Claude Allen left that post in February just before he was charged with theft for allegedly receiving phony refunds at department stores.



Incoming White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten, left, talks with reporters in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington as President Bush watches on Tuesday.

Bolten license to hire, fire or realign the White House team and to recommend possible changes in the Cabinet.

Card's exit, announced last week, added to the speculation that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Treasury Secretary John Snow are headed for the door. Rumsfeld is the administration's front man for an unpopular war. As for Snow, critics say he lacks the ability to convince the public that the economy is on the rebound.

Like Card, Bolten must work in sync with Vice President Dick Cheney and Bush political strategist Karl Rove, masters of the power centers at the White House.

Cheney is the real chief of staff in the White House, said Paul Light, presidential historian-at-New York University. "I think his first question should be, 'How do I get Dick Cheney to return my phone calls?'"

At least two dead after SUV plunges into river

HENDERSON, Ky. (AP) — Police found the bodies of two women Sunday inside a sport utility vehicle that had plunged into the Ohio River, and were searching for four men a survivor said also were in the SUV. A woman who managed to swim to shore told police she was riding in the vehicle when her friend drove down a boat ramp into the water around 2:30 a.m.

Jamie Rukestrew, 26, said she and her friends met the men at

a bar and were giving them a ride, but she did not know their names, officials said.

"This is one of the most unusual situations I've witnessed in 25 years of law enforcement in that we have four missing people and we don't really know who they are," Henderson Police Chief Ed Brady said.

All the women were from Evansville, Ind., which is across the river from Henderson. Rukestrew told investigators she remembers they were con-


fused about what direction they were going from the bar, which is about two blocks from the river.

The bodies of Korena Alvira and Diamond Rainey, both 32, were found in the SUV about 75 feet from shore, officials said. Alvira was believed to be the driver.


Autopsies and toxicology tests were scheduled for Monday.

Rainstorms suspended the search for the men Sunday afternoon.


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Probe into corruption reaches DeLay's inner circle, sources say

By Kenneth R. Bazinet
New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — The latest plea deal in the GOP lobbying corruption scandal has moved the investigation to Rep. Tom DeLay's inner circle, congressional insiders said.

DeLay's former deputy chief of staff, Tony Rudy, 39, did not implicate him in any wrongdoing when he pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy in the case involving convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

But Rudy did point to his ex-boss, DeLay's former chief of staff Ed Buckham — as playing a role in the congressional bribery scandal.

"They were Batman and Robin. Tony didn't do anything without Buckham's say-so. Buckham was Batman," said a knowledgeable source.

Investigators are looking into accusations that lobbyists funneled campaign donations to members of Congress in exchange for help on legislation that would benefit their clients. The congressmen and their top aides were wooed with overseas

trips, lavish meals and other gifts. The probe has worked its way up the ladder, getting closer to DeLay, R-Texas, the former House majority leader.

"This is a line of falling dominoes, and it's getting closer to DeLay," the investigation is within his inner circle now," said Naomi Seligman, deputy director of the liberal group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

DeLay insiders foresee a different outcome.

"It may just stop at Buckingham," said a source who believes DeLay won't be charged. "Buckham may have made money off Tom DeLay's name, but Tom DeLay never made a penny."

DeLay's lawyer, Richard Cullen, insisted his client did nothing wrong, saying nothing in Rudy's plea deal "indicates anything to the contrary."

Rudy is the second former DeLay staffer to cop a plea. Michael Scanlon, an ex-press secretary who became Abramoff's lobbying partner, pleaded guilty in November to bribery charges.

Helms has dementia and has moved to convalescent home, wife says

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, in increasingly poor health before and since he left office three years ago, has vascular dementia and has moved into a convalescent center near his home, his wife said.

"He has his good days and his bad days," Dot Helms, told The News & Observer for a story Sunday. "He still sees friends. Company is good for him. He is still signing books. But he is not able to conduct any business or make any speeches."

The 84-year-old Republican has been slowed by illnesses including a bone disorder, prostate cancer and heart problems. As his career neared its end, he made his way through the Capitol on a motorized scooter. He decided against seeking a sixth term and left

Congress in January 2003. Vascular dementia is considered one of the most common types of dementia in aging people, with symptoms that may appear similar to those caused by Alzheimer's disease, according to the Memory and Aging Center at the University of California-San Francisco.

Helms' last major public appearance was in September, when he was honored by a group of conservatives in Washington.


Helms' wife of 63 years said that she and friends visit him daily, and that he hopes to resume going to church. "His manners are always intact," Dot Helms said. "He is very gracious when people come to see him. He is his same self in a lot of ways. He just doesn't always remember."

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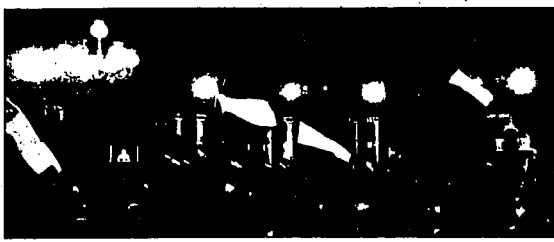
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Polish faithful wave flags as Pope Benedict XVI (in lit window at top of Apostolic Palace in background) recites rosary during a prayer vigil Sunday in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. The vigil was held to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II.

Tens of thousands pray at Vatican on first anniversary of John Paul's death

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Tens of thousands of people clutching candles filled St. Peter's Square on Sunday to mark the first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death with a prayer vigil that culminated with a blessing by the current pontiff.

Polish flags fluttered in the cool evening breeze, the candles twinkled and a choir sang hymns during the vigil, which ended with the blessing by Benedict XVI at 9:37 p.m. — the moment the Polish pope died a year ago.

The scene resembled that before John Paul passing, when pilgrims from around the world prayed beneath his studio apartment windows.

"He continues to be present

in our minds and our hearts; he continues to communicate his love for God and his love for man, he continues to arouse in everyone, especially the young, enthusiasm for goodness and the courage to follow Jesus and his teachings," Benedict told the crowd, which he joined in reciting the rosary from a window.

In his message, which was broadcast via videolink to Krakow, Poland, Benedict recalled his predecessor's suffering, evident during the final days and weeks when John Paul was unable to speak and managed only to bless the faithful weakly with his hand.

City officials said they had expected between 100,000 and 150,000 people to attend the

vigil, some 10,000 of them from John Paul's native Poland, where anniversary commemorations also were held Sunday.

John Paul was remembered from Mexico City to India as an advocate for the poor who helped fuel communism. Around the world, Roman Catholics praised his legacy and called for his beatification.

"His illness, which he faced with courage, made us all aware of human pain, of every physical and spiritual pain; he gave suffering dignity and value, showing that man isn't just worthy because of his efficiency and how he appears, but because of himself, because he is created and loved by God," Benedict said.

Alcatel buys Lucent in \$13.4-billion deal

PARIS (AP) — Alcatel SA will acquire U.S.-based Lucent Technologies Inc. in a \$13.4-billion (11.1 billion euros) stock swap to form a stronger player in the fiercely competitive telecom equipment market, the companies announced Sunday. About 8,800 jobs will be cut.

The combined business, to be based in Paris, will make the most of fast-growing converged offerings such as "triple-play" Internet, phone and TV packages, the companies said. It will have annual sales of 21 billion

euros (\$25 billion) — ahead of LM Ericsson's 16.4 billion euros (\$19.9 billion).

The tie-up will generate 1.4 billion euros (\$1.7 billion) in savings within three years, the companies said. The savings will come from a 10 percent cut to the 88,000-strong combined global work force as well as from consolidated purchasing, support services and research and development.

The new Alcatel-Lucent — whose new name is to be announced later — should be better equipped to weather in-

tense competition in the telecom equipment market.

The primary driver of the combination is to generate significant growth in revenues and earnings based on the market opportunities for next-generation networks, services and applications," the companies said.

Analysts have said the tie-up is a good fit, as well as helping the combined company stand up to pricing pressures from larger telecom service providers emerging from a new wave of consolidation.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS GOLF
Burley, Minico at Pocatello, Juniper Hills GC, 10 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Burley, Minico at Pocatello, Riverside GC, 10 a.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI booster luncheon is today

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho booster luncheon will be held at noon today in Taylor Building Room 277.

Golden Eagles coaches and athletes will be in attendance to give updates on their respective programs.

Anyone interested is invited to pick up lunch from the cafeteria and bring it to the event.

Kimberly boosters meet tonight

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. tonight 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.

T.F. benefit golf tournament slated

TWIN FALLS — The third annual Benefit Golf Tournament for Bills Place will be held at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, April 23.

This will be a scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$40 per person or \$150 for a four-person team.

Sponsor fees are \$100 or a sponsor and person team is \$250. Cars are not included. After the tournament, there will be a free barbecue at the course. Tournament limited to the first 120 paid entries.

For more information, call (208) 423-4315 or send money, the name and handicap for each golfer or team to Barbara Brochman, 3500 E. 2900 N. Kimberly, ID 83301.

Make checks payable to Bills Place. Fees are to be paid by April 25.

Clear Lake ladies start season today

BUILH — The Clear Lake ladies will begin their golf season today in Builh.

There will be a nine-hole scramble at 10 a.m. Following the scramble there will be lunch and business meeting.

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 Lorie 326-4217 or Cheri 734-3550 with any questions.

Burley ladies open with scramble

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association is holding its opening-day brunch at 10 a.m. Wednesday with a nine-hole scramble to follow.

No members are welcome. Call 438-5866 or 436-6111 if planning to attend.

Jerome CC men scramble on Saturday

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club Men's Association will have their spring meeting and kickoff scramble on Saturday, April 8.

The breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:30 a.m. with a meeting and election of officers from 8:30-9 a.m. A team scramble will shotgun 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 to the 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.

Compiled from staff reports

Dark skies looming

Opening-day rain delay a menacing start to MLB season

By Erin McClain
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Baseball relies on numbers the way the Earth relies on gravity.

So the conundrum facing the game at the start of its new season is awkward at best, devastating at worst. Arguably its most hallowed statistical record is under assault by a man who is — unarguably, at the moment — its most vilified player.

The man is Barry Bonds, left fielder for the San Francisco Giants, owner of 708 career home runs and public focal point of a furor over steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs in baseball.

The scandal, now under investigation by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, comes at what should be a time of celebration: Monday is opening day for most teams, and Bonds is closing in on Hank Aaron's record of 755 lifetime homers.

"The goal here is to determine facts," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said in announcing the investigation.

But for a game whose beauty rests in its certainty — clear rules, ball or strike, out or safe — the steroids controversy has raised an awful lot of questions with murky answers, or no answers at all.

Example: How can Bonds, who was booed roundly in spring training appearances, alone be the object of such intense rage by fans when so many other players begin up like Macy's parade floats blipping in the 1990s, era



Chicago White Sox fan Bill Brennan takes off his shirt during a rain delay in the fourth inning of the opening day baseball game against the Cleveland Indians on Sunday in Chicago.

of the baseball power surge?

And how can baseball gain credibility by announcing an investigation only now, when it had anonymous test results showing players were doping in 2003? And when it only banned performance-enhancers a year before that?

Why didn't they do amphetamines in the 1970s? wonders Daniel Okrent, a former public editor of The New York Times who has written extensively about the game. "I think that baseball generally does things like this when they have no choice."

In the case of steroids, he was referring to pressure from Congress, which halted several sluggers before a committee last year. At that hearing, the

Inauspicious start

Sunday's opening-day MLB game between the Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians was riled in a rain delay at press time. Pick up Tuesday's edition for the final score and the latest from around the bigs.

mammoth Mark McGwire would offer only a meek, "I'm not going to talk about the past."

The Mitchell probe was triggered by the publication of "Game of Shadows," by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters, which claims Bonds began taking steroids after he watched McGwire, then beloved, break the

single-season home run mark in 1998. The book portrays Bonds, whose offensive production subsequently ballooned, as taking an array of performance enhancers, that would make a pharmacist dizzy — hormones, steroids, fertility drugs for women.

Bonds, who has denied using steroids, opens the season 47 home runs shy of the record. He has hit 45 or more in five separate seasons since "Game of Shadows" alleges he began his drug regimen.

The question raises the issue of whether, presuming Bonds breaks the record and is found to have used steroids, his numbers should be

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Maryland, Duke move ahead

By Donna Tommelio
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Maryland is playing for its first national championship, and these Terrapins are no fluke.

The only team to beat top-ranked North Carolina in a regular season did it again Tuesday night, outshooting and outscoring the disjointed Tar Heels, 81-70, in the NCAA women's national semifinal.

In just four short years under coach Brenda Frese, the Terrapins have joined the nation's elite. "They have the heart of a lion," Frese said. "They believe in each other ... I'm really proud of them."

The Terrapins confounded the Tar Heels' top-seeded game forcing them into a halfcourt match for much of the game.

Crystal Langhorne and Laura Harper asserted their star-of-the-side presence — and the sophomores intend to be around for a while. Harper had 24 points and Langhorne had 23 for the Terrapins, who had beaten the Tar Heels, their Atlantic Coast Conference rival, 98-85 in overtime in the regular season.

Carolina avenged that with a 91-80 in the ACC tournament.



Maryland players celebrate their 81-70 win over North Carolina in the semifinals of the NCAA women's Final Four, Sunday in Boston.

fight is UNC's Jessica Sell.

But the stakes were much higher for this rubber match.

Eriana Larkins led the Tar Heels with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Ivory Latta, Carolina's feisty point guard, was banged up, knocked down and carried off the court at one point.

Though site returned, she never quite got on track, finishing with 14 points, four assists and made just one of 10 3-pointers.

The Terrapins will play the winner of the Duke-LSU semifinal.



Maryland ran its halfcourt came to near perfection, getting the ball into Langhorne or Harper for basket after basket.

The Terrapins outscored North Carolina 58-39 in the paint and finished with a 41-31 edge on the boards.

Maryland was making its first Final Four appearance since 1989 but had the swagger of a team that's been here before.

The Terrapins led by just two at the half, then began to methodically add to the lead.

Latta fouled out with 7 seconds remaining when she wrestled Coleman to the ground. She walked off to an ovation and a hug from coach Sylvia Hatchell and watched quietly as the Terrapins celebrated on the sidelines.

After three days of spring workouts, some rust still shows on Gutierrez from time to time. It's been a while since he's seen regular action and now with a new program, it means learning a different system.

"It's coming along," he says. "There are some similarities but a lot of terminology here. I kept seeing so I'm still adjusting to things."

When asked how things were going after the two-hour workout, Lewis stated, "So far it's been great. Matt raises the bar on the offensive side of the football. We're going to be in great shape."

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UCLA is closer to its last lost

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By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — He's really hard to miss.

When you watch Idaho State quarterback Matt Gutierrez practice your eyes are automatically drawn to him. Not only is quarterback Matt Gutierrez a physically imposing specimen, but his personality is something as well. Smiling, laughing, cracking jokes with his teammates, he seems to have become a team leader even though he's really just a newcomer.

But he's not your average newcomer. Not when he was a

record-setting high school quarterback at Michigan and when he had a real shot at playing at the next level. Just watch as Gutierrez rifles a 40-yard strike on a post route and makes it look easy. That's not your average newcomer. Head coach Larry Lewis understands that.

"I like the excitement that he brings to the program," Lewis said. "He enables us to open up the offense and do a lot more."

But Gutierrez seems to be more than just a much-hyped football player. The buzz around Pocatello, the media and Southeast Idaho over him is hard to believe. It's the type of situation that can get out of hand and cause resentment among teammates. But don't look for that to happen.

"I've been around on both

sides of this kind of talk," Gutierrez said. "But what the media and the fans say good or bad, has no effect on the football team. This is an exciting opportunity for me and it's just as exciting for my teammates."

"Matt keeps the team perspective always in mind," added Lewis. "Yes, if this were left unchecked it could cause a problem but Matt's the type of player who came in over the winter and studied film. He spent additional time learning our playbook and he actually organized drills with the other quarterbacks and receivers so he could learn his teammates. He's a leader, he's a good person and he's a winner."

Coming from California and then from Michigan certainly was a cultural change but one that Gutierrez also seems to

Florida, UCLA

go for the title

By Eddie Pella
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — UCLA had Bill Walton, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and those championship banners. Florida had Vernon Maxwell and Norm Sloan.

Different programs on opposite coasts with divergent histories play for the national championship tonight, though the game is more than that.

NCAA Men's Championship

Florida vs. UCLA, CBS, 7 p.m.

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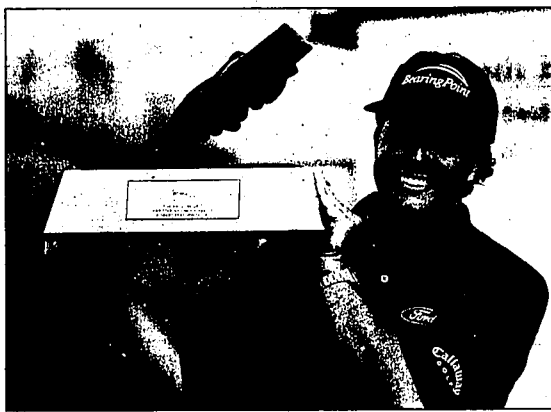
SPORTS

Lefty dominates Bellsouth

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Phil Mickelson completed a wire-to-wire victory in the BellSouth Classic, closing with a 7-under 65 for a 24-under 260 total and a 13-stroke victory.

Mickelson capped his round with an eagle putt on 18, his second eagle of the day. Mickelson made the most of his last chance to use the BellSouth Classic as a warmup for the Masters. He matched the course record with an opening 63 Thursday and was 5 under or better every day while winning his second straight BellSouth title.

Jose Maria Olazabal (69) and Zach Johnson (70) tied for second.



Phil Mickelson poses with the trophy after winning the BellSouth Classic golf tournament on Sunday in Duluth, Ga. Mickelson finished at 28-under par and won by 13 strokes.

Webb edges Ochoa in Kraft Nabisco playoff

HARTFORD MIRAGE, Conn. — Katie Webb's slow steady climb back to her Hall of Fame standards hit warp speed with one magical shot Sunday that sent her to a stunning playoff victory in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

Webb held a pitching wedge from 116 yards for eagle on the par-3 18th hole to finish with a 7-under 65, then made a 7-foot birdie putt on the same hole in the playoff to beat Lorena Ochoa and capture her seventh career major.

Ochoa collapsed on the back nine, only to recover with a 5-wood into 6 feet on an island green for eagle on two closing holes and a 17-foot 15-foot birdie putt in the playoff never had a chance.

Michelle Wie, the 16-year-old phenom from Hawaii, was 25 feet away from winning until her chip ran 10 feet by, and her birdie putt to join the playoff caught the left lip. Her 70 left her a shot out of the playoff with Natalie Gulbis.

Phil Mickelson finished at 28-under par and won by 13 strokes. Ochoa, Mike Paterson, earned \$240,000.

Stewart takes checkered at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Tony Stewart won a pair of head-to-head duels with Jimmie Johnson and overcame Hendrick Motorsports' long domination at Martinsville Speedway.

Stewart and Johnson duelled nose-to-bumper and side-by-side for four laps Sunday, bringing the 65,000 fans to their feet. After being spun around in the first lap, Stewart finally got around Johnson with 27 laps to go and held on to win the DirectTV 500.

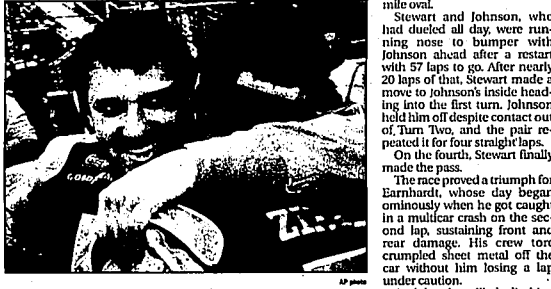
Johnson was a little quicker than him. There was no way he was going to give it away so we were going to have to take it away. We didn't turn him around. We didn't spin him out. We just got the position that we were after," Stewart said.

The victory was the 25th for the defending and defending series champion, and second at Martinsville, where he led 530 of 1,000 laps last year but came away without either victory. He also said the track would be converted to a bass fishing pond.

But he celebrated in what is his last national race, climbing the fence near the flag stand and enjoying the moment as his fans joined in from the outside.

"I'll kill two old and still too fat, but as long as those people keep cheering like they do when I get out there, I'm going to keep doing it for them," he said. "The victory was Stewart's first in 19 races.

Stewart survived two single-file restarts with Martinsville master Jeff Gordon right behind him. He got a good start on the second time when Gordon's Chevrolet wiggled coming out



NASCAR Nextel Cup DirectTV auto race winner Tony Stewart hugs his crew chief Greg Zipadelli as he celebrates at the Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. on Sunday.

of Turn 1, and Stewart had clear sailing. He won by 1.083 seconds.

Gordon, who had won both races last season and four of the last six on NASCAR's smallest, tightest and trickiest oval finish second, followed by Hendrick Motorsports teammate Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kyle Busch, also of Hendrick.

"The race looked all day like it would come down to a battle between Stewart and Johnson, who combined to lead 403 of the 500 laps. But when Stewart started making his move on Johnson, Johnson's car was fading and he had no way to save him any go far away if you can have at least the same type of situation at home?" Howland said.

While no one would ever blame a kid for staying near home to attend UCLA, committing to Florida was anything but trendy before Donovan arrived. Though the head Gators are loath to admit it, Florida is a football school, its few moments of success in hoops were always overshadowed by something else.

But when Donovan joined Steve Spurrier on the athletic department's payroll, the

first late restart came with eight laps to go, but with Gordon eight on Stewart's tail heading through the first and second turns, Matt Kenseth's car slammed into the wall behind them, bringing out the 16th caution and leading to a red flag.

After a delay of about 9 minutes, it restarted with three to go and the crowd rose expectantly, a classic finish to the bruising day of racing, it never developed.

"I thought we might have had something for him," Gordon said of the first restart. "The car just stuck so good through (Turns) One and Two. I thought I was going to get a run on Tony Doney, then got his first high-pole recruit from out of state, Mike Miller. Miller's commitment raised lots of eyebrows and kept the Gators among the national elite — in the neighborhood UCLA used to own decades before.

"My relationship with Coach was good enough that it drew me from South Dakota," Miller said. "That's a long way to go to a school. He was basically like my father up there. You've got to be comfortable with him if you're going to go that far away."

Today, Florida players come from everywhere.

And in an era where there are no coaches, maybe the best coach can be said for any program is that it keeps playing well enough to get back to the NCAA tournament. This is Florida's eighth straight appearance and, though the Gators failed to get out of the first weekend for the first five years, Donovan has long insisted that getting there and giving yourself chances is the key.

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Burnham, Black take Cove-Pepsi

TWIN FALLS — The duo of Jeff Burnham and Ted Black combined for a round of 64 on Sunday to take the 2006 Cove-Pepsi best-ball tournament men's championship flight gross title at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Burnham and Black bettered their Saturday score of 66 by two strokes on Sunday to finish at 130 for the tournament, four strokes ahead of Kevin Packard and Larry Nelson. The late Doug Reeves' 135 led the team of Mickey Dugger and Bert Elliott for third in the flight.

Chris Schmahl and Mike Hiesley took the championship flight's net title by one stroke after combining for a round of 59 on Sunday. Tracy Hiesley and Brock Woodcock along with Kevin Kelly and Scott Jerome finished tied for second.

Janie Chase and Nancy Elliott went tied to the women's flight gross title, finishing at 144, a full 13 strokes ahead of the second-place pairing of Kathy Clancy and Val Wardite. The women's net honors went to Laura Lee Solanga and

Penny Cash at 119, while Chris Sterling and Marguerite Astorovich finished second at 123.

The duo of Matt and Tracy Stanger took a three-stroke victory in the men's first flight, finishing at 137. Jerry Ridley and Art Henry came in second at 140, with four teams tied for third place.

The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course hosts the Pepsi Open at the Muni, presented by Ashworth today. Rocky Mountain Section PGA Form tee times will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Lists winners and runners-up for men's and women's tournaments.

Looming

Continued from B1. I scrubbed from the books, or marked with the infamous asterisk.

Kentner argues the numbers should stand, just as they do despite changes in the length of seasons and the conditions under which the game is played.

"A record is a record," he said. "You can carry whatever asterisk in your head — the 162-game season, players who died, have a risk factor all night, whatever it might be."

In other words, the entire beelined era may carry a permanent taint no matter what the record reflects.

As columnist and longtime fan George F. Will observed in a column in March: "The people who care about the record books — serious fans — will know how to read it. That may be Bonds' biggest worry."

Complicating the issue, some players have said that public criticism of Bonds, who is black and has long been a chilly-at-best relationship with sports writers, is motivated by race.

"It's a very difficult question," said Selig's predecessor, Fay Vincent. "I don't think so, but I can see where race is a

huge problem in American history and we're going to be dealing with it indefinitely. How can you prove a negative?"

It is impossible to say what role race will play in the chorus of bond Bonds is likely to hear this season, particularly on the road. The Giants begin their season with three games in San Diego, starting today.

But the steroid furor makes for a far different atmosphere than Aaron faced in 1975 and 1976, when he faced racial slurs and death threats as he chased and eventually toppled Babe Ruth's home run record of 714.

If Bonds plays up to his potential, he could push Ruth in the new season's opening weeks. And until the facts are clear, Aaron, for one, was preaching caution and fairness in a recent interview with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

"I don't know the answer, and I don't think anybody does," the reigning home-run king said. "I can sit here and try to pretend that I do, but we really don't. Until you're proven guilty, you're innocent."

Ahead

Continued from B1.

Most of the first half was marked by missed opportunities for the Hawks. Carolina hit one of its first six free throw attempts and failed to capitalize on early turnovers.

Duke 64, LSU 45. BOSTON — Duke shot down the smoothest scorer in women's college basketball, blowing LSU away Sunday night to set up an all-ACC matchup for the NCAA title.

The Blue Devils (31-3) advanced to the championship game to play Maryland, which beat North Carolina 81-70 in the earlier game. Duke went 2-1 against the top four in the season, losing in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

LSU (31-0) was just the seventh team to place its men's and women's teams in the Final Four in the same season. But, like the women, the men were blown out in the national championship, losing 59-45 to UCLA on Saturday.

Duke's men were also a disappointment, finishing the season atop the AP poll before

losing to LSU in the round of 16. But at least they still have a chance to hoist a championship banner from the rafters at Cameron Indoor Stadium — a first for the women, to go with the three won by Mike Krzyzewski.

One night after her playground playmate, Glen "Big Baby" Davis, shot 29 percent in the LSU loss, Augustus went without a point or rebound in the first half. The repeat winner of the Associated Press player of the year — and the nation's leading scorer with 23 points per game — she did not score until 17:39 remained in the game.

"That's not the motion of fans that got us here," Augustus said. "I was shot by LSU to be 6-for-18 shooting. Her's previous three losses this season were by a total of one point or rebound."

Duke led 18-4 before the Lady Tigers awoke. Florence Williams made a jumper, and three LSU free throws later she made another. Williams then grabbed the rebound of Augustus' miss and passed to Sylvia Fowles for a layup that made it 18-13 with 4:42 left.

Duke scored the first of the next 10 points, and the last five of the half, to make it 26-15.

Title

Continued from B1. One-of-the-few-times-these-teams, who have never played intersected was when Howland won a recruiting battle against Florida to get guard Jordan Farmar. The LA kid saw big things happening with the Gators, but realized he could be part of a rebuilding program — rebuilding at UCLA? — closer to home.

"Why go far away if you can have at least the same type of situation at home?" Howland said.

Coach Ben Howland, in his third year, got the Bruins back to the top not by riding Wooden's coaches. He did it the same way Donovan did it at Florida, or Billy Gillispie at Texas A&M or Jira Larranaga at George Mason: Recruiting, selling, building a team in his own image, not what someone else thinks it should be.

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HOCKEY

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pirates of the Caribbean leads Volvo race

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil - Pirates of the Caribbean took an early lead in the Volvo Ocean Race on Sunday, moving toward the American waters in the fifth leg of the around-the-world event.

The six yachts left Guanabara Bay under overcast and light wind, heading north to the 5,755-mile trek from Rio de Janeiro to Baltimore.

Federer edges Ljubicic in Key Biscayne final

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. - Eager to punctuate his afternoon with an exhilaration point, Roger Federer pounced on a second serve, whacking a backhand return that kissed the tape and landed softly at the base of net on the edge of the court.

MOTORSPORTS

MASCAR DRIFTWAY 500

At the Marlboro Driftway 500 race, Tony Stewart won the pole, but he was also very good. He came from behind in three consecutive tiebreakers to claim the pole.

Bonds and Bush highlight MLB openers

NEW YORK - Barry Bonds will be back in uniform for the New York Yankees' first game of the season in Cincinnati and Philadelphia.

Moyer and Reed ready for opening day

SEATTLE - Kenji Johjima made his dark eyes unlined with an extra 45 minutes of nervous for his first major league opening day.

White Sox celebrate World Series title

CHICAGO - Fans cheered as soon as the White Sox emerged upon the field to warm up Sunday night.

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Table listing player transactions, including trades, signings, and releases.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

YMCA offers skin rejuvenation class

TWIN FALLS — It's time to put away the sweaters and prepare to show some skin. The Twin Falls YMCA will host a skin rejuvenation class at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. Cost is free to members and \$5 for non-members. Skin specialist Lisa Hawkins will lead this "hands-on" skin-care class, showing the proper treatment to prevent and correct skin damage, aging and troubled skin. This 45-minute class will revive your skin from the winter and provide you with the ability to have your best-looking skin this summer and for years to come. For more information, call the YMCA at 733-4384.

Rock Creek to honor retiring fire chief

The Rock Creek Fire District will hold an open house from 6 to 9 p.m. today for the retirement of Chief Burl Thurman at the Rock Creek Fire Station No. 1, 242 Highway 30 in Kimberly. The public is invited. For more information, call Jerry Morton at 423-5214.

Conservation District to update plan

BURLEY — East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District will update its annual conservation resource plan at its monthly board meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Burley N.E.C. office, 1361 E. 10th St. The public is invited to review and comment on the annual plan that outlines the district's objectives and goals for the year.

Idaho lawyer to advise nation's top lawman

BOISE — Idaho's U.S. attorney has been appointed to the advisory committee of U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Tom Moss, U.S. attorney for Idaho since 2001, presently is serving as prosecuting attorney in Blingham County. The advisory committee is made up of 17 U.S. attorneys general and is the highest-ranking committee in the Justice Department.

Blaine County flood training Is April 19

HAILLEY — The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security will present "Flood Fight Operation Woodshops" April 19 at Community Campus at the old Wood River High School in Hailley. The first session, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., will present a hands-on approach to flood fighting. Participants will learn how to gauge people and to use levees, sandbags and other techniques. The session is aimed at public works, first responders and others working in flood fighting. The second session, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., is aimed at elected and appointed officials and supervisors. It will include an overview of the policies and philosophies of flood fighting in Blaine County.

People are welcome to attend both sessions. Presenters will include Terry Bingham of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, Chuck Turner of the Blaine County Local Emergency Planning Committee and Herb Bessey of the Army Corps of Engineers. To sign up, call Chuck Turner at 788-5508 or e-mail him at twidney@blaineemep.com. Please include your name, agency name, phone number and session preferences.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Balsam	119%	114%
Big Wood	128%	131%
Little Wood	140%	128%
Big Lost	122%	122%
Little Lost	115%	109%
Henry's Fork/Teton	117%	114%
Snake River	122%	120%
Oakley	152%	151%
Balsam Falls	137%	134%

*Comparison of basin snowpack to normal, with a 30-year average.
**Indicator of basin snowpack for the year.

Rupert hopes new pool ready by summer

Seattle firm wins bid for \$123,000 building project

By Marie Mischel For The Times-News

RUPERT — They're ripped up the Rupert pool; now they're ready to build it up so they can fill it for summer swimming. The city's pool was closed three years ago because of

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 would enclose the pools to create an indoor facility. A recreation center and warm-water therapeutic pool also are planned. Much of the demolition and preparatory work has been

done by in-kind donations from Debo Construction, Kloefer Concrete, Hoffhaur Excavation Co. and Walton Construction, said Bob Russmann, the city's streets, parks and maintenance superintendent. "We still continue to do this primarily with volunteers," he said. The City Council has awarded the bid for construction of the competition pool and the kiddie pool to N.J. Burns Co. of Seattle, contingent upon the firm obtaining an Idaho public pool can be plastered and tiled.

The company, which bid \$123,000 for the project, was the sole bidder and has applied for the necessary license, according to city records. Russmann said the majority of construction will use local contractors. 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.

"Then we can put water in and make it work," Russmann said. "We're hoping to have it open this summer." There's no reason to think it won't happen, project consultant Don Carey said. The city is continuing to sell tiles inscribed with the names of donors. The tiles will be installed in the reception area of the pool's bathhouse. Monetary and in-kind donations are being accepted for the project. They do not include call Russmann at (208) 434-2429 or (208) 431-8030.

PAVING THE WAY TO PROGRESS

Roadwork's pain should result in better traffic later

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — The construction update for south-central Idaho through Friday.

Alport Road south of Twin Falls: Traffic on Alport Road south of Twin Falls, from 3400 North Road to 3500 North Road, will be detoured to allow reconstruction of deteriorated pavement. The project will rebuild a one-mile segment. The detour will be in place until mid-May. The project includes replacement of the High Line Canal Bridge on Alport Road. Motorists should expect intermittent delays with brief lane closures in the area. Stage 1 of this \$2 million project is scheduled to be completed in June. Idaho Sand & Gravel of Jerome is the project contractor.



Javier Leija, right, and Arturo Triana, both of Idaho Sand and Gravel of Jerome, work on Washington Street South. The half-mile stretch of road leading to Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, is closed, and drivers must take a two-mile detour.

on the U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route project from Washington Street to Blue Lakes Boulevard is under way. Traffic on Pole Line Road from Grandview Drive to Blue Lakes Boulevard shifted to the westbound lanes beginning Sunday. Traffic will be reduced from four lanes to two, with one lane open in each direction. The traffic shift allows crews to prepare for paving the east-bound section of the Twin Falls Alternate Route from Washington Street to the end of the project of Blue Lakes Boulevard. Crews also will be doing shoulder work and striping on the eastbound lanes from Grandview Drive to Washington Street.

Traffic signals at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road will operate on a pre-determined list of the standard sensor system and left-turn lands will be reduced from two to one. The intersection of Fillmore Street and Pole Line Road will be controlled by portable traffic signals. Motorists are urged to use caution as they travel

through the intersections due to increased congestion and altered lane configurations. Truck traffic is encouraged to use Blue Lakes Boulevard to Addison Avenue. This resurfacing phase of the U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate route project is expected to be completed by mid-summer. Within the next few weeks the contractor will finish work on Washington Street North.

Washington Street north of Pole Line Road is closed. A section of the old Pole Line Road from Washington Street to Blake Street is open for nearby residents of Villa Del Rio and Los Lagos. Motorists must use Canyon Creek Road to reach businesses and all other residences located on Washington Street North.

Western Construction of Boise is the contractor for the \$18.6 million Stage 1.

Idaho 77, Declo to Albion: This repavement project begins five miles south of Declo and continues to Albion (mileposts 18-23). Delays of up to 10 minutes are possible. Construction

is expected to be completed by late this spring. The project will create a smoother and safer road surface.

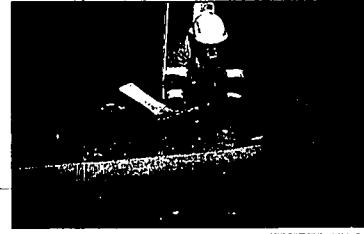
U.S. 93 Salmon Falls Creek Canal Bridge: Traffic on U.S. 93 over the Salmon Falls Creek Canal Bridge (milepost 25), two miles south of Hollister, has been shifted to a new section of bridge. The traffic shift is part of a project to widen the existing bridge in conjunction with a future widening project for that section of U.S. 93. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 mph. This stage of the \$1.6 million project is expected to be completed by late spring. It will create a safer, smoother road surface for motorists. Idaho Construction Co. of Kimberly is the project contractor.

Idaho 81, bridge replacements: Crews are replacing the existing J&H Canal bridges on Idaho 81 (milepost 23-25) one mile east of Declo. The \$1.4 million project is expected to be completed in May. Cannon Builders Inc. of Blackfoot is the project contractor.

Firefighters get ready to get the job done

By Laurie Welch For The Times-News

PAUL — Nothing but training and his sense of humor guide Rupert firefighter Jason Paul through the darkness as he crawls along the floor, carefully following the fire hose snaking in and out of his hands. His partner, Paul Nelson, is close behind as they inch through a hole in a wall decorated with a challenge their skills as they fit through the space is too tight, they have to take off their air tank, work around or through the obstacle, and put it back on.



A firefighter makes his way across the floor of a vacant house by following a fire hose during a training exercise up by West End Fire and Rescue. The mock fire included obstacles like blocked paths and tangled wire, which tested the firefighters' ability to solve problems.

firefighters hone their skills. The training was held in an abandoned home west of Paul. West End Fire and Rescue Chief Randy Sutton said often no structures are available to provide this type of exercise, which is immensely valuable to rescue workers. "We are seeing more and more structure fires, especially in the Twin Falls area, where there have been multiple fatalities," Sutton said. "It's really important for us to stay up on our skills."

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Helping hands

Hospital auxiliary logs more than 28,000 volunteer hours each year

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Amid the myriad of patients, nurses, doctors and visitors in the winding corridors of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, there is a volunteer team identifiable only by their warm smiles and burgundy slacks.

Their services are seemingly endless. Some answer questions from behind information desks, others deliver flowers and books or help transport patients to and from the hospital. They are the hospital's parking lot shuttle service, and from time to time, a shoulder to lean on or someone to offer a whispered prayer for a loved one pacing the hall outside of the cancer center.

In the newborn intensive care unit, their presence is laid out on a table in the form of hand-tied quilts. "We couldn't do without them," said Magic Valley Regional Clinical Assistant, Candy Skelton. "They do so much, from stocking supplies, transporting patients, making admin packets and just offering care and a friendly face to the volunteers are essential."

There are about 150 Magic Valley Regional Auxiliary members on the roster and roughly 300 hours of volunteer work at the hospital, said Audrey Randall, the group's president.

Each year, the auxiliary logs in more than 28,000 volunteer hours at the facility.

Randall, of Buhl, has volunteered time at Magic Valley Regional for more than 25 years. "I just enjoy being at the hospital and helping someone who just needs a little kindness," Randall said. "The doctors and nurses can do so much, but we are an extra special touch in patient's care."

In addition to providing volunteer services, the auxiliary is committed to providing financial support back to the hospital in the form of continuing education scholarships, Spanish language magazines, crayons and children's activity books. "I just enjoy being at the hospital and helping someone who just needs a little kindness," Randall said. "The doctors and nurses can do so much, but we are an extra special touch in patient's care."

In 2005, they gave roughly \$25,000 in supplies and services to the hospital. The auxiliary has raised more than \$200,000 since its inception in 1952. "We are self-sustaining," Randall said. "We make most of our money through the gift shop we run, as well as other fundraisers."

Besides always needing more money to provide more services, there is always a growing need for volunteers.

"We are seeing that volunteers now don't stay long-term," she said. "Some people don't like working in hospitals and everybody is so busy anymore that there is always a need for more people to come on board and be committed to serve."

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Get on board!
Interested in volunteering your time with the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center? Auxiliary members are \$5 a year, of \$8 per couple. Call Loraine Dewey at 737-2006.

OBITUARIES

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Barbara 'Bobbe' Werner Goodman

TWIN FALLS — Our dear friend, wife, and mother Bobbe Goodman passed away Friday, March 31, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Bobbe was born May 13, 1943, in Coronado, Calif., to Armond and Doris Zimmerman Warner. She was raised and educated in Southern California, graduating from Granada Hills High in 1961 and attending San Jose State and San Diego State Universities. While still in high school, Bobbe met the love of her life, Archie Goodman, who was stationed in the Army in Chatsworth, Calif. They married in 1962 and their union was blessed with a son and daughter. After 39 years together in the San Fernando Valley, they settled in Twin Falls in 1991 and were thrilled to be joined later by their daughter's family. Bobbe became active with the Twin Falls



Chamber Ambassadors and as an adopted member of the Optimist Club. With her typical zeal, she started her new career in real estate alongside her husband. When Bobbe wasn't busy with her grandkids, she loved spending time with her friends. She will be best remembered for her

caring, nurturing spirit and unique sense of humor.

Bobbe leaves behind her husband, Archie, son Gregg (Loni) Goodman of Los Angeles, daughter Sheri Roberts and beloved grandchildren Derek and Ryan Roberts of Twin Falls, and her two four-legged family members, Chica and Bruiser.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Bruce Warner.

Bobbe's friends are invited to attend a celebration of her life, "Party for Bobbe," at 8 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2006, at O'Dunken in Twin Falls. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. We miss you, Bobbe. Love, Archie.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bobbe's name to the Twin Falls Optimist Club Childhood Cancer Campaign at P.O. Box 755, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Vivian Bailey Bateman

SHELLEY — Vivian Bailey Bateman passed away April 1, 2006, of natural causes.

Born February 25, 1925, in Armon, Idaho, to Jessie Henry and Mercy Meranda Bailey. Vivian was the 10th of 12 children. She married LaValley Bateman Jan. 10, 1944, at San Marcos, Texas. Her marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Aug. 15, 1969. They were later divorced. Vivian grew up in Armon, Idaho, where she learned the art of hard work and the joy of a job well done. Most of her life was spent in countless hours of service to

her family, friends and fellow church members. Neighbors and strangers alike admired her beautiful yard and garden which were always adorned with beautiful flowers.

She was always quick to laugh and joke with friends and her sparkling sense of humor was a wonderful hallmark of her life. Vivian was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and she held many callings throughout her life.

Vivian is survived by her children, Val Gene (Lenor) Bateman and Larry J. (Vickie) Bateman of Shelley, Idaho; Darla Gilt (Pieter Uremas) of

Salt Lake City, Utah; Randy S. (Terry) Bateman of Solon, Iowa; and Ronnie P. (Bonnie) Bateman of Pocatello, Idaho. Surviving siblings are Cora Pugh, Provo, Utah; Orland (Elmoyne) Bailey, Armon, Idaho; and Frances Bailey, Idaho Falls, Idaho. She is also survived by 24 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Viewings will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Maider Funeral Home in Shelley. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the LDS Third Ward in Shelley. Interment will be at Armon Cemetery.

Lynn Montoya and Ina Marie Montoya; and her grandmother, Donna Marie Hunt.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ina Mae Montoya, and grandfather, Earl J. Hunt.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at the Heyburn LDS First Ward Chapel with Bishop Frank Petersen officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary-Burial Chapel.

Martha Montoya

HEYBURN — Martha Montoya, a 36-year-old Burley resident, passed away March 31, 2006, at Cassia Medical Center.

She was born in Preece, Utah, on Feb. 21, 1970, to Ina Mae Hunt Montoya and Charles Gilbert Montoya. She grew up in Salt Lake City, Murray, Granger, Richfield and Magna and attended elementary school there and junior high in Richfield.

In 1983, the family moved to Heyburn, Idaho, where she attended high school. She went

on to get her high school diploma and then attended CSSJ. Martha was a member of the Catholic church and had been working as a waitress. Martha enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, crocheting, needlework, camping and spending time with her children.

Martha is survived by her three lovely children, Thomas Wayne Montoya, Kari Mae Birch and Kyle Jay Montoya; one grandchild, Kira Mae Birch; two brothers, Michael Earl Montoya and David Gilbert Montoya; two sisters,

Wanda Marie Hance

TWIN FALLS — Wanda Marie Hance, loving wife and mother, passed away Saturday, April 1, 2006, after a long and courageous battle with cancer at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls with her husband and children by her side.

Wanda was born October 29, 1931, to Ted and Lola Ireland Emery at the family's homestead in Hance Creek, Idaho. Her birth was a miracle as Wanda had to fight for her place in this world two months premature and less than 2 pounds in weight. With her father's family, an friends supporting her entry into this world, she gained in strength and determination in the space underneath the heating stove serving as her incubator. Wanda grew to love roaming open spaces of God's country while holding to the side of her faith.

Her childhood was a happy time not knowing how hard times would really be. Her father was the first to buy roller-skating at the local rink with a group of friends, she found the other love of her life, Glen Hance.

Wanda began her education at a one-room school house in Three Creek, Idaho. Later she continued in the Twin Falls schools.

After an accident at a candy counter left a piece of glass in Wanda's eye that needed a



doctor to remove, she and Glen went to see a movie. When they returned after when to the car, Glen presented her with an engagement ring. Wanda recalled this as "the happiest day of my life — eye patch and all." They were married on Feb. 8, 1939, in Reno, Nevada. She and Glen were blessed with four children. Wanda enjoyed spending time at their cabin on the Snake River and great-grandchildren.

Wanda is survived by her husband of 57 years, Glen; her children, Sheryl (Jerry) Olsen of Meridian, Debi (Scott) Moon of Hansen, Glenda (Robin) Hite of Jerome, and Rick (Vickie) Hance of Glens

Ferry; brother, Alvin (Barbara) Boyd of Twin Falls; sister, Rose (Benj) Koch of Stockton, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Her parents and sister, Bernice, will be greeting her home.

A celebration of Wanda's life — plants that shake out native vegetation and wildlife. Plants can also be considered noxious weeds if they poison humans and animals, create fire hazards or other restrictions on areas.

"People are coming to recognize that this is not an issue that is strictly North Idaho," said Steve Klatt, a Snake basin who represents the Panhandle

SERVICES

Ara Mae Preston of Burley and formerly of Richfield and Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today (Sunday) at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Richfield Cemetery in Richfield. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Nannette Lee "Nancy" Miller of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the

Gooding United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral Service).

Arthur "Jay" Welch of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lawana Funk of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; family 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.

Thales Skouras of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth Street; friends may call one hour before the service Thursday at the funeral chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Lloyd Shewmaker

TWIN FALLS — Lloyd Shewmaker, 88, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Woodstock Retirement Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Funeral services for Lloyd will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls with burial following at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at the

funeral home. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

Wayne Keller

RUPERT — Wayne Alfred Keller, a 76-year-old resident of Rupert, died Friday, March 31, 2006, in St. George, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at the Rupert West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 26 S. 100 W. with Bishop Roger Wednesday, April 8, 2006, at the

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ON THE AGENDA

Today

Acquia City Council, 8 p.m. Acquia Automotive, 20602 F St. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland.

Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m. City Hall, 103 S. Main. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. Twin Falls County Parks and Waterway Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W.

Tuesday

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Hailey. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main.

Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rex. W. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

Wednesday

Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30. Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 W. Main. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse,

425 Shoshone St. N. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.

Friday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Before you attend meetings in this list, the Times-News suggests you first confirm the information with the appropriate clerk's office.

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Lawmakers hope sticker will help fight milfoil weed

SANDPOINT (AP) — Some lawmakers hope a sticker will help in the fight against the noxious weed milfoil. A bill in the Idaho statehouse would require all boat owners who use Idaho's waterways to buy a \$5 milfoil control sticker for their vessels. It would even apply to canoes and kayaks. Money from the stickers would go toward raising about

\$4 million to eradicate the weed that has upstate waterways. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Eric Anderson, R-Priest Lake, said the stickers on their own could raise about \$750,000. The measure, Debi (Scott) Moon of Hansen, Glenda (Robin) Hite of Jerome, and Rick (Vickie) Hance of Glens

dozen types of noxious weeds — plants that choke out native vegetation and wildlife. Plants can also be considered noxious weeds if they poison humans and animals, create fire hazards or other restrictions on areas. "People are coming to recognize that this is not an issue that is strictly North Idaho," said Steve Klatt, a Snake basin who represents the Panhandle

on the Idaho's Parks & Recreation board. "It's beginning to show up everywhere and it's having disastrous effects on all water systems where people never dream it possible."



MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Hinckley reflective as Mormon conference comes to close

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon church president Gordon B. Hinckley on Sunday said he is in the "sunset of his life" and suffering from some residual health problems after undergoing major surgery earlier this year.

"I am totally in the hands of the Lord," Hinckley said, addressing the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the second day of the faith's twice-yearly conference.



Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Mormon church, gives a wave of his cane as he leaves the stage after the morning session of the church's 176th semi-annual general conference, Saturday in Salt Lake City.

The 95-year-old Hinckley was hospitalized in January after doctors discovered a cancerous growth on his intestine during what was called a routine medical examination. He had surgery and spent nearly a week in the hospital recovering.

Hinckley has acknowledged he is slowing down with age, but he also made it clear that his sense of humor is as sharp as ever and that he didn't want members to over-interpret his health concerns.

"I trust you will not regard this as an obituary," he said, drawing a laugh from the audience to the opportunity of speaking

once this fall.

Hinckley's health, and speculation that he is gravely ill, has been widely discussed on the Internet. Church spokesman Kim Farah said the church is aware of the dialogue, but could not comment about its origin or content.

"President Hinckley was speaking extemporaneously," Farah said. "We don't have any additional information at this time."

Mormons gather in April and October to hear from church leaders, in speeches designed to promote faith and give spiritual direction. Hinckley took a different approach Sunday, reflecting on his life and accomplishments in the church. He asked members to forgive his wistful recollections.

"I do so only as an expression of appreciation and gratitude for (the church)," he said.

Hinckley gave more than 200 conference talks during his years in church leadership. This weekend, however, his role in the Six Nations seemed smaller than usual. Hinckley spoke only

twice during the event, skipping his traditional opening address on Saturday.

He closed the conference Sunday with brief remarks, praising the sentiments and guidance of the speakers and calling for blessings upon all church members.

Since his entering his 90s, Hinckley has made frequent jokes about his advanced age, saying, "I'm the last leaf on the tree and the wind is blowing."

But he rarely provided evidence that the demands of leading one of the world's fastest growing religions was too rigorous. Last year alone he traveled to dozens of cities on four continents, ending the year in Sharon, Vt., to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of church founder Joseph Smith.

Now in his 11th year as president of the church, Hinckley, whom church members consider a prophet of God, was still in his 20s when he was hand-picked by a church elder for a job at church headquarters.

Hinckley is the 15th president of the church and worked for

more than half of the 14 men who preceded him in the office. He became an elder in the church 48 years ago and was mentored by many previous church presidents.

"Such an opportunity could not now be had by anyone because the church is much larger," Hinckley said of his experiences.

Hinckley is credited with overseeing a rapid period of growth for the church, increasing the church's worldwide humanitarian works, and constructing more than 70 temples in more than 21 countries, giving church members the ability to performing temple ceremonies which

are considered sacred.

Membership in the Mormon church topped 12.5 million members worldwide this year, according to statistics released Saturday. Most of those are expected to participate in the weekend ceremonies, which are broadcast in 83 countries in 86 languages.

Some 21,000 people also attended each of the five sessions at the church conference center and the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir also performs. On Sunday morning, church leaders offered a special welcome to former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and her husband, who attended.

Volunteers

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One such committed volunteer is Betty Cluer, chairman of volunteer workers and escorts. "We need to make sure that our many buses are covered and it would be nice to see more committed people join in," Cluer said.

The Twin Falls resident has three years of auxiliary membership under her belt and currently handles scheduling the work room to make sure there are enough admittance packets prepared for the hospital.

"I like to make sure that things get done," she said. "There has to be a handle on things."

Buhl resident Sharon Rosenbaum has volunteered for about a year with her husband, Willie. The social contact and being of help to others is the reason the couple decided to serve, Rosenbaum said.

"After my husband retired, we wanted to get involved," she said. "Through a friend, we heard about this. We now have a reason to get up and get going."

The call to participate was the reason for the auxiliary's start, said Randall.

The roots of the auxiliary go back to 1949, when the Women's Guild, or "Pink Ladies" volunteered.

"During World War II, women got more involved once their husbands were gone," she said.

Instead of wearing pink smocks, the group which now has more men on board, has strived to become more appealing to the younger crowd, said Loraine Devey, the hospital's director of volunteer services.

"We need to recruit to the baby boomers and other potential volunteers, so we are trying a different look and don't use the term 'pink ladies' anymore," Devey said. "Although we do honor that era, we are looking to the future."

Through the Junior program, some 100 14- to 18-year-olds are serving. Sometimes those volunteers come back as young adults, Devey said.

"Since 9-11 we have seen more young people get involved and serve," she said. "We could always use more."

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

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CSI library open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (today through Thursday)

CSI Golden Eagle Booster luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

CSI Anime Club weekly meeting, 6 p.m., Shields 210.

Idaho Buller's piano/violin/vocal student recital, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts 133.

Equestrian Team unmounted meeting, 7 p.m., Student Union 248.

Tuesday

CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Student Union 232.

CSI Ambassadors' weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Student Union 247.

CSI Program Board weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 232.

CSI Math Club weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 203.

CSI Anime Club weekly meeting, 6 p.m., Shields 210.

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile rouse, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest exhibit.

"Star Signs," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

CSI Jazz Program presents the Acoustic Jazz Quartet from Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Theater (free admission, public is welcome).

Wednesday

Western Rural Development and Utah State University rural entrepreneurship conference, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Taylor 276.

Idaho FFA 75th Anniversary State Leadership Conference, all day, all campus.

CSI Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Taylor 258.

CSI Alliance Club weekly meeting, 4:45 p.m., Student Union 247.

CSI Access and Leadership Coordinating Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., Student Union 232.

So. Magic Valley Agriculture Teachers monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Evergreen A21.

Idaho Cattlewomen Council and Idaho Beef Council youth public-speaking contest, 6 p.m., Evergreen A05.

CSI Skins and Bones percussion club weekly meeting, 6:15 p.m., Fine Arts 133.

Six Nations Anonymus meeting, 7 p.m., Denton 113.

Thursday

Idaho FFA 75th Anniversary State Leadership Conference, all day, all campus.

Idaho Office on Aging weekly grief class, 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Office on Aging annex.

CSI Students Accessing Their Ability weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Student Union 248.

CSI Math Club weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 203.

Prairie Falcon chapter of the Audubon Society - monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 201.

Twin Falls Centennial Dance Band weekly rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Friday

CSI library open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Friday hours only).

Idaho FFA 75th Anniversary State Leadership Conference, all day, all campus.

CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Salt Lake Community College, 1 p.m., Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Star Signs," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

CSI library open 1 to 5 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday only).

Delta Kappa Gamma monthly meeting, 10 a.m., Taylor 276.

United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

CSI Office on Aging/Medicare prescription enrollment assistance, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union building public computers area (call 736-2122 for appointment).

CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Salt Lake Community College, noon, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Mysteries From the Depths of Space," 2 and 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Star Signs," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Magic Valley Astronomical Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room.

Magic Valley Chorale presents Mozart's "Requiem," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Theater.

"Pink Floyd: The Wall," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

April Star Party (free telescope viewing), 9:15 p.m., Herrett Center Centennial Observatory.

Sunday

CSI Math Department tutoring, 3 p.m., Library 101.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that on the 10th day of April, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider an application to increase pursuant to Idaho Code §31-870 a Board of County Commissioners may impose and collect fees for those services provided by the County which would otherwise be funded by ad valorem tax revenues and the fees collected pursuant thereto shall be reasonably related to, but shall not exceed the actual cost of the service being rendered. The fees proposed to be increased are:

Present Fee	Proposed Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	Total New Fee
For Planning and Zoning - Refundable inspection fee collected at the time a building permit is issued to insure final inspection	+\$25.00 of the permit fee or \$100 whichever is greater	+\$25.00 of the permit fee or \$100 whichever is greater
Copy of Building Plans	+\$0.43 per page	\$0.43 per page
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*Per unit defined as 2 adults & 2 children; 2 tents per unit

The hearing will take place in the County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho.

ATTEST:
Gary Grindstaff, Clerk

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/s/Deborah S. Dane

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Jerome Joint School District No. 281 at the District Office, 107 3rd Avenue West, Jerome, Idaho 83338 until 2:00 PM, prevailing local time, on April 19, 2006, for construction of:
New Jerome Elementary and Middle Schools, Site Improvements. (This bid is for site improvements only; all other packages will be bid at a later date.)

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. Bids received after the above stated hour and date will not be opened. Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following location:
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This project is not financed by Federal Aid funds. Each contractor, subcontractor or specialty contractor is required to have a current license as a Public Works Contractor in the State of Idaho prior to submitting a proposal or bid on this project.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on April 12, 2006, at the Project Site. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required for all work on this project. All documents remain the property of Leatham-Kroh-Van Oor Architects and any duplication or other use of these documents for any other purpose other than the construction of this project is prohibited.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

The Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District will hold the 2nd quarter meeting for 2006 on Monday, April 3, at 1:00 PM at Project Site #1, 345 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 06-04262 Doc ID #000643283902005N Title Order No. 6810178 Parcel No. HF-1534-001042, and executed by Edward E Peterson Sr and Beverly A Peterson, husband and wife, as Grantor(s), in favor of "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for First Mortgage Company, LLC, as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: Lot 24, Block 1, Twin Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in book 16 of plats, page 47 records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a sale or description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 1849 Teton Court, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is a common association with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender a state or federally insured real estate institution. Said sale will be made without caveat or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation of the Trust. The default for this sale is to be made by: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 6/30/2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 5.350% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust; and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$102,250.48, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorney's fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note executed by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code in representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 03/24/2006 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A., 177 Countywide Way, LAN-28, Lancaster, CA 90028-1821 Phone: (800) 281-4211 or (909) 799-0000. N.A. Successor Trustee Ramon Barrios, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 762315

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Loan No: 0002051167 T.S. No.: 06-3792-12 On 7/17/2006 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), in the lobby to First American Title 280 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, Inc., as Trustee on behalf of New Century Mortgage Corporation will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Exhibit "A" Block 65 feet of Lots 2 and 3, and the east 65 feet of Lot 4, less 18.00 feet of 5 feet thereof, all in Block 11 of Blue Lakes Addition west, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof recorded in book 3 of plat, page 30, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, described as follows, to-wit: beginning at the southeast corner of Block 11 of said Blue Lakes addition west, Twin Falls County, Idaho; thence westerly along the south line of said Block 11, a distance of 65.00 feet to the southwest corner of the east line of Block 11 of said Block 11 and opposite station 212+23.58 of said U.S. Highway no. 93, project no. F-2391(10) Highway survey; thence north 67 degrees 10'27" east, 65.07 feet to a point in the east line of said Block 11 and bearing north 60 degrees 11'00" west, 38.0 feet from station 212+49.68 of said highway survey; thence southerly along said east line 3.00 feet to the place of beginning. Highway station reference: 212+23.58 of said Block 11. The Trustee has no knowledge of a particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of: 825 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, is a common association with the said real property. Said sale will be made without caveat or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by: Samuel Thompson and Ruby Thompson husband and wife, as Grantors; To: First American Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of New Century Mortgage Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 02/29/2005, recorded 03/08/2005, as Instrument No. 2005004741, and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as indenture trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2 on 3/15/2005, as Instrument No. 2006-006186, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code in representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and other documents, the principal balance of the indebtedness, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$531,449 due per month from 11/1/2005 through 7/18/2006, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$85,179.38, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.95% per annum from 10/1/2005 All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued late charges for delinquency, interest and assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 3/8/2006 By: Insurance Company by Alliant Default Services, its Duty Authorized Agent Phyllis Mendez, Vice President P243718

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Opportunity to provide written submissions or documents

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Written or electronic submissions of documents pertaining to the determination will be considered by the Director if received by 5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time, May 15, 2006. Any such items should be addressed or delivered to the Director:

Patrick A. Takasagi
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Susana Hellmuth and husband, Chad, cuddle their 3-week-old son, Nicholas, who was born by cesarean section — a choice Susana made weeks before her due date. After six months' bed rest, she said, "the last thing I wanted was complications at birth."



Photo by Myung J. Cho/Los Angeles Times

A 2005 report shows that elective C-sections now represent 2.55 percent of births in the United States, up from 1.87 percent in 2001. In the vast majority of deliveries in this country, mother and baby do just fine, regardless of the method used.

By design

C-sections are increasingly used by choice, not necessity

By Susan Brink
Los Angeles Times

Planned C-sections may be less risky than when required

Planned cesarean sections may be less risky than those that are medically required, because the woman has not gone through an exhausting course of labor and has not run into medical problems trying to deliver naturally. The medical team is prepared and ready, not responding to an emergency. One 2003 study in *Obstetrics and Gynecology* found that women who had a surgical birth without first going into labor had no increase in deaths, transfers to intensive care, infections or blood transfusions compared with women who delivered vaginally. Dr. Patrick Culligan, an obstet-

rician at the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center, did a statistical analysis of the risks and costs, published in the *International Urogynecology Journal* online in July 2004. He estimated that of 100,000 hypothetical women whose planned surgery over vaginal delivery, the result would be 16.6 fewer permanent nerve injuries to babies' shoulders, a rare side effect of complicated vaginal delivery. He also predicted that there would be 185.7 fewer cases of anal incontinence in women as they aged, and an overall cost savings of \$3.2 million.

provided the patient understands all the risks. That stance opened the door to making elective surgery a legitimate alternative for healthy pregnant women to discuss with their doctors.

Meanwhile, some research has suggested that vaginal delivery creates its own risks and that C-sections, help women avoid incontinence and other health problems down the road. Even newer studies are beginning to compare the risks of vaginal delivery not with emergency C-sections, as most previous research has done, but with planned surgical deliveries. C-sections are safer, some researchers are finding, without the last-minute rush to surgery after an exhausting trial of labor.

But critics of elective C-sections see a downside. Such research is conflicting, they say, and science doesn't yet

understand the time-honored trick down the birth canal. Babies delivered by cesarean section have more respiratory infections later in life, and may have more gastrointestinal tract problems as well. And errors in predicting the due date could result in a baby born earlier than the full-term range of 38 to 41 weeks.

Still, elective cesarean is beginning to have a small but noticeable effect on the growing number of C-sections overall.

In one study conducted from 2001 through 2003, the last year for which statistics are available, 127,762 American women in 17 states chose the knife over waiting for the first pains of labor.

The numbers, issued in a September 2005 report by Health Grades Inc., a healthcare ratings service, represent 2.55 percent of births in the U.S., up from 1.87 percent in 2001. Dr.

Samantha Collier, vice president of medical affairs for the service, has reported on elective cesareans for three years. The first two research findings were not a fluke," she said. "We're seeing significant growth rates year after year."

The increase in elective C-sections comes amid a rise in C-sections overall. In 2004, close to 30 percent of all births were cesarean, up from about 20 percent in 1996.

Often, women needing C-sections are wheeled into a surgical suite after labor has begun, because the baby is too big, too small or not getting enough oxygen or the mother is bleeding heavily. The most prevalent reason women have C-sections is because they've already had one. Vaginal birth after a previous cesarean, termed VBAC, is medically possible, but the number of such procedures is falling. Those women have increased risks, in-

cluding hemorrhaging from the previous incision, and physicians and hospitals have grown wary of lawsuits.

Some 60 percent of obstetricians claim that an indicated cesarean was not done or was done too late, says Dr. Jeffrey Phelan, a Pasadena, Calif., obstetrician who is also an attorney.

Today, nearly 90 percent of women who have had a C-section deliver their next babies surgically, up from a low of 72 percent in 1996.

Amid this growing overall trend, the number of elective C-sections is only likely to increase.

Hellmuth, for one, is a firm believer in surgical intervention.

On Dec. 18, in a surgical suite at the medical center, her son Nicholas arrived through an abdominal incision, full term, normal and healthy.

"It's certainly easy on the

Too push to push?

For now, the stereotypical profile of the woman who opts for a cesarean section even when it is not medically necessary is a professional woman, accustomed to having control over her life and wanting control over the timing, the pain level and the recovery from childbirth. These women have even spawned a label: too push to push.

The label may not be far off the mark, says Dr. Peter Bernstein, an obstetrician at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. "I think it's the suited executive woman who wants to know when her baby is coming out of her," he says.

"I didn't have to do anything except lie there."

With the greatest of ease: How do Cirque's performers do it?

By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times

Anyone who has witnessed a performance of Cirque du Soleil has the visceral reaction of wanting to chuck it all and run away with the circus.

Problems are less than one 100th of the population is fit enough to do those death-defying aerial acts, precision acrobatics or contortionist moves that make up Cirque's fabulous repertoire. You could run away, but you'd be selling drinks at the concession stand.

These people are world-class performers who have a billion times more flexibility, strength and grace than the rest of us mortals, and are capable of elegantly swinging from a trapeze, as in the show "Saltimbanco" or diving 60 feet above the ground into a little pool as they do in "O".

So I was envisioning a nonstop buzz of performers hoisting weights, honing their splits and cardio-ing it up like nobody's business as I headed for a meeting with some of the cast of the Cirque show "Quintessence."

It would take nothing less, I assumed, to maintain such phenomenal physiques and unique skills to nail those nightly gigs.

And then I met Jerome Le Baut. The French former gymnast and acrobatic expert is one-half of the duo that performs *Viva Viva*, an astounding slo-mo piece in which one is often balancing the other in seemingly

precarious positions — for example, he's standing, she's completely upside down, her shoulders resting on his.

I asked the dark-haired Le Baut, who's 36 and extraordinarily lean, to tell me a little about his workout regime. He shrugged, admitted to some biking and also chasing his two young kids around, plus stretching and a little warm-up before performing.

No marathon Pilates sessions, no amazing feats of strength?

"Nope. That's all the show, he said, "are enough to keep me in shape."

No one, in fact, is training for hours on end — not the guy who spins and twists and does somersaults on the gigantic German wheel, not the woman who balances on her hands and twists her body into positions that would make you believe she doesn't have a spine.

Hanging out here, it quickly became apparent that part of the performers' challenge is saving enough energy for the show, which requires an enormous amount of physical activity and concentration.

Entering the backstage tent, one of the first things I'd spotted was three people napping on shabby olive sofas. On closer inspection I also saw two stationary bikes, an elliptical trainer, parallel bars, stability balls, a Bosu ball (the popular dome-shaped balance trainer), and a rig for practicing acrobatics — but several hours before show time, no one was on them.



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Coach Chris Baranluk, foreground, and Cirque members use Pilates-based movements on a stability ball to build strength.

Later, the room would be fairly busy with scheduled rehearsals and such, but preparation also entails relaxing with a nice game of chess or backgammon, or having a massage.

Cirque's performers come from a variety of backgrounds, including gymnastics (some are Olympians), acrobatics, dance and diving, and represent a range of body types, from the teeniest acrobats who soar

through the air to beefy guys who balance three people on their shoulders.

By the time they reach this big top, the vast majority are considered seasoned professionals (many are in their 30s) who are responsible for maintaining their own fitness and weight. Most are left to their own devices.

Some acrobatic acts work with coaches to hone their precision skills, however, and upon joining Cirque, cer-

tain performers are sent to Montreal for specific training to learn skills such as aerial work.

Le Baut's partner, 21-year-old Asa Kublak, has boot-camped in Montreal, spending three months training for the *Viva Versa* number, increasing her upper body strength and honing her balance, agility and flexibility.

Sometimes I get like I want Rocky or something preparing for a competition," she says, laughing. "I'd have a towel wrapped around my head to train my neck, and the coach would pull really hard."

The result was "a total body makeover" that produced a more muscular physique. "I had no muscle mass before," she said. (She is tall but thin, not what you'd expect someone to look like who's able to support the weight of a grown man.) Now that her body is in shape, her workouts are not nearly as intense. Like others in the cast, the time she spends exercising ranges from zero to an hour or more, depending on what her body needs on a particular day.

Le Baut's regimen consists of an assortment of disciplines. She picks and chooses from Pilates, stretching, ab work, yoga and cardio, which she'll do on a stationary bike, treadmill or elliptical trainer. Strength training is done mostly with resistance and her own body weight.

"Every day I play on the Bosu ball," she adds. "I'll do handstands on it before the act. It's a nice way to feel alignment."

IMAGE

Caregiver Support Group meets today

The Caregivers Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging Annex on the College of Southern Idaho campus, 998 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The program will be about physical therapy.

The support group is for those who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends.

For information, call Sherry Cann at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

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ey, nutrition, relaxation and massage.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, this week through May 9, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The six sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$30 for the class series or \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361, and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, doctor's name, due date and the name of the class. Or register by mailing the same information to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Attention: Anita, 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Bariatric support

The Bariatric Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is for patients who have undergone bariatric surgery. The topic will be "Dangers of Dehydration," followed by questions and discussion.

For information, call 280-1337.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be storytelling.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For information, call 324-7262.

About C-sections

A Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course.

Topics will include Cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Childbirth course

The first class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Topics will include pregnan-

cy, nutrition, relaxation and massage.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

About back injuries

Back School, a course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on basic spine anatomy, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain, along with instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury. The class is offered on-site at local businesses, if desired.

Cost is \$25. To register, call 737-2126.

Learn CPR for babies

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About infant care

The sixth class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Topics will include infant care and early parenting of infants.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

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About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, this week through May 4, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical

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The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148 or go online at www.mvrmc.org.

Big Kids class

Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class is designed to help prepare siblings for a new baby.

Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

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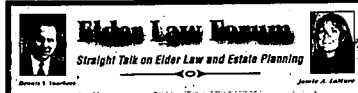
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Missing something?

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The Washington Post

Most American teens are reasonably healthy. But by the time they get out on their own, well, things fall apart. So shows a report that "tracked 14,000 adolescents as they grew up. Almost every measure of health declined between the first sur-

vey and the follow-up seven years later.

The young adults ate worse, were fatter and less active, saw the doctor and dentist less, were less likely to have health insurance and indulged more in

alcohol, drugs and fast food as the years went by. Oddly, one of the few positive changes was in mental health: Young adults reported being less depressed than they had as teens. They also thought they were healthier.

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You might call it melancholy on steroids — a muscular mixture of fast-driving, heavy drinking, hard-charging cussedness. For perhaps 3 million American men yearly, that's the plotline for depression.

Depression's machismo mask

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times

You might call it melancholy on steroids — a muscular mixture of fast-driving, heavy drinking, hard-charging cussedness. For perhaps 3 million American men yearly, that's the plotline for depression.

For almost 24,000 men yearly, the malady is suicidal. Often, there is no cry for help, no flood of tears, no abyss of sadness. Just a violent, tragic bolt from the blue.

In the United States, a man is four times more likely than a woman to commit suicide, according to government statistics. Yet, he is only half as likely to be diagnosed with depression. That stark disconnect underscores a simple fact about depression in men: It often does not look like the mixture of sadness, guilt and withdrawal that dominates diagnostic descriptions and popular perception of the disease. As a result, a man's depression is often missed — by loved ones, by physicians, by the sufferer himself.

The costs are steep: In lives hobbled, jobs lost, relationships ruined. — Some professionals even tally the toll in prison terms, substance-abuse statistics and shattered communities.

But today the diagnosis of depression is in the midst of a long-overdue makeover, as medical and mental health professionals have come to recognize that in at least half of depressed men, the recognizable litany of symptoms don't really fit.

Some depressed men may be plagued by impotence and loss of sexual interest, but others may become wildly promiscuous. Many complain of depression's physical symptoms — sleep troubles, fatigue,

headaches or stomach distress — without ever discerning their psychological source. Compared with women suffering depression, depressed men are more likely to behave recklessly, drink heavily or use drugs, drive fast or seek out confrontations.

Instead of acting like they are filled with self-doubt, depressed men may bully and bluster and accuse those around them of angering them. For many men, anger — a masculine emotion that one "manages" rather than succumbs to — is a mask for deep mental anguish.

"That's their way of weeping," says psychologist William Pollock, director of the Centers for Men and Young Men at McLean Hospital in suburban Boston and an expert on depression in men.

Dr. Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health, likens the shift now taking place among psychologists and psychiatrists to one that is taking hold in other areas of medicine. In the diagnosis of, say, heart disease, physicians have come to recognize that men and women can have the same illness, but their symptoms often look very different.

For almost two decades as an aerospace machinist in San Diego, a coffee-fueled Steve Klepper worked so much overtime that he was able to buy a family home by himself. At work, he says, he was short-tempered and had little patience for his co-workers' blather about friends and family.

At home, he would drink himself numb virtually every night. By his own admission, he "acted very much like a jerk" to women and friends, and suffered constant stomach problems and skin rashes. He thought frequently of suicide.

Where to find help

- The National Institute of Mental Health has launched a public awareness campaign on men and depression, with many personal stories, advice and resources: www.menanddepression.nih.nih.gov.
- The Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration maintains a large database of places to seek help for any mental illness: (800) 789-2647 or www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/databases.
- The Depression and Bipolar Alliance, at www.obssalliance.org.

Talking about the 'D-word'

It is a refrain heard so commonly by psychologists and psychiatrists that it could be the opening to an inside-the-profession joke: "This guy trudges into my office, collapses into the chair and says, 'My wife/partner/friend sent me. She says I'm depressed.'"

The man seldom believes it himself. But as the symptoms are coaxed from the patient — changes in appetite, fitful sleep, low energy — resistance often drops away: And a willingness to get treatment can emerge. But the first step for many men is to hear, "I think you're depressed," from someone close to them — someone who has seen first-hand his anxiety, mood swings, sleep problems. If you suspect depression in your friend or partner, do not down-

play the changes you see or criticize his behavior harshly. Instead, say you're worried about his mood or behavior. Tell him that depression is common in men, and doesn't always look, or feel, like sadness. Explain that treatments — "talk therapy" and/or antidepressants — bring relief in four of five cases. Next, urge him to talk about his behavioral changes with his physician, a community health clinic worker or a trusted religious adviser. They can make referrals to psychiatrists or psychologists.

If your friend, spouse or partner talks about suicide — even if just — do not dismiss it, and do not shrink from probing his intentions and getting help for him. A suicide-prevention hotline should be your first call.

Today, Klepper manages his condition with medication, and leads a San Diego support group for those suffering depression and bipolar disorder. He finds it hard to fathom why one he ever called his evident depression what it was. But he knows why it's a hard diagnosis for a man to admit to himself. "It's embarrassing to be said," he says. "And the difference between being sad and lazy is hard to distinguish."

Pregnancy & antidepressants: Can they co-exist?

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times

Pregnancy is a time of hope and anticipation for most women, but for those who have suffered major depression, it can be a time of uneasy decision — whether to continue on antidepressants and risk a growing baby's exposure, or to leave off and risk a tumble into the abyss.

It is a decision made more agonizing by uncertainty. How will these drugs affect a growing fetus? How likely is a relapse of depression? And how does a newborn fare when his mom is depressed? A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association suggests some answers. The glow of pregnancy, researchers found, is no shield against depression — but antidepressants provide notable protection for women who continue to take them.

"The assumption is that no medication is always optimal, and I think that may not always be correct," says Dr. Vivien K. Burt, director of the Women's

Life Center at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and one of the study's authors.

Researchers from Boston, Los Angeles and Atlanta tracked 201 women who had a history of depression through their pregnancies to gauge how many women suffered a bout of the disease and whether they had maintained or discontinued their antidepressant medication.

In all, 43 percent of the women they followed relapsed into depression during pregnancy, but the rate of relapse was much higher for women who discontinued their medication (68 percent) than for those who stayed on it (26 percent). Those who declined to take the medication and who fell ill with depression almost always did so within the first two trimesters, with half becoming depressed by the end of their first three months of gestation.

Researchers found that some women were slightly more immune than others to depression's grip during pregnancy, whether or not they

continued their medication. Of those tracked, married patients and women older than 32 were somewhat less likely to become depressed during pregnancy.

But women who had suffered with depression for more than five years, and those who had suffered more than four episodes of depression, were at significantly greater risk of suffering another bout while pregnant.

Dr. Nancy Green, medical director of the March of Dimes, said the JAMA study underscored the importance for women with chronic illnesses to anticipate and plan for managing their disease while pregnant and to stick with treatments during pregnancy.

Depression, no less than chronic conditions such as asthma or diabetes, needs to be treated, for the baby's good as well as for the mother's, she said. Women suffering depression take poorer care of themselves and are more likely to use drugs or alcohol, said Green, and the outcomes for

their babies suffer when their condition is untreated.

In recent years, a few studies have begun to assess the risk to developing fetuses of exposure to antidepressants.

One 2002 study found no significant increase in deformities or developmental delays with the use of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or SSRIs — antidepressants marketed under the commercial names of Zoloft, Prozac and Celexa. But the use of SSRIs was associated with a slight increase in earlier births and, as a consequence, lower birth weights.

Study: Fat poses risk regardless of fitness

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

Is it OK to be fat but fit? With the number of Americans who are overweight on the rise, health experts have been debating whether it's possible to be both fat and healthy. Some experts have argued that being unfit is actually worse than being fat, and that fat people can be healthy as long as they are fit.

A large new study undermines that argument, concluding that while both fitness and fatness are important, no amount of physical activity can erase the risks of being overweight.

Researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston measured a variety of risk factors for heart disease among more than 27,000 healthy middle-aged women participating in the ongoing Women's Health Study.

Being either overweight or inactive — each independently raised risk factors for heart disease, the researchers found. While women at any weight reduced their risks by exercising, being overweight appeared to be worse than being inactive, the researchers found. Even thin couch potatoes had lower risks than active women who were just a little overweight, the researchers found.

But that doesn't mean being thin is enough, the researchers learned. Thin women who do not exercise still face an increased risk of heart disease — the leading killer of women.

"We don't want women to get the idea that it's OK to be a couch potato just because they are thin," said Samia Mora, who led the study, published in the Journal of the American Med-

ical Association. Mora noted that women with the lowest risk were those who were both physically active and of normal weight.

"The message should really be to get out there and be active no matter what you weigh, even if it's just for 30 minutes a day," she said. "Both are important."

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By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



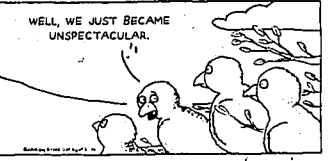
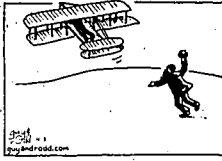
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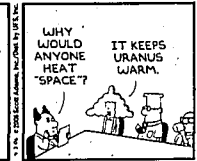
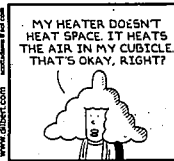
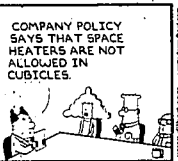
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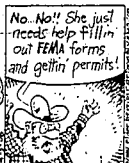
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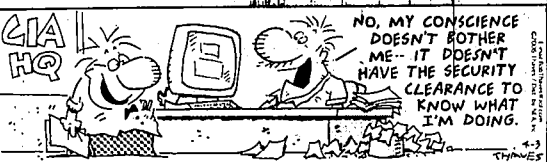
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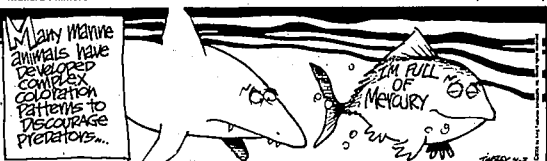
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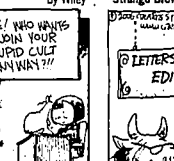
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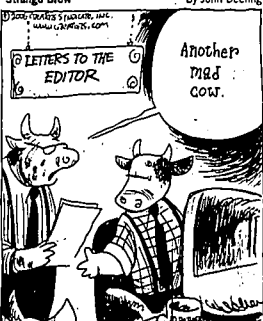
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By John Deering



Libra: Duty calls, but liberty beckons

IF APRIL 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Communications are strongly highlighted in the year ahead and, fortunately, you're a master of the game. Late summer and early fall may require you to tread carefully to avoid upset, but this still will be a time of sweeping change. If friends are mystifying, take some alone time to sort out what you really think, and don't ignore the possibility of a friend becoming much more than that. Plans you make this year will have far-reaching impact, so think them through carefully for maximum success.

ARIES (March 21-Apr. 19): Butting heads with others isn't the best way to get ahead, so make sure transitory feelings don't push you into ill-advised actions. Your charm continues to be noticed. Stick to the truth — you'll be glad you did.

TALURIUS (April 20-May 20): You may feel somewhat restricted in expressing all the love you feel to those who really matter. Don't succumb to temporary temptations now, the urges will pass in a day or two, and it wouldn't be worth the trouble or risk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are especially protected today. You can hardly be missed in the crowd, with the spotlight on your unique talents. The beat of that different drummer

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

sounds more loudly in your ears than usual, and your urge for independence is strong. If your friends are mystifying, take some alone time to sort out what you really think, and don't ignore the possibility of a friend becoming much more than that. Plans you make this year will have far-reaching impact, so think them through carefully for maximum success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Detachment alternates with high emotionalism, so strive to achieve a balance. Try to avoid excess reactivity and simply assess things with your practical mind — not an easy feat today. Seek out a break in routine to prevent boredom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your gift for gab may put to the test, but you are quick enough on your feet to rise to meet the occasion. Going along may be the requirement for getting along today, find a way to do so if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Friends and family know that they can count on you to keep their lives running smoothly. However, you must at least consider the possibility that there is an error or missing piece at the heart of your calculations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Things cool down enough today that you can get down to business after a sexy weekend. Your time with family and close friends is important now, but

you may be torn between duty and a desire for freedom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check within yourself, and in your relationships for building resentments, and release them constructively now. If you don't, they could come to a head exclusively later this week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A dilemma may have you uncertain of the right course now. Try to find a workable balance between the competing essentials. A break in routine can keep things from feeling too stale.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your star continues to rise and you may be virtually irresistible today. Make sure to adhere to your high ethics and don't cut any corners or let random temptations cause you to veer off course.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Enacting cooperation should be easy now, and you can accomplish much more that way. You may be a bit torn between duty and pleasure, so try to have fun only after the work is done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your ideas and plans now are especially good. Your only caveat is not to overdo. You have a balanced perspective these days that enables you to have a deep and unbiased understanding of your world.

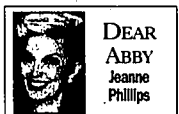
COMICS

First lesson in college is to rise and shine on time

DEAR ABBY: I teach and advise first-year students at a college, and one of the most critical problems students have is sleeping through class because they haven't learned to get themselves up in the morning.

Last week, a sophomore student missed a math class at 8 a.m. because her father failed to call her that morning and get her out of bed.

Please advise parents to buy an alarm clock for their children, starting in sixth grade, and make them learn to get themselves out of bed, even if it means suffering the consequences once or twice for being late. Daddy's not going to make that wake-up call forever, and Mom shouldn't have to serve as the alarm clock for kids over 12 years of age. We'd appreciate students who can at least do that much for themselves — and I'm sure their future employers would, too.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

for their mistakes are still minor. By the time they're out of the nest, it's too late.

DEAR ABBY: I recently began dating this guy, "Don." I met a few weeks ago. For the rest of the night, he's good to me. The problem is I have strong feelings for him, but I'm not sure he feels the same way.

Don says he loves me, and he does treat me wonderfully — something I've always wanted — but I have this nagging feeling that "something" will go wrong. I don't know where this stems from. I feel myself starting to fall in love with him, but I don't know if I should because he has been married four times already. He's helped me. I don't want to lose him.

HOLDING BACK IN OHIO
DEAR HOLDING BACK: The "nagging feeling" you described may be your common sense telling you to put on the brakes before giving your whole heart.

Let's face it, this man has a ter-

rrible track record when it comes to commitment. Get to know him a lot better before planning a future with him. This is one of those cases where only time will tell — lots and lots of time.

DEAR ABBY: I'm about to have my first baby. I'm very excited about it. People ask if I'm nervous about giving birth. To tell you the truth, the only part of labor and delivery I'm afraid of is the fact that my mother-in-law insists on being there.

I agreed when she first asked me, but I have changed my mind, and I'm wondering how I can avoid having her there when the time comes. I actually find myself praying for a C-section because then she cannot be there.

How should this be handled? Should we tell her before the birth, or should we just let her after the baby is born with the good news?

TRAPPED IN SOUTH CAROLINA
DEAR TRAPPED: If you can't find the courage to tell your mother-in-law how you've changed your mind, discuss that fact with your (OH)GYN, and specify that you want only your husband and you during labor and delivery. Your doctor can make sure your wishes are carried out.

Rumsfeld home has notorious past

Donald Rumsfeld's new vacation home on Chesapeake Bay was once a plantation where rebellious slaves were sent to be beaten into submission.

Called "Misery Mountain," it was owned by Edward Covey, whom other slave owners paid to motivate their slaves with torturous abuse.

The most famous was Frederick Douglass, who wrote about getting "at least 25" brutal beatings there.

It's been noted that the first American turkeys arrived in Europe in about 1520.

Those little cobs we call baby cobs are harvested just seven days after the first silk appears and before pollination can occur. It can be planted, therefore, in isolation. It doesn't need other corn plants around to grow.

Columbus may have sailed the blue in 1492, but it wasn't until 1597 that the name America was first used on maps.



has seen four London Bridges. The first was a wooden one that was pulled down in 1014. The second was built in 1176 and lasted 647 years until 1823. The third bridge, made of granite, was sold in 1962 to a developer in Arizona. The fourth, an unremarkable modern structure, is still standing.

This day in history: Before the Civil War, Jesse James became a member of a Confederate paramilitary unit in Missouri that engaged in terrorism against Union sympathizers. After the war, he turned armed robber who was romanticized by Confederate sympathizers. On April 1882, James removed his gun belt and stood up on a chair to dust the top of a painting, Bob and Charley Ford, his last two gang members, recognized their chance to claim a \$10,000 reward and they took it. Guns blazing, they laid poor Jesse in his grave.

All in all, the Thames River

The brain of a chimpanzee is about half the size of a human brain.

The baboon is one monkey that doesn't live in forests or trees, but has adapted over time to living in both and traveling the open lands.

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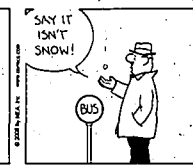
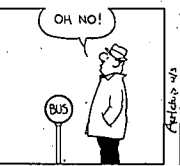
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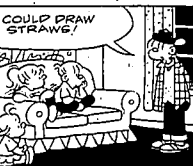
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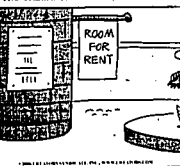
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Abandoned jet gets a \$265,000 ticket

By Joe Mozingo
Knight Ridder news service

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Drug-smuggling planes abandoned after delivering their illicit cargo litter remote dirt landing strips all over Central America.

But abandoning a \$4 million corporate jet at the international airport of a country's biggest city is something new.

On Feb. 24, a Mexican-registered Gulfstream GII — a luxury jet that can fly at up to 450 mph and carry up to 14 passengers in comfort — was abandoned at the Honduran capital's Toncontin airport late at night. The pilots have not been seen since.

When Honduran authorities revealed the case on March 10, the media jumped on the case of the jet mysteriously as proof of growing sentiment that drug traffickers are taking over the country, and that authorities do little to stop them. Politicians also jumped into the fray.

"This is an indicator that there is a constant violation of our airspace," Honduran President Manuel Zelaya told the Miami Herald. "There are regions in this country that are dominated by drug cartels."

While officials sought out the owner, the luxurious jet was parked conspicuously amid modest private planes — many of them Cessnas. The closest in size was the U.S. Embassy's twin-engine Beech King Air.

Pellio searched the jet with dogs and found no evidence of illegal drugs.

As time passed, a few details about the plane began to emerge — but not an explanation for its abandonment.

The two Mexican pilots landed at 11:13 p.m., more than an

hour after the airport generally closes, because the runway is considered one of the most dangerous in the world — short and surrounded by mountains — night-flying is not the norm.

The flight was coming to Toncontin, normal, normal, normal, he said.

But after a day on the tarmac, the pilots had not paid the airport's immigration parking fees, and eventually the jet's foreign lawyer impounded the jet.

On March 20, a foreign lawyer for the owner in Mexico arrived to reclaim the plane. But the government says he must pay about \$265,000 in parking fees, and fines because its navigation permits expired.

Hector Zorath, told the Honduran press he would challenge this but did not shed any light on why the pilots ditched the jet.

In the end, the ditched of the Gulfstream GII may simply devolve into a legal scrap over one of the world's most expensive parking tickets.

That last fact caused all sorts of speculation. Officials here suggested that Andrade Mora was having legal problems in Mexico, and just needed to get the jet out before it was confiscated.

But more difficult to explain was the plane's route that day. According to the El Heraldo newspaper, it left the Matiguas international airport — near Caracas, Venezuela, at 4:15 p.m. en route to Puebla, Mexico, but landed hundreds of miles away, near Merida, Mexico, in the Yucatan peninsula, at 10:10 p.m.

From there, it flew back south to Tegucigalpa, maybe stopping in Guatemala, maybe not, ac-

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The Hills Have Eyes (11) 7:30 - 9:45
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Eating (R) 7:00 - 9:20

Jazz
The Blues (PG) 7:15 - 9:30
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50 IN A MINUTE CHAMPIONS



Photo courtesy of Harrison Elementary

Harrison Elementary named its recent 50 in a minute first, second and third-grade winners: back row: Christopher Dverlin, Abigail Morgan, Jackson Shaver, Samantha Beverly and Ethan Ellsworth; front row: Jordan Henley, Brad Thompson, Kenna Stubblefield and Bailey Henley.



Harrison Elementary named its recent 50 in a minute fourth- and fifth-grade winners: back row: Autumn Myers, Caitlyn Joslin, Leroy Garcia, Taryn Skahill and Armin Kadric; middle row: Connor McCall, Rybeca Petersen, Makenzi Baker, Kaleb Price and Connie Morales; front row: Uriel Arcejo, Nicole Michaud, Nikke Jasper and Austen Luna.



Harrison Elementary named its recent 50 in a minute sixth-grade winners: back row: Daniel Huey, Igor Jozelic, Dylan Aufderheide, Shayde Alves, Stormy Jasper and Michael Chappie; front row: Imanson Brown, Braydon Metzcar, Nicholas Kyte, Connor Stubblefield and Kori Neiwirth.

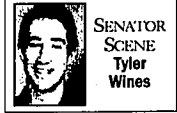


Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls named its recent 50 in a minute Kindergarten winners: from left, back row: Victoria Bartlett, Emilio Ray, Sara Mendra, Tylin Johnson, Emily Plant, Kennedy Moran and Abby Moon; front row: Alyssa Gabart, Sierra Goedhart, Kade Blackwood, Paula Granillo and Luke Teske.

Lots of activities coming up at GHS

Students find themselves busy at work after the first week back to school following a much anticipated spring break. All clubs and athletics are very busy. The track, tennis and golf teams are doing very well, however their biggest opponent this year happens to be the weather.

GHHS has many upcoming events in the next few weeks. Student registration will take place for the upcoming freshmen on April 10, for sophomores on April 11, juniors on April 17 and the seniors will be the night of April 17. All registration on April 10 will be from 6 to 8 p.m. and all of the other nights, it will take place from 6 to 7:15 p.m. From will be held Saturday in the GHHS gymnasium. The Grand March will take place at 7:30 p.m., and all of the community is welcome to come out and enjoy the event.



SENATOR SCENE Tyler Wines

The following week, the annual Gooding Wooding Smoker will take place April 14 in the GHHS gym. The student body election will be held the week of April 10, with the elections on April 14. This week, Skills USA members will find themselves in Boise taking part in various competitions in an attempt to take home the honor of state champion.

Tyler Wines is Gooding High School student body secretary.

Filer starts preparation for next year's leaders

Filer High School is starting to prepare for next year's leaders. Student registration for the National Honor Society and student council are coming up soon. The applications for National Honor Society members running for office were due on Friday and the voting will be held on Tuesday. By that time, the student council applications will be available for students who will present an election speech on April 14. Soon, we will have a new set of student council members.



WILDCAT WORD Allison Ko

Upcoming news from FFA State Leadership Conference will be held from Wednesday to Saturday. There will be horse judging and public, extemporaneous and creed speaking performances. All the speaking categories include Filer competitors. At this event, the FFA members will also be electing new state officials. It is sure to be an important and eventful day for those members.

Allison Ko is Filer High School student body president.

Students are inducted into National Honor Society

Even taking a week off for spring break, Magic Valley High School students and staff found many ways to keep busy and productive. Kristy Kalfbelsch, Alicia Dumas and Cory Brian occupied their time by participating in the Dickensian production "The Pajama Game." Kristy and Alicia, along with teacher Jennifer Miller performed on stage, while Cory helped behind the scenes.



MVHS MOMENTS Jennifer Miller

Sarah Walling, Luke Regoso and Erin Littleton were inducted into the National Honor Society before the break. Lupa is the Assistant Treasurer for this year's graduating class. Sarah is the salutatorian and Erin is a recent graduate. Congratulations, girls! MVHS surpassed its goal of having 32 percent of the on-bond election. Thanks to all who visited our school that day to vote, and to those who attended the assembly to allow that evening's Students sharing their talents that evening included Hunter Hutchinson, Sam Carter and Amber Hall, Ben Lindsay, Stephen Gelever, Ashley Hahn, Katy Hulce, Aleigh Hunsaker, Gabriel Jacobson, Rhett Leavitt, Robert Lyday, Tessa Mabe, Keara Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Dede Pettinger, Ibeth Razo, Eric Sengrathphong, Chance Share, Sam Smith, Ellie Spencer and Jessica Usery.

Dresses program. Many of our young ladies took advantage of this wonderful offer, and we look forward to seeing them all at prom! Special thanks to student Jyska Ramirez and teacher Deb Ward for their endless efforts to make this program a success.

In other prom news, a raffle drawing was held Friday, and the winners will be contacted soon. The raffle was a huge success with the most money raised to lower the cost of prom (with dinner included) to only \$4 per student. Thanks everyone, for working so hard and raising so much money for prom.

The Friday before spring break marked the deadline for the annual MVHS art contest. This year's topic focused on expressing your passion. The entries will be voted on this following week, and then displayed during the month of April at the Magic Valley Arts Council.

Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls HS students return to busy schedules

We've been back for one week and it sure has been a busy one! For the past week, student council members hosted four students on an exchange from Elizabeth, Colo. They got a chance to experience how our school works and attended many different classes. We were happy to have them here.



BRUIN BUZZ Deldre Edmunds

Also last week, student council held the first annual "Project Runway." Students from all different grades modeled clothing

from several different stores in the mall including The DEB, Buckle, Vanity and JC Penney. All the students loved it and had a blast!

Oscar Night was also last

Thursday. Different types of movies were entered and the winner of Movie of the Year was "The Chocolate Mafia." The Stargazers also performed for the entertainment week. Thanks to all those who participated.

This week, Chamber Singers auditions will be held. Also National Honors Society applications are due for upcoming seniors.

Elections for next year's student council will be held Thursday. Speeches will be given in the morning and voting

takes place in the afternoon. Students must register to vote on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Good luck to all the candidates.

There is a lot going on the next couple of weeks. Prom is coming up on April 29 with the theme of James Bond and we will be having our Spring Spirit week, also. We can't wait to show some more school spirit.

Deldre Edmunds is the Twin Falls High School junior class vice president.

Buhl High School announces honor roll students

BHHS — Buhl High School announced its third quarter honor roll.

Straight A honor roll (4.00 GPA)

Seniors
Bethany Euresit, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Paden Mabey, Madeline Walti and Nic Wilson.
Juniors
Kylie Clements, April Jaymes, Karri Kelly, Sam Mason and Jenni Vanhooser.
Sophomores
Nichole Frey and Brad Twiss.
Freshmen
Briana Castillo, Nick Hamilton, Kurren Kelly, Kirsten March and Kristina Nye.

High honor roll (3.50 to 3.99 GPA)

Seniors
Adam Bridges, Eli Chipman, Liz Esparza, Emily Hellickson, Angela Hutchinson, Felix Kilian, Rachel Lindeman, Brett Montgomery, Bernardo Morales, Lisa Nevarez, Angela Oglesbee, Morgan Peterson, Oleksandra Pichyk, Kallan Puento, Jeunette Serrano, Nora Sest, Gabriela Silva, Jeremy Thomas and Cassie Tipton.
Juniors
Kati Calkins, Trent Craner, Kim Hancock, Misty Henson, Andrew Lauda, Summer Lyday, Amanda Lyon, Madaline Meiers, Emily Pearson, Ashley Rosen, London Schofield, Eva Stutzman, Jamie Van Patten, Zack Welch and Traiza Wuensch.
Sophomores
Stephanie Ahlin, Ashley Bartschi, Abby Castillo, Colton Jaynes, Patrick Osterkamp, Jessica Price, Alex Puento, Ryon Struick, Michael Tomkins and Ashley Wilson.
Freshmen
Tina Aquino, Diana Carrillo, Kelsey Clements, Kristina Gelever, Desiree Hepworth, Jenna Hutchinson, Ashley Kersey, Bruno Loza, Nathan Romans, Stephanie Serrano, Krysha Tyece and Autumn Yuribe.

Honor roll (3.00 to 3.49 GPA)

Seniors
Serfin Aguilar, Luke Alexander, Ana Arizmendi, Rainee Baugh, Trevin Belveal, Veronica Betteencourt, Shawn Carter, Santa Delgado, Casey Falcinelli, Glen Gutierrez, Jessica Heaton, Brady Irish, Brenner Mink, James Osterkamp, Steven Rafter, Abbe Reynolds, Annandyn Sengrathphong, Mike Semoroff, Troy Struick, Cameron Sobotka, Judd Spencer, Cody Stutzman, Ben White and Jarom Winy.
Juniors
Amber Alvares, Jake Busby, Maria Cervantes, Jill Chivers, Amanda Combe, Alejandro Delgado, Shala Fields, Cheryl Geiger, Edy Gonzalez, Osy Gonzalez, Jessica Harris, Devin Hepworth, Eric Hernandez, Kausha Hulce, KC Hulce, Cassi Hutchinson, Tianna Chubb, Miranda Jucker, Tanner Leckenby, Miranda McFarland, Lety Nevarez, Will Stemp, Adren Storey, Michael Torres and Anis-

sa Turley.
Sophomores
Alicia Abshire, Trista Allen, Juan Castro, Dustin Davidson, Cori Flint, Chelsie Forrest, Cary Hampton, Justin Heaton, Sandra Hernandez, Zach Highberger, Brian Hosman, Rikki Johnson, Kenneth Keslio, Anil Kimball, Brook Leavitt, Zach Montgomery, Gustavo Nieto, Emily O'Connor, Sandra Sanchez and Monica Varela.
Freshmen
Emiliano Aguilar, Marty Arneson, Amanda Bird, Katie Busby, Darren Butler, Alex Coggins Peckham, Terry Combe, Jessica DeKruyf, Kristen Fahrwald, Hannah Gallon, Stephen Gelever, Ashley Hahn, Katy Hulce, Aleigh Hunsaker, Gabriel Jacobson, Rhett Leavitt, Robert Lyday, Tessa Mabe, Keara Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Dede Pettinger, Ibeth Razo, Eric Sengrathphong, Chance Share, Sam Smith, Ellie Spencer and Jessica Usery.

SCHOOL NEWS

Hansen Elementary announces honor roll

HANSEN — Hansen Elementary School released its first semester honor roll.

Third grade: Mikaila Brownfield, Jenna Harris and Jordan Pfeiffer.

Fourth grade: Marah Bjornn, Adreanna Brownfield, Madison Burk, Kelsea Carson, Destiny Day, Kaleb Gunnell, Brandi Hutzler, Alex McNurlin, Katy Packer, Tyler Sharkey and Dayana Vega.

Fifth grade: Gabriela Arevalo, Luis Cervantes, Heidi Funk, Ryan Ann Funk, Clara Hall, Jed Hall, Alex Neda, Skylar Nelson, Drew Parker, Katherine Sanchez, Bryan Morse, Sara Packer and

St. Nicholas school opens registration

RUPERT — St. Nicholas Catholic School is registering children for the 2006-2007 school year.

There are openings in preschool, all-day kindergarten, and first through fifth grades.

For more information, call Mary Williams, secretary, or Marlene Boettcher, principal at 476-6320.

St. Nicholas Catholic School honors students

RUPERT — St. Nicholas Catholic School announced its honor roll students:

Joel Greenwald, Melody Boettcher, Stefanie Evans, Daniel Preubauer, Braxton May, Zack Camarena, Katie Perrietti,

Carlie Wilkins.

Amelia Wood, Alani Delis, Austen Seidler, Danisha Fuentes, Kayla Kerbs, Krystal Scott, Rosario Torres and Hunter Garro.

The school also announced that its student council is planning end-of-the-year activities. One event will be a field day at the park with games and races. The PTC will plan the annual jog-a-long in April.

Canyonside Christian is accepting registrations

JEROME — Canyonside Christian School is accepting registrations for the 2006-2007 school year for preschool through sixth grade beginning April 10.

The school also offers a before- and after-school program. The school is accepting registration for its summer program for children ages 3 through the sixth grade. The summer program will begin June 1, and run

from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Class sizes are limited.

For more information, call the school office at 324-3444 or stop by the school between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 60 E. 1005, in Jerome.

Kimberly School District holds conferences

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School District will hold parent-teacher conferences today and Wednesday.

Kimberly Elementary teachers will schedule appointments with parents, from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. on each day.

Kimberly Middle School teachers will be available on a first come, first serve basis in the gymnasium from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. each night.

Kimberly High School teachers will be in the commons area

from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. both evenings.

Students participate in national BPA confab

MURTAUGH — Outstanding business students from Murtaugh High School will travel to Orlando, Fla., to participate in the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference, May 10-14.

Murtaugh chapter members Eli Andersen and Danielle Cummins will join more than 8,000 delegates from across the nation to participate in national-level business skill competitions, workshops, general sessions and the national official candidate campaigns and elections.

The conference will be the culmination of a school year's worth of business work-force education and training which members of the local chapter of

Business Professionals of America (BPA) at School have received," said chapter adviser, Jennifer Schwendig, who teaches business related classes.

Eli Andersen has been an officer with the Murtaugh chapter and will be competing in the marketing/management and human resource open event, as well as receiving his Ambassador Torch Award. Danielle Cummins has been a member of the local chapter for three years and will compete in the legal office proceedings event.

BPA is a national organization for high school, college and middle school students preparing for careers in business and information technology occupations. The organization's activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school.