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Aquifer bill may be resurrected

By **Michelle Dunlop**
Times-News writer

BOISE — Just when you think aquifer recharge has seen its final day in the Legislature this session, it resurfaces. Amid a relatively quiet day, whippersnappers of a resurrected water bill sprang up early on last week. The Senate rejected House Bill 800 — a piece of legislation that prioritized recharging the aquifer as a water use above generating power at hydroelectric dams. But, the Senate could see some sort of compromise bill introduced as early as today.

"We're still talking. We're still working on a compromise," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. Cameron was one of 14 senators who supported House Speaker Bruce Newcomb's effort at aquifer recharge. Twenty-one senators opposed the measure, citing concerns that the bill messed with

senior water rights as well as worry that the bill would force Idaho Power to raise its rates. The proposed compromise bill could include funding to mitigate increases to ratepayers if the water, used for recharge doesn't return to the Snake River. Before House Bill 800 was introduced, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Idaho Power officials and surface water users were working on an agreement in which the state could have paid Idaho Power up to \$1.6 million for losses in power generation. As the day wound down, Cameron headed to his office

to begin working on language for the legislation. Newcomb's legislation had passed the House with little problem, on a 43-22 vote. Therefore, there's little reason to start new legislation in the House if it can't pass the Senate. And, Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, doesn't see any compromise on recharge picking up enough votes in the Senate to prevail. Colner, who sits on the Twin Falls Canal Board, cast one of the nay votes on House Bill 800. "No one has talked to me about a compromise," Colner said.



Born to brew

It has been more than 17 years since Buehner discovered his knack for beer

By **Bob Kirkpatrick**
Times-News writer

Controlling the biochemical process, manipulating variables and solving problems. These all sound like the ramblings of a mad scientist. In reality, it is all part of the process Eric Buehner, head brewer and managing partner of the Trail Creek Pub, uses every day to make fresh local beer in Twin Falls.

Eric Buehner

Occupation: head brewer, studying to become a brewmaster
Age: 38
Family: wife, Jennifer; no children; one dog, three cats
Hobbies: whitewater canoeing and rafting, camping and travel

"I have been brewing beer commercially since 1992," Buehner said. "But I've been making homebrew for more than 17 years." Buehner said he first became interested in making beer while attending college at the University of Utah in 1986. "I saw an ad in a Mad Men News magazine that explained how to make beer."

Buehner said, "The very first batch I produced turned out really good, so I figured I had a knack for it."

Buehner initially planned to become a geologist, but soon realized his passion for making beer outweighed his interest in the science of dealing with the physical nature and history of the earth. So he changed his focus and started taking additional chemistry and biology classes, trying to perfect his newfound passion. In 1992, he dropped out of school and went to work for a brewing company in Salt Lake City until 1997.

Uncertain of his future as a brewer, Buehner decided to go back to college. After receiving his bachelor of science degree in geomorphology (the study of the erosion process) in 1997, he went to work for ChemTech, a water control company in Utah, until 2000. "I didn't plan on taking 11 years to get my diploma," Buehner said. "I guess I



Head brewer Eric Buehner stands by the copper 'brew house' that can store up to 220 gallons of beer for Trail Creek Pub in Twin Falls and Ketchum. Buehner recently introduced a new 'farmhouse' brew styled after a beer that was popular with Belgian farmers about 100 years ago.

was having too much fun making homebrew." Realizing the job of chemical engineer wasn't his calling, Buehner left ChemTech and returned to his first love, making beer. But after bouncing back and forth between failed brew pubs,

Buehner found himself back at ChemTech until 2004. In 2005, he moved to Twin Falls to take advantage of another brewing opportunity.

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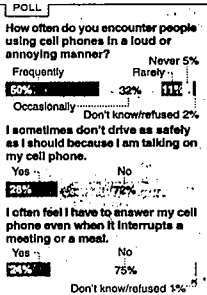
Sounding off on cell phones

A recent poll shows that loud cell phone users in public are irritating to most people.



NOTE: Margin of error ± 3.1 percentage points; 1,000 adults polled March 8-20

SOURCE: AP/ACLU-Pew Research Center



Young people pushing cell phone use to limit

By **Joshua Palmer**
Times-News writer
and The Associated Press

Local voice

TWIN FALLS — As if driving into the front entrance of the College of Southern Idaho isn't scary enough, the sight of a driver speeding into the parking lot wrestling the steering wheel with one hand and holding a cell phone in the other is enough to make your blood boil. "I've had several near wrecks with people who are talking on their cell phones," said Clay Schull, who is studying horticulture at CSI. "They either drive slow or they pull right in front of you. They should just put them down and drive. The problem is that young adults are not setting aside

and I work at RadioShack, "I know that a lot of people aren't quite buying (phones) for emergencies anymore. A lot of people are using them for photos, text messaging, checking the Internet and things like catching up on sports scores." — **LeRoy Sandoval**, studying journalism and communication

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"It basically took my life away. I don't really care if I see daylight tomorrow."

— **Larry Taylor**, funeral director and grandfather of two young boys killed by a storm

Deadly storms rip up South, Midwest

By **Kristin M. Hall**
Associated Press writer

NEWBERN, Tenn. — Tornadoes shredded homes to their foundations, hollered holes in the rooftops and high winds toppled even freight cars as a line of violent storms cut zigzagging paths of destruction that killed at least 27 people across the nation's midsection. The worst damage from Sunday night's storms occurred along a 25-mile swath of rural western Tennessee, where 23 of the deaths occurred and state troopers using dogs searched for more victims amid the rubble of brick buildings and toppled trailers.

"Most of the houses, you can't count. They're just gone," said Roy Childress, who was part of a church relief crew that was delivering food and water to survivors Monday.

The dead included an infant and the grandparents who had been babysitting him. A young couple and their two sons, ages 5 and 3, were also killed, their bodies found 800 yards from their house.

"It basically took my life away. I don't really care if I see daylight tomorrow," said Larry Taylor, the boy's grandfather and the only funeral director in rural Bradford. He was

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Joe Freeman rubs his head as his wife, Jean, rests in a chair outside of their home in Dyer, Tenn., Monday. Thunderstorms and tornadoes crashed across northwest Tennessee on Sunday.

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Blaine skier leaves a legacy.



Frost joins CSI board of trustees.

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NATION

Eligible for death

Jury decides Moussaoui could be executed

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal jury found al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui eligible Monday to be executed, linking him directly to the horrific Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and concluding that his lies to FBI agents led to at least one death on that day.

"You'll never get my blood, God curse you all."

After months of hearings and trial testimony — punctuated by Moussaoui's occasional outbursts — he now faces a second phase of the sentencing trial to determine if he actually will be put to death.

That phase begins Thursday morning for the only person to face charges in this country in connection with the nation's worst terrorist assault, the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people as jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Moussaoui sat in his chair and prayed silently as the verdict was read, refusing to join his defense team in standing. His comment came after the hearing.

The jury now will hear testimony on whether the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail at the time of the attacks, should be executed for his role.

Those testifying will include families of 9/11 victims who will describe the human impact of the al-Qaida mission. Court-appointed defense lawyers, whom Moussaoui has tried to reject, will summon experts to suggest he is schizophrenic after his impoverished childhood during which he faced racism in France over his Moroccan ancestry.

The trial's first phase, which focused strictly on legal arguments, had seemed Moussaoui's best chance to avoid execution. The jury deciding his fate will now be weighing the emotional impact of nearly 3,000 deaths against Moussaoui's rough childhood and possible evidence of mental illness.

On the key question before the jurors in phase one, they answered yes that at least one victim died Sept. 11 as a direct result of Moussaoui's actions.

Had the jury voted against his eligibility for the death penalty, Moussaoui would have been sentenced to life in prison.

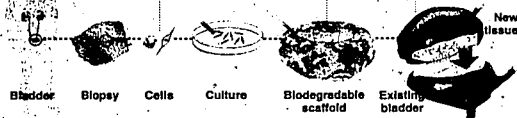


Moussaoui

Organ regeneration

The process of using a patient's own cells to rebuild an organ:

Bladder-wall cells and smooth muscle cells that can regenerate are taken from a biopsy of the bladder and cultured until there is a sufficient quantity. The cells are seeded onto a bladder-shaped scaffold where they grow for about seven weeks. The regrown tissue is attached to the original bladder where it integrates itself to the organ.



SOURCE: Tenopir

AP

Scientists rebuild organ.

Breakthrough could hold promise for transplants

The Associated Press

BOSTON — For the first time, scientists have rebuilt a complex human organ, the bladder. In seven young patients using live tissue grown in the lab — a breakthrough that could hold exciting promise for someday regenerating ailing hearts and other organs.

Only simpler tissues — skin, bone, and cartilage — have been lab-grown and transplanted in the past. This is the first time that a more intricate organ has been mostly replaced with tissue grown from the patient's own cells.

"This suggests that tissue engineering may one day be a solution to the shortage of donor organs in this country for those needing transplants," said Dr. Anthony Atala, the lead researcher. He said he believes the work provides a model for growing other tissues and organs.

The bladder transplants, performed on seven patients ages 4 to 19, were being reported online Tuesday in *The Lancet* medical journal. The research team at Children's Hospital in

Boston did the first procedure in 1999 but wanted to make sure it would work on others. The results weren't announced until the doctors did the other surgeries and followed the progress of the last patient for almost two more years.

"It gives everyone in the field ... the evidence and encouragement they've needed to say this can be done," said Dr. Stephen Badylak, a University of Pittsburgh expert in tissue engineering.

Growing other organs will likely hold unforeseen challenges, however, since organs are so specialized in their functions, scientists stress.

Even for people with bladder disease — and there are an estimated 35 million in the United States alone — Atala's technique requires testing on more patients and for longer times, researchers say. Replacing an entire bladder would pose many more problems, including re-connecting urine tubes, blood supply, and nerve signaling, according to Dr. Steve Y. Chung, an Illinois urologist who wrote a commentary for *The Lancet*.

"Still, he called the work a

tremendous, tremendous advance."

For the children and teenagers in the study, the transplants reduced leaking from their bladders — a potentially big gain in quality of life. For 16-year-old Kaitlyne McNamara, the transplant has meant a new social life.

At the time of her surgery five years ago, her kidneys were close to failing as a result of her weak bladder. Now, they are working again, and she no longer wears a diaper. Instead, she was waiting for alternatives on a low-cut champagne-colored dress for her junior prom.

"Now that I've had the transplant, my body actually does what I want it to do," she said last week near her home in Middletown, Conn. "Now I can go have fun and not worry about having an accident."

Scientists, marveling at how animals like salamanders regenerate lost limbs, have long toyed with the futuristic possibilities of regrowing worn-out or injured human parts. Recent discoveries have transformed those hopes into an emerging reality.

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All survive after military plane crashes

DOVER, Del. (AP) — A huge military cargo plane faltered after takeoff and belly-landed short of the Exeter Air Force Base runway Monday, breaking apart and drenching some of the 17 people aboard with fuel but causing no fire or life-threatening injuries.

"It is a miracle. Absolutely a miracle," said Lt. Col. Mark Ruse, commander of the base's 436th Air Wing Civil Engineering Squadron. "If you look at the condition of that plane and 17 people are still alive right now — it is absolutely amazing."

A problem occurred aboard the C-5B Galaxy, the military's largest plane, about 10 minutes after it took off for Spain. The crew turned the plane around for the crash landing, which occurred at 6:42 a.m., said Col. Chad T. Marske, 436th Air Wing vice commander. No specifics were available on what went wrong.

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T.F. County seeks summer interns

TWIN FALLS — Are you a college junior or senior with an interest in government? Twin Falls County has a summer job for you.

The county is now accepting applications for a paid summer internship working in a variety of county government offices. "I don't know of any place else you couldn't put them," said County Commissioner Tom Miksell.

Applicants must be residents of Twin Falls County. Those interested should send a letter of interest and resume to Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0126.

For more information, call Miksell at 736-4070.

Public invited to shred papers for free

JEROME — Shred-it, Crime Stoppers USA and Wal-Mart have joined forces to help combat identity theft by hosting community shred events this month.

An event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart, 2680 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Shred-it mobile shredding trucks will shred personal documents for free. Community members are invited to bring all the personal documents they can carry for shredding. Crime Stoppers USA will be available to offer practical information about preventing identity theft.

Identity theft is the fastest-growing form of consumer fraud in North America. During peak season, it is particularly important to take preventive measures. Community members can protect themselves by regularly destroying confidential personal and business documents rather than simply throwing them out in garbage or recycling bins.

Deadline nears for young writers contest

JACKPOT — The entry deadline is Friday for the seventh-annual Carl Hayden Young Writer's Contest.

The contest, which has been under way since Feb. 19, is open to fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students in selected Idaho and northern Nevada school districts.

Rules and application forms for the contest can be obtained from the participating schools, or by calling (775) 755-6073. Mail entry forms, including the child's original story or poem, to Cactus Petes Carl Hayden Young Writer's Contest, P.O. Box 508, Jackpot, Nev. 89425. Winners will be notified by May 5.

Each grade level will be judged separately.

Sponsored by Cactus Petes Resort Casino, the contest promotes children's literacy by encouraging students to write their own creative stories or poems.

In addition to the prizes for winning students, the school with the greatest number of winning authors will receive a \$2,000 donation to their library.

More than 300 aspiring student authors from throughout the Magic Valley participated in last year's event.

The Carl Hayden Writer's Contest was originally created in 1999 to honor Cactus Petes longtime publicist Carl Hayden.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Season
Salmon	119%	115%
Big Wood	129%	131%
Little Wood	141%	132%
Big Lost	120%	127%
Little Lost	116%	110%
Healy's Fork/Teton	117%	114%
Upper Snake Basin	111%	104%
Oakley	153%	151%
Salmon Falls	147%	134%

As of April 3
A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
An indicator of water availability for the season.

Council says yes to annexation

Area will include homes, light industrial

**By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — There are no controversial plans for the 156 acres on the northeast corner of Orchard Drive West and Grandview Drive South. No plans for a Wal-Mart or a big box store. They wouldn't be allowed anyway. The area is zoned residential.

But residents in the area do have some concerns. Will the development planned for the area have large lots or small lots? Who will provide water to the area? And will the noise

from some industrial operations disturb the people who will someday occupy those homes?

Those were several of the concerns voiced in a public hearing at Monday's City Council meeting. And in the end, those concerns seemed to be alleviated and the council approved a request from Oregon-based Anasazi Construction LLC to annex 232 acres into city limits. Seventy-six of those acres are zoned residential and light industrial and are located on the west side of the 300 and 400 blocks of Washington Street South and south of Highland

and north of Park Avenue. That smaller parcel borders city land, which is a requirement for annexation. Next to that piece of land are 156 acres off Orchard Drive West and Grandview Drive South, an area zoned residential.

But the council stopped short of approving an amendment proposed by Councilwoman Glenda Dwight to change the zoning on the large parcel of land from R-4, which allows 4,000-square-foot lots for single dwellings, to R-2, which requires single dwelling lots to be at least 6,000 square feet and duplex lots to be at least 10,000

square feet. Councilman Greg Lanting agreed with Dwight, saying the change in zoning would alleviate one of the concerns of the area's current residents, people like David Humphrey.

"I'm not opposed to growth," Humphrey said. "My concern is density."

Dallas Page, representing Anasazi Construction, tried to reassure Humphrey and others concerned the area would fill up with small lots.

"We're not looking for high-density or entry-level housing," Page said.

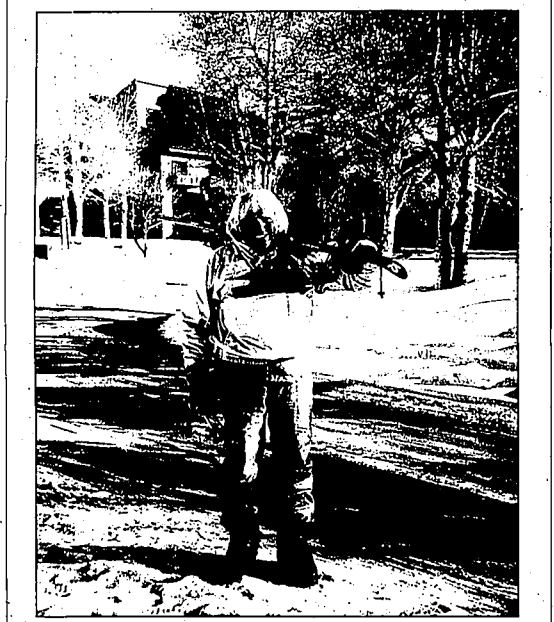
Page said, what Anasazi wants to do is "create a neighborhood" with single-family homes, meandering

sidewalks and bike paths and a neighborhood park. Anasazi would make improvements to streets and lay 12-inch water lines at its own expense. There's also a pressurized irrigation system tied to the city water system, which means there will be no need for septic tanks. And that pleased Humphrey, who says there are too many septic tanks in the area already.

"There's too many houses going in on one-acre parcels, which means more septic tanks and more nitrates," Humphrey said.

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'HE'S GOING TO BE HERE FOREVER'



A Sun Valley regular for 22 years, Ralph Heuving was known as the 'King of the White-haired Skiers.' He died Feb. 9, and his life was celebrated Saturday at a reception for family and friends.

Longtime skier Heuving leaves a legacy

**By Susan Bailey
For The Times-News**

SUN VALLEY — Ralph Heuving can't make any more runs on Bald Mountain, but his legacy on the slopes remains huge today and possibly longer.

"He's going to be here forever," said ski buddy Janice Abrams. "That is his destiny."

Heuving died Feb. 9 at home in Ashland, Ore., after losing a bout with prostate

cancer. He was 85. He split his time for 22 years between Ashland and the condominium he owned in Elkhorn.

Last year, Sun Valley Resort presented Heuving with a lifetime ski pass.

On Saturday, Abrams put together a party for the late Heuving, known to friends as "Big Ralph," daughter of white-haired skiers. Heuving's two daughters and companion Doris Kimball traveled from Ashland, Ore., to participate.

In organizing the party for Heuving, Abrams discovered Heuving had made legions of friends over the years.

"People love him so much," Abrams said. "People I've never heard of have been calling me — he made you feel special."

Heuving was a writer whose political play "The American Revolution: Chapter Two" was staged with David Blumfield and Chris Millsbaugh in starring roles.

He was a huge supporter of the arts in addition to being a tireless skier.

CSI advocate joins board of trustees

**By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — They are big shoes to fill, but retired eye surgeon Ron Frost is confident he can do it.

When Bill Babcock stepped down after serving 30 years as a trustee at the College of Southern Idaho, he approached Frost and asked him if he had any desire to serve on the board.

Although Frost was only recently appointed as the interim board member to replace Babcock, he has been serving CSI long before the position came along. He has helped organize CSI's Arts on Tour as well as the growing health program, "Over 50 and Getting Fit." Most of his time, however, has been spent with the Herrett Center for the Arts and Science.

"It's such an important part of education, the culture and intellectual life here in southern Idaho," Frost said. "I've never encountered anything else quite like it."

Jerry Beck, president of CSI, said he remembers when the college was hurrying to install cameras for a teleconference on Monday morning.

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Was it a rogue lawmaker's solution to Capitol restoration?

For certain, it was a welcome, hourlong diversion on a fairly sunny morning.



complete.

"There are so many things going on at CSI, which I will have to get more familiar with over the next few days," Frost said. "But I have been very interested in the Herrett Museum, adult programs and I am also interested in the health occupation programs at CSI."

And his knowledge about medical occupations may be one of the greatest assets he will bring to the board of trustees.

Frost came to Twin Falls in 1974 to start his ophthalmology practice. But almost six years ago, he left his practice to earn a master's degree in clinical evaluative sciences at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire.

Frost works with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center helping them increase efficiency and quality.

When asked if he will seek reelection in November, Frost said, "I haven't really thought much about it, but I suppose I probably will."

Small fire at Capitol breaks tedium in Boise

**By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer**

BOISE — The smell of burnt plastic clung to the air in the basement of Idaho's Capitol on Monday morning.

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For Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View, a little fire drill wasn't anything new. The 11-term legislator, who is retiring after this session, recalled another time the Capitol was evacuated by an accident caused by former Rep. Reed Hansen.

"He burned his toast," Field said with a laugh.

When Field heard the fire alarm on Monday, she left the Capitol without even putting down an armful of files. But, she didn't seem to mind as she visited with Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, who hadn't stopped to grab a coat.

Block didn't think that Monday's evacuation — which turned out to be caused by a seized fan in the Capitol's ventilation system — would add much time onto the session.

Field took the possibility in stride.

"Oh well, if we're here another day, we're here another day."

Kick Butts Day: Local youth organize, take on tobacco industry

**By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — The ultimate goal, says Tami Pearson, is to prevent young people from ever lighting up that cigarette in the first place.

"It's easier not to start than to try to quit once you're addicted," said Pearson, the tobacco program coordinator at South Central District Health and the facilitator of the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition, a group of local youth that promotes tobacco prevention.

On Wednesday, local young people will join other kids nationwide for the 11th annual Kick Butts Day, a celebration of youth leadership and activism in the fight against tobacco use.

Sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, this year's event will focus attention on the number 1,200 — the estimated number of Americans who die each day from tobacco-related illnesses. To symbolize that number, the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition on Wednesday will have a display of 1,200 pairs of shoes near the food court at Magic Valley Mall.

"Twelve hundred people die every day from tobacco-related illnesses," Pearson said. "That's a pretty stark number."

The display will include information about tobacco use and tobacco cessation, and visitors can fill out a card in the name of someone who has died from a tobacco-related illness. The cards will be

added to the display.

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and other public health advocates are calling on elected officials to support scientifically proven measures to reduce tobacco use and its devastating toll, according to a news release from the organization. Those measures include higher tobacco taxes, smoke-free air laws and well-funded tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

"On Kick Butts Day, kids are standing up against the tobacco companies, and it's important that elected officials stand with them by supporting proven tobacco prevention measures," said Matthew L. Myers, president of the organization. "The bad news about tobacco is that it still the No. 1 preventable cause of death in our country. The good news is that we know how to prevent kids from becoming and reduce the 1,200 deaths a day caused by tobacco."

In Idaho, 14 percent of high school students smoke, and 2.5 million kids become regular smokers each year, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Every year, tobacco use causes 1,400 Idaho residents and costs the state \$294 million in health care bills. Nationally, about 22 percent of high school students smoke, down from a high of 36.4 percent in 1987. And tobacco costs the nation more than \$89 billion in health care bills a year.

Tobacco use in Idaho

High school students who smoke: 14.0 percent
 Male high school students who use smokeless tobacco: 9 percent
 Kids under 18 who become daily smokers each year: 2,500
 Adults in Idaho who smoke: 17.5 percent
 Adults who die each year from smoking: 1,400
 Annual health care costs from smoking: \$294 million
 Annual tobacco marketing costs in Idaho: \$65.8 billion

Source: www.tobaccofreekids.org

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Pamela Grant



TWIN FALLS — Pamela Grant, 58, of Twin Falls, died suddenly in her home on Friday, March 31, 2006.

Pam was born on Sept. 13, 1947, in Las Vegas, Nev., one of six children of Kent and Josephine Grant. Pam graduated from Rancho High School in 1965 and followed with nursing school. Over the span of her life, she helped many people as an LPN in Nevada and in Idaho. Pam was blessed with three wonderful children and struggled through many years of single motherhood.

Even with the loss of her son and the loss of her leg, Pam tried to maintain a sense of humor and loved to laugh. In her later days, she took much comfort in her relationship with her children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and friends. Her dog and her bird brought her great joy.

Pam was preceded in death

by her parents, her sister, a grandson and her beloved son. Pam is survived by her children, Desere Mansson and Richard (Elena) Brooks; one sister, three brothers; six grandchildren (who were the light of her life); and very special friends, Brenda, Kevin, Deantie, Julie and Angelo.

Pam will be dearly missed; we take solace in the fact that she is no longer in pain.

"We believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and we believe that he will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God." (Ninth Article of Faith)

Services for Pam will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at the New Harmony, Utah, LDS Church, with inurnment to follow. Viewing will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Desere and her brother would like to thank all those who helped out and cared about our mother.

Arrangements in Utah are under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary, 130 W. 300 N., Cedar City, UT 84720-2508. Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

Lloyd Shewmaker



TWIN FALLS — Lloyd Shewmaker, 88, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at the Woodstone Retirement Center, 3000 E. Shewmaker, Twin Falls, born Jan. 31, 1918, on the farm southeast of Kimberly. His parents, James and Maude, moved to the Kimberly farm in 1914 from their home near Cheyenne, Wyo. Lloyd graduated from Kimberly High School in 1935 as senior class president. He continued his education by working his way through Link's School of Business. Flying always intrigued him, so he learned to fly in 1940. During World War II, he graduated from Naval Flight Training School and became a Marine Corps pilot in the Pacific Theater. In 1947, Lloyd married Eva Mae Stuedard, a nurse at Twin Falls County Hospital.

when it was first developed. Lloyd served as Twin Falls Highway District Board member for nine years and was a candidate for District 25 State Senator in 1980. Gov. John Evans appointed Lloyd to the Job Training Coordinating Council for the state of Idaho.

His hobby of flying continued into aerobatics, a little crop dusting, commercial, instrument and instructor ratings. He has served as search coordinator for the Idaho Aeronautics Division and counselor in Federal Aviation Administration accident prevention. Lloyd is past president of the Twin Falls Flying Club. Flying has been useful in the range livestock business in looking for stray livestock, rustler prevention and business trips.

Lloyd has been a leader in the cattle industry. He is a charter member and former district leader of the Magic Valley Cattlemen's Association and has been a member of the Idaho and National Cattlemen's associations. Lloyd has been the influential leader of the Salmon

River Cattlemen's Association Inc., having served on the board of directors several times and as chairman of the board. Lloyd was a true stockman concerned about having his cattle fed, watered and comfortable before he enjoyed his hobby.

Lloyd is survived by his brother, Don (Sue) Shewmaker of Jerome; sisters, Bessie Bolt of Boise and Esther (Raymond) Butler of Hansen; sons, Dan (Denise) and Glenn (Bea) of Kimberly; and daughter, Ann Marie (Larry) Meredith. Lloyd has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Eva; son, Kim; brothers, Percy, Keith and Claude; and sisters, Ravenna, Neva and Iva.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Johnnie Kuest



Buhl — Johnnie Kuest, 87, of Buhl, died Saturday morning, April 1, 2006, at his home. Johnnie was born May 22, 1918, at Kulm, N.D. He grew up in the Kulm area, moving with his family to the Twin Falls area in 1936. In 1938, Johnnie married Bessie Engle at Filer, Idaho, and except for two years in California, the couple lived in the Magic Valley all their lives together.

For a number of years, Johnnie worked as a carpenter building homes and eventually purchased a farm and ran a dairy operation.

From 1961 to 1971, Mr. Kuest owned and operated Magic Hot Springs northeast of Jackpot, Nev. Johnnie Kuest was an active inventor and, in 1959, developed a family-sized grinder mill which he named the Magic Mill, later to be called the Golden Grain Grinder. Johnnie ran this busi-

ness many years and was involved in it up until his death. Johnnie loved to invent useful things. He also loved to grow flowers and vegetables and had his own greenhouse complex at his home.

He was a member of the Organic Gardening Club in the

area and two brothers. A graveside service will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at the Twin Falls Cemetery with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Chaplain Paul Springer officiating. The family suggests that contributions in Johnnie's name be given to Idaho Home Health and Hospice. Twin Falls Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Edna Burr

TWIN FALLS — Edna Burr, 85, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 31, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born Jan. 6, 1921, in Buchanan, Ga., the daughter of Emmett and Lydia Gentry White. She was raised in Georgia and worked in clothing manufacturing as a young lady. She married Claris W. Burr on Dec. 5, 1945, in Buchanan, Ga., and they immediately moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. She has been a farm wife since that time. She

was gifted with a green thumb and would work in her vegetable garden or in her flowers from dawn to dusk.

Survivors include her son, Ray (Jean) Burr of Twin Falls; one grandson, Mike (Debbi) Burr, two great-grandchildren, Megan and Ryan; three sisters, Beatrice Capps of Buchanan, Ga., Hazel Starnard of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Geneva Blankenship of Pitusburg, Pa. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991, her par-

ents and two brothers. A graveside service will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at the Twin Falls Cemetery with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Chaplain Paul Springer officiating. The family suggests that contributions in Johnnie's name be given to Idaho Home Health and Hospice. Twin Falls Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Alvin Lewis Robbins



Buhl — Alvin Lewis Robbins, 77, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Alvin was born July 7, 1928, to Lewis Robbins of Snowville, Utah, and Emma Agnes Kulk of Tabor, Minn. He was the oldest of two. His family resided in Buhl, Idaho, where he attended school through the ninth grade. In 1949, Alvin was drafted into the Army and served two years. He came home to help farm when his father was ill. A year later, he enrolled at Boise Junior College and studied carpentry for another year.

When Alvin returned to his hometown, he met Zandra E. Brown of Buhl, and they were married on March 4, 1960, in Albuquerque, N.M. Alvin and Zandra settled in Buhl, where they farmed and raised their

seven children.

A son, David L. Robbins, preceded Alvin in death. Surviving Alvin are his wife, Zandra of Buhl; four sons, John Robbins, Lewis Robbins, Nick Robbins

and Mike Robbins; two daughters, Denni Lappay and Cindy Packard; and his brother, Marvin Robbins.

God bless you, Dad.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at the Community Christian Center on Seventh Avenue North in Buhl. Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006, with family greeting visitors from 6 to 8 p.m. at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

The family suggests donations in Alvin's memory be made to the Community Christian Church of Buhl.

SERVICES

Ave. E; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

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

Mylan Butler Bateman of Shelley funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the LDS 3rd Ward

Church in Shelley; friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Nadder Funeral Home in Shelley.

Wayne Keller of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 13th, in Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Hilda Zachary — HEYBURN — Hilda Zachary, 67, of Heyburn, died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Max Cannon — WENDELL — Max Cannon, 33, of Wendell, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by DeMaray Funeral Service in Wendell.

Glady's A. Butler — TWIN FALLS — Glady's Alberta Knutsen Butler, 85, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April

2, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary and Crematory.

Challis man says wolves stalked him

CHALLIS (AP) — A Challis man out searching for shed antlers said two black wolves stalked him, tried to get behind him, and bared their teeth at him before he was able to retreat to his vehicle.

When he saw two black wolves about 100 yards away. Hiking alone and unarmed, Woodbridge said he stood so the wolves could see he was a human, and then tried to get upwind so they could smell him.

"They had full intentions of coming to get me," Daniel Woodbridge told the Idaho State Journal about Wednesday's encounter. "They were just waiting for the right time."

It's the second time in two weeks that a person looking for shed antlers in central Idaho has reported being stalked by wolves.

"But my scent didn't scare them at all," he said.

He said when the wolves caught his scent they came forward. Woodbridge said that when they got about 30 yards away he charged toward them, yelling and throwing rocks.

Jason Husseman, a biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, investigated Wednesday's incident with a wildlife officer. Husseman said the two wolves were part of the Morgan Creek Pack, made up of at least 13 black wolves. He said the pack could be digging dens in the area.

Woodbridge said he was looking for antlers in the sagebrush outside Challis near Darling Creek. Deer and elk antlers shed during winter are collected by entrepreneurs for use in dietary and medicinal supplements and decorative furniture. Woodbridge said he had encountered wolves during the winter and never had a problem, so he wasn't alarmed

when he saw the two wolves stalked him when he saw Woodbridge running, and the other wolf tried to get ahead of him in a gully.

"When he saw the truck he slowed down," he said. "The truck led me ahead then at the trail he didn't understand."

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

USFS, county on same side in bull trout deal

By Dennis Napier - After years of battling over a remote Nevada road and its effect on a threatened fish, the Forest Service and Elko County tried to persuade a federal judge Monday to ignore environmentalists' objections and grant a settlement that grants the county a right of way to the road.

The District Judge David Hagg ruled in June 2004 that the compromise agreement was illegal because it violated several provisions of the National Forest Management Act, which says that federal lands must be managed for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

On Monday, the county's lawyers had been presenting arguments to a scheduled five-day hearing to try to have the agreement reinstated. Among other things, they argue the South Canyon Road near the Idaho border was built before the Humboldt National Forest was established in 1909 and should never have been considered a national forest road.

The Forest Service rejects that argument, but nevertheless is urging U.S. District Judge Roger Lind to uphold the agreement, which states the agency will not challenge the county's claim to a right of way on the road that borders threatened bull trout habitat along the farbing River.

The unusual hearing has the federal and county lawyers seated at different tables, and offering conflicting views of what really owns the road. At the same time the two sides support the agreement, and they are unified against the environmentalists, who say the deal is illegal.

"We want the judge to find there is sufficient evidence that the settlement agreement was legal, reasonable and based on sufficient evidence," said Kristin McQuary, Elko County's deputy district attorney. "We disagree on when the route was created - prior or subsequent to the creation of the forest in 1909," she said during a break in the hearing.

The proceeding is further complicated because Hunt declined the environmentalists' motion to intervene in the hearing. Their lawyer must watch from the audience. "The case is very unusual any way," said Michael Freeman representing The Wilderness Society and Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

Senate will vote on theater beer, wine bill

By John Miller Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - The Senate is expected to vote later this week on a bill that would allow beer and wine to be consumed in theaters, from Idaho movie theaters to New York City's Broadway.

It is a last ditch effort to save the longtime practice that last year ran afoul of state public agency that cut off state funds governing booze.

The bill was approved 5-1 in the Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday morning. Its sponsors are Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Iowa, and Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-South Dakota.

Should it win full Senate approval and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's signature, the measure would allow movie theaters to continue to allow patrons to carry glasses of beer and wine they buy from on-site bar and restaurant facilities into the auditorium.

Last year, investigators with the Idaho State Patrol Alcohol Beverage Control division told the businesses that was a violation of the law.

tion of a state law that seeks to separate young people from alcohol by limiting where it can be consumed.

Officials feared that people under 21 could use the cover of darkness during films to take illicit sips of beer and wine.

Exceptions to the existing law include baseball parks and businesses where live theater is shown - but not movie houses.

A more expansive measure that would have given local officials final say over whether people could drink in movie theaters, including those that don't currently allow the practice, failed 38-30 on the House floor late last month.

That prompted House Minority Leader Wendy Juarez, R-Ketchikan, to draft an alternative that would limit "grandfather rights" to just the four movie houses.

"We've been doing this for 22 years, and we haven't had any complaints or problems," said Carol Skinner, owner of The Magic Lantern in Ketchikan, which shows mostly alternative movies for mature audiences but also some films for kids, such as the French documentary "March of the Penguins."

Richard Kessler, owner of the Magic Lantern in Ketchikan, said he gets 17 percent of his concession revenue from beer and wine sales. He says he's concerned if he loses the ability to sell alcohol, his struggle with other forms of film entertainment, such as rental DVDs that are competing for customers, will get even more difficult.

"A beer and a glass of wine is simply another thing that is going to be sold to our adult patrons," Kessler told the committee.

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Tobacco

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The tobacco industry spends so much on advertising to market its products. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the industry's advertising spend more than \$154 billion a year - \$12 million a day - to market their products. In Idaho, tobacco companies spend \$80 million a year to market their products. One of the tobacco industry's latest tactics is to market red cigarettes with such a soft, pink hue, likely to appeal to kids. RJ. Reynolds, for example, has marketed its Camel Lights in flavors such as Warm Vanilla, Jolly, Kani and Strawberry Blast.

The Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition is doing what it can to keep younger kids from lighting up. One way they do this is through a program they call Teens Against Tobacco Use. The students visit third through sixth grade classrooms to speak to children about the dangers of smoking.

"The fact is that tobacco is addictive," Pearson said. "Smoke has nasty things in it that can cause lung cancer. We talk about the tobacco industry and how they have manipulated the market into marketing their products with kids and it looks neat. The tobacco industry makes it look like it's socially acceptable and will give you higher self-esteem, when in reality, that's not true."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 736-7272 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

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IDAHO

House OKs parental consent for school clubs

By Kyle Arnold
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A parent's signature would be required for students to participate in school clubs and activities under a bill that narrowly passed the House on Monday.

The bill, which passed 35-32, comes just months after community members in Coeur d'Alene protested a club for gay and lesbian students and supporters at Lake City High School.

The club is called the Gay Straight Alliance.

Community members have called on school administrators to disband the club, but the school principal said that wasn't allowed since the group didn't disrupt the educational process.

A similar club has started at Sandpoint High School.

The bill from Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, would require that school districts create a form to be sent home with students that would require a parent's signature to participate in a club. Each school would also have to publish a list of clubs and distribute that list to parents.

The measure was introduced Friday and immediately passed out of committee without a

public hearing. It now goes to the Senate.

Nonini said his bill doesn't target any one group. He said he only wants to make sure parents have communication with children about what they're doing at school.

"I think having parents more involved will benefit the schools, will benefit the students and will benefit the family," Nonini said during Monday's House floor debate.

Rep. Bill Sall, R-Kuna, said requiring parental signatures only affirms a parent's right to decide how a child is being raised.

"If (children) are going to a club that I don't agree with, what say do I have when I drop them off at the school gate?" Sall said. "This is an effort on behalf of the Idaho Legislature to say that parents should be the ones to make the ultimate decision."

"What happens if we have an Islamic (fund) club and I say that

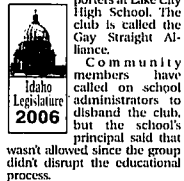
I don't want my student going to this club?" he said.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said there is no need for such a law and the decision should be left up to local school boards instead of mandated by the state.

"My wife, a teacher, read about this bill in the newspaper and she was incensed that Big Brother was going to step in and tell schools how to do things," Smith said. "It's not our

responsibility in Boise to corral everything that goes on in schools."

Forcing teens to seek parent's signatures to join clubs will only hurt teens whose parents don't support their lifestyles, said Andrea Shipley of the Idaho gay advocacy group Your Family, Friends and Neighbors. "I think forcing gay teens to get parental consent to join school clubs will put teens at risk in violent homes," she said.



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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

Property tax bills still on the sidelines

BOISE (AP) — Several property tax bills remained sidelined in the House and Senate on Monday, as did funding for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Connecting Idaho road-building program, as lawmakers from both chambers wrangled over issues that likely may be resolved before the 2006 legislative adjourns.

The behind-the-scenes machinations that have extended the session at least until later this week frustrated advocates of Kempthorne's \$240 million highway funding plan — especially after they thought a March 22 compromise between legislators and budget writers and the governor had ironed out differences once and for all.

"For those of us who have been working on (Connecting Idaho) it's hard to watch," said Rep. Kathy Skippen, R-Emmett. "It doesn't make sense to pair this (the roads bill) up with a water bill."

On Monday, the Senate and House also delayed votes on competing property tax relief bills that would remove school maintenance funding from the property tax rolls, then pay for the \$280 million shift by raising the sales tax.

Some House lawmakers said they could vote on their version as early as today.

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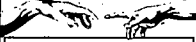
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EDITORIAL

State nixes ISDA closure but the clock is ticking

State legislators and education officials chose not to pull the trigger on the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. But the chamber is still loaded in regard to the future of the Gooding campus.

of that transition. And that is just one reason why the state is wisely backing away from an aggressive timetable for closing the school. The Gooding campus may be obsolete by most current delivery systems, but until Idaho has an improved system in place for deaf and blind students, closure won't help students very much.

The threat to close the ISDB campus in Gooding is legitimate, and to a certain degree, inevitable. As the education delivery system changes for sensory-impaired students, state leaders must prefer Idaho that kind of reform is sitting at Idaho's doorstep with the ISDB.

So the coming two years should give the state enough time to develop a case for a pilot program that match the need. The State Board will announce a working group in coming weeks to implement its own recommendations of study. Some of the best ideas come out of the various committees include:

Our view: The state isn't ready to close the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind until alternative delivery systems are created. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

- Regionalized centers — Continued growth toward urban areas will require the state to keep enhancing the regional models. The legislative subcommittee idea for five locations may even be a way to preserve use of the Gooding facility.
- Boosting pay — Harvey Lyter, interim superintendent for ISDB, noted last year how retaining employees is a crucial key. Providing a more beneficial package of pay for these unique educators would go a long way to that goal.
- Splitting the programs — State officials now question whether deaf/hearing impaired students and the blind/visually impaired students should be split. The separate needs should be carefully studied, but the idea has merit.
- Improved screenings — Lyter also pointed out that the laws that determine eligibility standards for deaf and blind students need more medical validity. An improved screening program could be much more effective way to assure it.

King Canute at the border

George Bush is the King Canute of the immigration debate. I mean that in a nice way. Canute has an image problem today because so many people think of him as that batty old English king who thought he could command the tide to recede. But that's the wrong spin on his legend.



JOHN TIERNEY
In the original tale, he was a sensible ruler who was tired of hearing flattery from his courtiers about how powerful he was. When they told him that even the tides would obey his command, he went down to the sea to teach them a lesson in limits.

Today's courtiers are the Republicans in Congress and the others demanding that America's border be closed. So furious at Bush for suggesting that a crackdown at the border will not stop the tide of illegal immigrants.

"When you make something illegal that people want, there's a way around it," he said, pointing out an inconvenient reality that would remain even if a 1,000-mile fence were built on the southern border. People would keep going under it, through it or around it to other borders.

The Border Patrol has tried building fences and arming thousands of agents, and in some places it has made smuggling harder. Yet the overall flow of immigrants hasn't slowed. No matter how hard they work, the agents can't outlaw basic economics.

In San Diego, for instance, agents took pride that their concentrated efforts had caused local smugglers to raise their fee to \$1,500. But that's still a small price to raise what immigrants stand to gain. Chinese immigrants are already



paying \$20,000 apiece to be smuggled into America. It's the same kind of economic quandary that has syndicated the war on drugs. For more than a quarter-century, federal and local authorities have tried to solve America's drug problem by making smuggling and dealing prohibitively expensive.

"They've stepped up enforcement at the borders, promising that more agents and new technology would make a difference. They've taken the fight to countries supplying drugs. They filled prisons with dealers and addicts. Like the immigrants they raised the cost of smuggling and dealing, the increase was never enough to make a difference."

"Seizing drugs has not had any perceptible impact on the availability of drugs," says Peter Reuter, an economist at the University of Maryland who's an expert on drugs and other black markets. "Even though enforcement has gotten tougher by any measure, the price of drugs has been falling steadily."

"I'm not suggesting that stopping drugs is the same as

stopping the flow of illegal immigrants. In many ways the drug war is easier because it enjoys more popular support. Since people would like to see less drug use. No one wants a drug market on the corner, and people will urge the police to round up dealers and addicts there."

They're not about to turn in the illegal immigrants working in their stores, their neighborhoods and their homes. They know how hard immigrants work and how much they contribute. They may tell pollsters there's too much immigration, but like the immigrants they know.

Americans are understandably angry to see immigrants' breaking the law, but they're not going to be assuaged when a crackdown simply creates more illegality. The only practical way to reduce lawbreaking is to change the law so more immigrants can enter legally and the ones here can stop hiding, the approach favored by Bush and Sens. John McCain and Edward Kennedy.

Some skeptics doubt that illegal immigrants want to come forward and start paying taxes.

But most immigrants claim to be willing, at least according to a new survey of more than 200 undocumented workers in Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami conducted for the Manhattan Institute and the National Immigration Forum.

About 4 in 10 of them said they're already getting taxes deducted from their paychecks, and 70 percent said they'd be willing to pay back taxes to get legal status. More than 90 percent said they'd comply with other requirements, like paying a fine of \$1,000, getting fingerprinted and submitting to a criminal background check.

Railing at them for breaking the law is not going to make them go home or stop others from following them here. Immigrants will cross the border one way or another. The more of them we let in legally, the better off everyone will be. Whether you welcome more immigrants, as I do, or whether you'd rather see fewer, there's no point in commanding the tide to ebb.

John Tierney's e-mail is tierney@nytimes.com

released a new study urging the state to adapt the school or close it. In December, the State Board followed up with its own 10 recommendations for education of the sensory impaired, including key elements of splitting deaf and blind services, regional programs over a central campus, curriculum and teacher pay structure.

Those points led to another legislative subcommittee study for enrollment and funding issues at ISDB. Under the direction of the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee, Reps. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, Patti Anne Lodge, R-Huston, and Kathy Simpson, R-Idaho, followed previous studies and concluded that declining enrollment and changing systems will force imminent changes at ISDB.

Today, only about 75 students are enrolled in courses while living on the Gooding campus. The school has about 800 students receiving services through the outreach program.

That outreach is expected to continue, but local school districts will be hesitant to shoulder the largest portions

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LETTER

School district voters make proud statement

On March 14, a record number of voters (8,727) in the Twin Falls School District turned out to approve by supermajority the \$16.7 million bond for a new high school, renovations to Twin Falls High School and improvements at both junior high schools and six of seven elementary schools. We would like to thank the voters of the Twin Falls School District who voted in support of the facilities bond levy. Your vote affirms your belief in providing a quality education and a safe and secure environment for life students in this community.

The Times-News KMYT and numerous radio outlets for the outstanding and professional coverage of the issues. In addition, the endorsement from the Twin Falls City Council and the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce were pivotal to the success of the bond election. With the support of parents, faculty, upgrades and renovations, the district will begin moving forward with the implementation plan — constructing a new school for our children. The message is clear in Twin Falls — kids win!

WILEY DOBBS
Twin Falls
Editor's note: Wiley Dobbs is the superintendent for the Twin Falls School District. He submitted this letter on behalf of the school board chairmen Bryan Matsoika, vice chairman Bryan Redman, and trustees Lori Ward, Kenney Young and Rob Atkins.

We would also like to acknowledge the heroic efforts of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee and committee co-chairman Scott McNelley and Linda Watkins. Their undying support for this project and endless energy directed through the committee add into the community. The commitment and belief of all members in this project were instrumental in its success. We are so proud of our parent-teacher association-organization presidents, our principals, teachers and staff members for their effort. It took to help inform our patrons and to inspire such a high level of participation. We would also like to acknowledge

and the moral integrity to embrace what is right and true. Folks whose consciences hurt them don't like to be so boldly reformed, and thus attack his character.
GENE LAWLEY
Twin Falls

Liberal peace politics put U.S. at risk

Looks like I've stirred the pot a bit, gaining the ire of some folks who wonder about "my ability to process information." According to the liberal traffic pattern, you've gotta start out processing information by "hating Bush"; then you are on target. If I don't mind his misanthropy, there are some things I'm pretty sure of:

- When the terrorists say they are out to "kill the infidels" that's not their motto and back it up with decapitations of kidnapped victims. I just figure they have a locked-in goal that's more important far so deal with than trying to find some way to prove President Bush lied about something or other or giving him the blame for things that don't make any sense. The liberal left doesn't seem to deny that its only goal is to "get Bush," no matter what happens regarding anything else — including conquering the terrorists or maintaining ...
- The liberal mind-set seems to be twisted to the idea that this little old deal of the terrorists can be handled by proper negotiation and, of course, Bush just doesn't off. The mind-set is "we're better than arms, then, of course, they will lay down their arms and we will enjoy real peace!" Bosh! They lie to us with smiling lips, just like the late Palestinian leader did all the way from the Oslo accords. The present Iranian leader has made clear his goal is to drive Israel to oblivion. And also any of the "infidels" who stand in the way. Negotiation won't do it, and I cannot bring myself to believe that any anti-running liberal "wannabe" today has the backbone to stand up against that kind of declaration. Criticize that if you want, but remember that no statue was ever erected to honor a critic.
- Try to unravel the threads of why liberals hate Bush so and you find there's no substance there — it must be he stand up stout-hearted against

Scouts' opinions tinged with an outside bias

This letter is in regard to the two letters published in *The Times-News* on March 14 and 17 from the Boy Scouts. Trying to even things out, I'm presenting here two letters.

With all due respect to the young men who wrote these letters, it appears they were "slightly influenced" by their parents or Boy Scout leaders. Having raised two children I have experienced that most 12- and 13-year-olds typically have true, folks whose consciences hurt them don't like to be so boldly reformed, and thus attack his character.
GENE LAWLEY
Twin Falls

Thank goodness we live in a country where we can express our opinions without fear of retribution. Our country's system is such that people do have a say and the majority should prevail.

GOP slams the door again on workers

Never in the history of our government has a Republican proposed a raise of our minimum wage.

Folks who work out there with holes in your underwear, living on bread and water, had better think twice about who you vote for next time.
Rep. Steve Stymile, R-Boise, says vote with your feet. I say vote with your wallet and maybe you can afford cream shoes, coffee and socks for your feet.
LES MAXWELL

Mysterium remain with school bond funds

Facts of fiction: \$49.7 million for a new high school, of which approximately \$15 million was used for other schools.

The Filer fairgrounds are another clouded issue, in my opinion. Phase 1 will be started by grant money or some other source of revenue and cover the Phase 2, as I understand, is to be completed by override levy.
Are the taxpayers of Twin Falls being given all the facts concerning the school bond and fairground issues?
TWIN FALLS
TONY SALIERNO

Liberal peace politics put U.S. at risk

companion, "man's best friend," can't buy parallel to me. He apparently must lie perpetually, taking up the entire bed and possessing all the pillows. I have become a compulsive liar with a sore neck.

Some brain-sick Neanderthal several thousand years ago said something stupid to a wolf like, "Good boy." And on hearing this, the wolf said, "Have you ever heard the song, 'Little Red Riding Hood'?" Didn't think so, you two-legged moron! I'm simply guessing on the wolf's type of intellect. However, we bipedals have been paying the price for our canine companionship since ever since the original utterance, "That's a good boy." Yes, you are. Yes, you are. "Humankind actually survived as a species! Go figure."

"A happy dog is a tired dog." It's apparently true. I have you twice a day every day. But I bet you can imagine what he wants at 4 a.m.
Treats? Not for me! I have tennis balls — never played tennis. I have milk bones — won't go there. And the stuffed toys — I've given a fortune in veterinarian bills. There's no money left for me to find out if I'm medically OK. I'm referring to my physical well-being and not mental. Because I'm informed by all that I am definitely mental. No worries there.
"Do you know what? I'm now being showed off 'his' bed. My 'best friend' is oblivious to my needs. Such as my need for a piece of a tired dog is a relief. I walk him for two hours twice a day every day. But I bet you can imagine what he wants at 4 a.m."
Take care of your mutt. Keep up on their vaccinations and then take you for daily walks. This letter is for all you wags fools that I have met at Twin Falls County Divided, who knows what, but together, we're all certifiable and need a 12-step program.
Down with felines!
LOUIS I. BROMBACHER
Twin Falls

This world is really going to the dogs

I write this letter with an up-close and personal view of the floor. Why? Thank you for asking. Because my so-called

IDAHO

This year is first for state graduation test requirement

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

BOISE—This is the first year that Idaho high school seniors face a new state requirement for a diploma: passing standardized tests that assess their mastery of reading, math and language skills.

"My perception is that the majority of students have met the graduation requirements," Jerry Keane, president of the Idaho School Superintendents Association, said Monday. And for those who haven't, "almost every district has adopted an alternative route to graduation."

Idaho is one of about 25 states requiring success in a standardized test, not just completion of academic coursework, for a high school diploma, said Eric Earling, a spokesman for the federal Education Department.

The Idaho Legislature decided in 2004 to require the tests and to have the standard go into effect this year. The requirements will become increasingly stiff over the next two years, until the testing is fully implemented in 2008.

But the requirement will still not be a rigorous one, said Lucil Willis, a spokeswoman for the state Board of Education. She

noted that Idaho requires only a 10th grade-level test that is first administered in 10th grade — and students get nine chances in all to pass its three areas between the first time they take it and graduation.

This year, the students will only have to show an eighth grade level of proficiency on that test, Willis said. Next year that level will be increased to a ninth grade level of proficiency. In 2008, it will be 10th grade.

Some proposed rule changes from the Education Board this year have come under fierce scrutiny because they include a proposal to increase math and science curriculum requirements for high school graduation. Less well-known is the fact that the same rule changes would also make it easier for some students to pass the standardized tests if they are studying English as a second language, or are learning through an IEP or Individual Education Plan, Willis said. "Those rule changes are now before the Legislature."

Other students who do not pass the standardized tests can also get waivers or apply for alternate assessments, Willis said.

Ralph Lowe, the principal of Kellogg High School, said every

graduating senior in Kellogg's class of 78 students has taken the tests and passed them, and none had to pursue alternate means of passing. Students are given as much time as they need for the three areas: most seem to take 45 or 50 minutes, Lowe said.

"Math seems to be the most difficult of the three," Lowe said, but "the majority of the students are not struggling with the tests."

There are always students who can't meet the graduation requirements, said Keane, who is superintendent in Post Falls. Some drop out; others strive to finish their classes and if they fail, take summer courses or other work to complete their graduation requirements.

Post Falls has about 270 seniors this year, and about eight of them used an alternative to the test that demonstrated they had acquired the skills needed for graduation. Keane said the alternate route is important for students who don't take tests well.

"I hate to see any test be a high-stakes test," said Keane. "Some students are good test-takers, others are not. (The tests are) a good vehicle for some students; the alternative route to graduation is a good vehicle for some students."

Wollinger said.

Judge awards fees to Planned Parenthood

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE—A judge has just doubled the state's legal bills for defending its parental consent abortion laws against recent court challenges.

U.S. District Court Judge Mikel Williams ruled Friday that the state must pay more than \$380,000 of Planned Parenthood's attorney fees for the organization's victorious lawsuit over the state's parental consent law.

That brings the total amount the state will have spent on the matter in the past six years to nearly three-quarters of a million dollars.

Since 2000, Idaho has spent more than \$350,000 for its own attorneys and other costs in defending previous parental consent laws in the federal courts. Williams' ruling accounts only for Planned Parenthood's attorney fees stemming from a lawsuit that began in 2000. A separate case over another 2005 attempt to enact parental consent laws is currently in the 9th Circuit Court of appeals.

"Williams made a really great ruling," said Rebecca Poedy, the president of Planned Parenthood in Idaho. "I hope it sends a powerful message to our legislators that they need to be really responsible in not passing legislation that's not going to pass a constitutional challenge. Every

time legislation is passed that is not constitutional in protecting women's reproductive rights, we will challenge it every time."

Planned Parenthood originally asked for more than \$550,000 in attorney fees, but Williams reduced some of the attorney's hours by 10 percent to account for any duplication of services, awarding more than \$380,500 instead.

"The AG's office is pleased the judge substantially reduced the amount of attorney fees requested by opposing counsel," said Bob Cooper, spokesman for the Idaho Attorney General's office. "It's clear the court reviewed the information provided very carefully."

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Two die when SUV crashes into lake

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) — Two women died and one man escaped when a car plunged off a boat ramp and into 12 feet of chilly water in Hayden Lake.

Charlie Rae Buckingham and Alice Rebecca Greely, both 22 and from Coeur d'Alene, died in the Saturday morning accident near Honeysuckle beach.

Jacob Tyler Compton, 22, escaped from the submerged 1997 Ford Expedition.

"They just drove straight down the ramp and right into the water," Kootenai County sheriff's Capt. Ben Wollinger said. "They hit the water with quite a bit of speed — enough to hydroplane out into the lake that far."

The car was submerged about 125 feet from the shore in 39-degree water.

It was difficult for police to estimate how fast the vehicle was going because there were no skid marks and the vehicle would have drifted when it hit the water.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the call around 10:30 a.m. and a dive rescue team pulled the two women out of the submerged vehicle a short time later. They were pronounced dead after being taken to the Kootenai County Medical Center.

Compton told police that he wasn't the driver, but was unsure who was.

"He had been drinking," Wollinger said.

Wollinger said alcohol was believed to have been a factor in the accident.

"We don't believe there was anything deliberate about it at

all," Wollinger said. An autopsy and toxicology screening will be performed on both women and the results could show if injuries sustained in the crash or alcohol prevented them from escaping from the car. The results will likely be available in two to six weeks, Wollinger said.

Wollinger said the driver of the car would have had to drive past a barricade and red flashing lights to make it onto the boat launch ramp.

The barricade, which has red and white reflective signs, extends across almost one full lane of traffic to prevent people from driving straight off of the road and into the boat ramp.

"There was no reason for them to go down there," Wollinger said.

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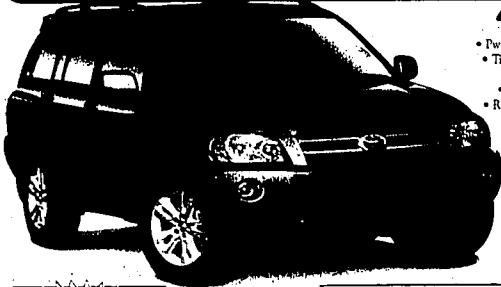
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BASEBALL
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 Kimberly at Filer, 4 p.m.
 Mincio at Pocatello, 4:30 p.m.
GOLF
 MVC, Hagerman, Richfield at Buhl, Clear Lake CC, 1 p.m.
SOFTBALL
 Burley at Century, DH, 3:30 p.m.
 Kimberly at Filer, DH, 4 p.m.
 Pocatello at Jerome, DH, 4 p.m.
 Wood River at Mincio, 4:30 p.m.
TENNIS
 Wood River at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
 Jerome at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Canyon Springs men meet tonight

TWIN FALLS — The first 2006 meeting of the Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will be held at 6 p.m. tonight at the Canyon Springs Golf Course. Members should bring all fees due. The association will begin its twilight golf league at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6. For more information, call Willie at 733-9553 or Jay at 735-3405.

T.F. Adult softball umpires needed

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is looking for adult softball umpires. The first informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, at the parks and rec. building. Games start at 6:30 p.m. weeknights, with some weekend games. For more information, call Luis at 733-5033.

Buhl calls youth baseball clinic

BUHL — Buhl High School baseball coaches and players will instruct at their clinic from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 at 543 Memorial Field. Players in grades K-8 can register for \$20. The fee includes a T-shirt. Instruction will focus on the fundamentals of baseball. Registration forms are at Buhl High School or call Mark Laing at 543-5246.

Summer recreation sign-ups set for Filer

FILER — The Filer Community Recreation District will hold registrations for the summer program on Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Filer Middle School gym. Activities available include youth baseball, football, 7- and 8-year-old pitching machine league, tee-ball and swimming lessons. The cost of each activity is \$30 with the exception of tee-ball which is \$25. There will be an additional \$8.50 fee for insurance, if needed. For more information, contact Bob Hansing at 326-3327.

CSI volleyball Utah hosts Utah

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team will host the University of Utah at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8 at the CSI gymnasium in a spring exhibition match. The public is welcome to cheer on the Golden Eagles, the defending NCAA national champions.

Rupert all-star tryouts held soon

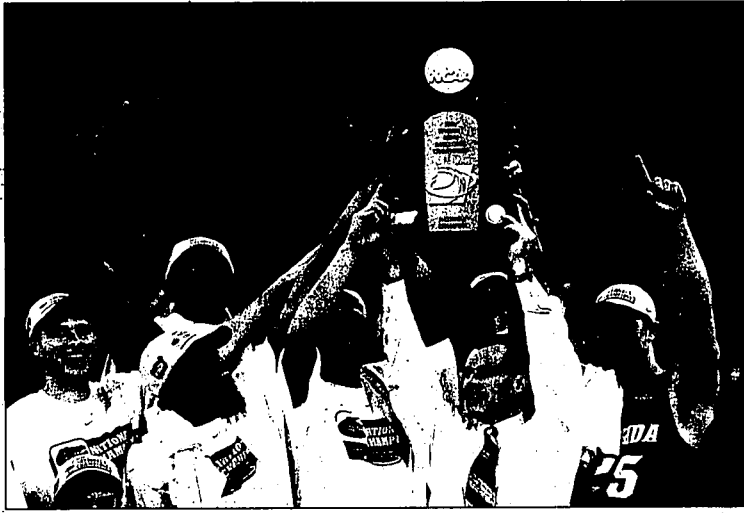
RUPERT — The Rupert All-Star Baseball program will hold its 2006 tryouts at 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 21 at Big Valley Park in Rupert. The league is for any area youth ages 9-12. Players must not reach their 13th birthday before August 1. Each player will need a copy of their birth certificate, a baseball mitt and a parent to register. Registration begins at 5 p.m. For more information, call Johnny Miller at 436-6374.

Canyon Springs Ladies meeting held today

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Ladies Golf Association will hold a meeting at the Farm Credit Office building, 615 N. College Road, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4. Anyone interested in joining the association and playing Twilight League are urged to attend. Call 326-4217 or 734-3560 with any questions.

FLORIDA GATORS WIN NCAA BASKETBALL TITLE

Chompions!



ABOVE: Florida players celebrate their 73-57 win over UCLA in the Final Four national championship basketball game in Indianapolis on Monday.

BELOW: Florida forward Joakim Noah (13) shoots against UCLA center Lorenzo Mata in the second half.

Gators chomp UCLA for program's first basketball title

By Eddie Pells Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Game, set, match — and a championship, too — for Joakim Noah and the Florida Gators. The tennis star's son dominated UCLA with 16 points, nine rebounds and a record six blocks Monday night to key a 73-57 blowout that gave Florida its first national title in basketball and officially wiped away its reputation as only a football school.

Many thought it couldn't be done when Billy Donovan took over a basketball program that was almost an afterthought 12 years ago. "Our faculty rep said to me before the game that when you start with something from scratch and you build it up to win a championship, that's something special," Donovan said.

For 40 lapsed minutes, the Gators (33-6) were too big, too long and too quick for UCLA, which came up with a win short of its 12th national title at a night when legendary coach John Wooden watched from a hospital bed in LA after being admitted for an undisclosed illness that was said not to be serious.

Florida and Noah, voted most outstanding player in the Final Four, won by putting on a thorough display of versatility and unselfishness, a trademark of this team all season.

Noah capped it off with a monster dunk



with 1:29 left. When the buzzer sounded, he laid flat on his back in triumph and let the confetti rain on him. His teammates were in a pile a few feet away and Donovan was sharing hugs with his longtime assistant Anthony Grant.

"We're going shine all day, all night," Noah said. "Please don't be mad at us if we don't do a little homework the next couple of weeks."

The Gators won this by taking it right to UCLA early, looking down low to Noah, Corey Brewer, Al Horford and senior Adrian Moss, making the extra pass in the key and finishing with 21 assists, 10 of them from their frontcourt.

"They made it very difficult for us to get prepared," Donovan said. "Just trying to

space the floor. And you have to extra pass against them."

It couldn't have been what Ben Howland's team expected had he scouted Florida's 73-58 win over George Mason in the semis, a game the Gators won from outside and that guard Lee Humphrey ended early in the second with three straight 3s.

Noah had five blocks by halftime, already one better than the NCAA championship game record set by Arizona's Loren Woods in 2001, and he finished with 29 for the tournament, shattering Woods' record by five.

"They kept relying on our dribble penetration and they either blocked shots or changed a lot of shots," UCLA guard Jordan Farmer said.

UCLA had all the history behind it, and a pretty good team, to boot. The Bruins just didn't have enough, Farmer, who chose UCLA over Florida, was their only scoring threat. He finished with 18 points, and with 10, but was shut out in the first half, while this game was getting away.

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute was no factor: He had six points and 10 rebounds and wasn't nearly the presence he was in UCLA's semifinal win against LSU.

Donovan brought home Florida's first hoops title while his old coach at Providence, Rick Pitino, watched from the stands, wearing an orange tie. It was Pitino, now at Louisville, who 12 years ago urged Donovan not to take the job in Gainesville, fearing the commitment simply wasn't there. He wasn't alone. Not even Florida's previous coach, Lou Kruger, said the Gators could sustain in basketball the way they did in football — and Kruger had taken them to the Final Four a few years earlier.

Turns out, there's plenty of money, talent and support to make Florida's "other" program run.

Maryland, Duke battle for big prize

By Jimmy Golen Associated Press writer

BOSTON — During Maryland's last visit to this city, for a regular-season game against Boston College, coach Bertie Fresse took her team on a surprise bus trip. The destination was undisclosed.

The players were puzzled. But when they unloaded at the new Boston Garden, the site of the NCAA women's Final Four.

"If you want to come back here, the next time it will be for the Final Four," Maryland guard Shay Down recalled on Monday, a day before the Terps play Duke for the NCAA title. "That feeling was unbelievable. You just want to get back here no matter what."

Maryland (33-4) reached the title game by beating top-ranked North Carolina in the semifinals Sunday — its second victory this year over the Tar Heels, a team no one else beat even once. But the groundwork was laid much earlier, when



Maryland women's basketball guard Marissa Coleman drives around guard Charmaine Carr, right, during practice at the Garden in Boston on Monday afternoon.

Fresse took over the once-proud program in 2002. The original power in the Atlantic Coast Conference and a charter member of the NCAA Final Four, 25 years ago, Maryland won five of the ACC's first eight tournaments but hadn't finished .500 in the conference in five years before Fresse arrived.

"First, it is my job to keep reminding people of history,

Hofland best at Pepsi Open

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Travis Hofland's low round of 69 earned him the professional sweeps regular division title at the 2006 Pepsi Open at the Muni presented by Astroworld, held at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Monday. Hofland shot the best round during The Rocky Mountain Section PGA pro-am event, besting second-place Jay Frank by one shot, Mike Hamblin, John Wallace, Tim Reinke and Adam Martens all carded 70s to tie for third.

Denry Howell Sr. tore around the course in 67 strokes to take the senior divisions title, while the team of Jay Frank, Norris Danner, Jerry Danner and Louie Mullaney's 191 combined score claimed the pro-am team sweep title.

In amateur competition, Kevin Packard's 70 was good enough to edge second-place finishers Shawn Aicher and Norris Danner in the championship flight gross title, while Gary Baumgartner and Tom Hart tied for net honors.

Van Halen shot a 76 — top in gross first-flight scoring, while Mike Gemar's 68 was top in net scoring. Jack Lyman and Dick Kniffel took second flight gross and net honors, respectively, while Louie Mullaney and Carl Grinstead finished atop the third flight gross and net standings, respectively.

The shot of the day came off James Day's pinseeking eight-iron. He needed only one stroke to finish off the 166-yard hole 14 as his tee shot found the bottom of the cup for a hole-in-one.

Hamblin, Kevin Packard and Gary Bauckert tied for net ace. The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course plays host to Wednesday's Twin Falls High School Invitational as the Twin Falls Bruins play host to the best high school golfers from southern Idaho. The tournament is set for a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

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SPORTS

Johjima belts first dinger

SEATTLE (AP) — Orlando Cabrera's two-run single in the ninth inning lifted the Los Angeles Angels past the Seattle Mariners 5-4 on Monday in the season opener.

With the game tied 3-3, reliever George Sherrill walked Casey Kotchman, Jose Molina sacrificed pinch-runner Maicer Izturis to second and Tim Lincecum advanced him to third on a ground-out. Reliever J.J. Putz walked catcher J. P. Rodriguez and Tim Lincecum who stole second before Putz's era's first run single for the Angels.

It was Los Angeles' first victory since losing four straight games in the ALCS to the White Sox. The Angels had won the series opener.

Scott Shields pitched 1-1/3 innings in relief of the victor. Francisco Rodriguez earned the save, giving up a solo homer to pinch-hitter Roberto Petagine in the ninth. Petagine had one homer in his first start since season with Boston. It was his first major league season since 1999.

Kenji Johjima, playing in the first major league game for a Japanese catcher, homered in the fifth inning for Seattle. The Mariners scored two more runs that inning to tie the game 3-3 on RBI singles by Yuniesky Betancourt and Jose Lopez.

Red Sox 7, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Curt Schilling looked a lot like his old self in his first opening day start in seven years, and David Ortiz hit a two-run homer to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Texas Rangers 7-3 Monday.

Schilling won an opening day for the first time since 2000, allowing two runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out five, walked one and gave up only one extra-base hit, a two-run homer by Hank Blalock in the sixth.

Jason Varitek had a two-run double. Mike Lowell led off the eighth with a home run and new Red Sox center fielder Coco Crisp made a nice running catch at the wall of Laynce Nix's sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Ortles 9, Devil Rays 6

BALTIMORE — Luis Matos and Melvin Mora hit successive homers in the fifth inning, and Miguel Tejada and Jeff Conine also connected as Baltimore won its sixth straight opener.

Newcomer Imanuel Hernandez went 3-for-3 with a walk for the Orioles, who totaled 14 hits in Sun Belt's home opener. Hernandez, who ranked last in the AL with 14 spring training homers, tied the team mark for an opener set in 1982. Jimmy Gomez and Travis Lee homered for Tampa Bay, but it wasn't enough offense to make a winner of Joe Maddon in his managerial debut.

Tigers 3, Royals 1

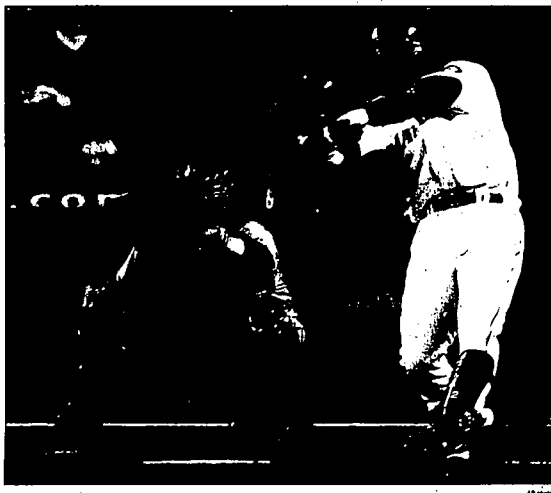
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kenny Rogers combined with two relievers on a four-hitter. Chris Shelton homered twice and Jim Leyland won his first game as the Tigers' manager.

Masters

Continued from B1. to the back portion of a green — even if there had been no change at all. Sometimes, it was all in their heads. But not this year. Walk with a walk from the putting green to the first tee that now is about 10 feet instead of the length of a basketball court. And not with a par-3 fourth hole that measures about 245 yards and left several players standing with their hands on lips, staring with disbelief, and ultimately removing the head cover from a fairly good putt or a hybrid club.

The first one walked to the Masters by the Players Championship two weeks ago, walked to the back of the tee and said to no one in particular, "Full driver, isn't it?" And he reached for his driver, then smiled and shook his head before taking a hybrid. The first one walked to the left side of the green. He reloaded and hit this one closer to the flag. As the crowd applauded, Arnes snatched his tee from the ground and said, "Thank God for technology, huh?" Behind him came the European trio of Thomas Bjorn, Paul McClellan and Erling Mortensen. Bjorn followed his thick eyebrows before selecting a hybrid (21 degrees, comparable to a 3-iron) and finding the green.

Monty was next up, already looking down as he selected a 22-degree hybrid. "This might not make it," he said to his caddy, and the way his face dropped indicated he was right. Scott Verplank decided to play the hole from the very back of the tees, even though the markers in front of him were about 15 yards farther up. He wanted to be sure he was ready in case the men in green coats were feeling extra cruel. Verplank led 25 yards to the hole and hit 3-wood. "And you know the beauty of it?" he asked, "The old tees, so there's no option." He said with his typical dose of sarcasm. "You better have all the horses going under the hood out here."



Seattle Mariners catcher Kenji Johjima hits a solo home run off of Anaheim Angels starting pitcher Bartolo Colon in the fifth inning of Monday's game at Safeco Field in Seattle.

National League Cardinals 3, Phillies 5

PHILADELPHIA — Jimmy Rollins extended his hitting streak to 37 games with a double in the eighth inning, but the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 in Monday's opener as Albert Pujols homered twice and Scott Rolen hit a grand slam.

Rolen was 3-for-5 with four RBIs, Pujols was 2-for-6 with four RBIs and Aaron Miles had four hits, including two doubles and a triple.

Pat Burrell and Ryan Howard homered for the Phillies, who ended up with their most lopsided opening-day loss since a 12-3 defeat to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1935.

Cubs 16, Reds 7

CINCINNATI — After President Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch, Matt Murton homered in a five-run first inning and Todd Walker singled home a pair of runs in a seven-run sixth.

The Cubs scored a club-record 16 runs in their opener for the second year in a row and stretched their first-game winning streak to four. The Reds hadn't given so many opening-day runs since a 24-6 loss to Louisville in 1877.

Mets 3, Nationals 2

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine outpitched Livan Hernandez in a victory for the Mets over the Washington Nationals 3-2 Monday. Billy Wagner got a save in his Mets' debut and newcomer Xavier Nady went 4-for-4.

Brewers 5, Pirates 2

MILWAUKEE — Jeff Cirillo hit a two-run single in the seventh

inning, the seventh Atlanta Braves pitcher, survived a two-run ninth for the save.

Padres 6, Giants 1

SAN DIEGO — The only way Barry Bonds got the ball out of the yard was by bouncing a ground-rule double. Not so for Mike Piazza and Khalil Greene, who homered off Jason Schmidt to lead defending NL West champion San Diego.

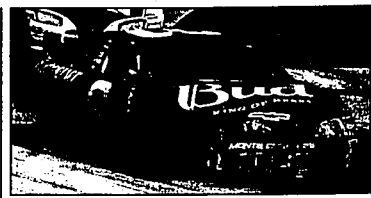
Astros 1, Marlins 0

HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt and Brad Lidge combined on a five-hitter, Craig Biggio doubled and scored on Joe Borowski's wild pitch in the seventh inning, and Houston beat Florida and new manager Joe Girard.

Braves 11, Dodgers 20

LOS ANGELES — The Atlanta Braves began their quest for a 15th straight division championship by building a quick seven-run lead, then hanging on as Tim Lincecum and several relievers struggled.

Adam LaRoche and Andrew Jones hit three-run homers off Derek Lowe, and the Braves spotted manager Grady Lott's debut before the largest single-game regular-season crowd in Dodger Stadium history. The Braves stalked Hudson to a 4-0 lead before he threw a pitch and led 8-1 before the 30-year-old right-hander was charged in the fifth. Oscar Villarreal worked 1-1/3 scoreless innings for the victory, Chris Carrera pitched two-thirds.



Dale Earnhardt Jr. drives his mangled car around Turn 4 during the NASCAR Nextel Cup DirecTV 500 auto race at the Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., on Sunday.

Earnhardt Jr. showing his grit

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Everything was set up for Dale Earnhardt Jr. to fail. He was in two separate accidents that heavily damaged his car and ruined his chances of winning at Martinsville Speedway.

But instead of slugging it off as just another bad day at the office, Earnhardt salvaged every minute of track time he had and rallied to a fourth-place finish Sunday.

That's the commitment he'll need if Earnhardt is ever going to put together a true championship run. "We had to work all day — the hardest I believe we've had to work as a team throughout the 500 laps," he said.

Those kinds of efforts were lacking during his first six seasons, when a mishap on the track would demoralize his Dale Earnhardt Inc. team. They'd patch up the damage and send Junior back out on the track, but more times than not he was just running in circles chasing after a few extra points.

And if his car wasn't handling well, he'd forget it. Neither the driver or the crew seemed capable of focusing long enough or hard enough to correct the problem in time to salvage their day.

But this is a whole new season for NASCAR's most popular driver, who built an enormous fan base despite a reputation that boasted little more than dominance at restrictor plate tracks. Of his 16 career seasons, seven have come at either Daytona or Talladega.

Now Junior seems intent on proving he's not just a celebrity, and he's as good as any other driver on the track and his team, no longer content to ride on his celebrated coattails, is finally ready to contend for the NASCAR Cup title.

He missed the show outright last season, failing to make the Chase for the championship as well as finishing 19th in the final standings.

But the run on Sunday was the first sign that the No. 8 Chevrolet might really be coming to its best week in and week out.

Just seconds after the green flag fell, Earnhardt was caught

in a pack of nonmoving traffic that caused a stack of fender benders. The contact knocked most of his front fender off and left a gaping hole in the back of his car. He had to make several stops on pit road to check the damage, but his Dale Earnhardt Inc. team made all its repairs under caution, preventing Junior from falling off the lead.

He then worked his way back to the front through the next 249 laps, driving from 40th all the way to 10th — only to see all his hard work erased in a second accident.

Ryan Newman pinched Earnhardt into the curbing on the high track, causing it to slip all the way back to 18th. Despite more damage to his car, he once again drove back into the lead pack and passed Kyle Busch in the final turn to steal his fourth-place finish.

When he hopped out of his car, he was ready to celebrate like he'd just won the race. The crowd roared like he had.

"That's really the biggest reward out of the whole deal, is when everybody appreciates what you do," he said. "I don't ever remember getting cheered like that for anything less than a win, so it's neat that they recognized what we went through to get that top five. It was loud — they were chanting, cheering, raising hell."

His followers recognize what Earnhardt accomplished at Martinsville — and how far it's come in the past year and a half.

He was a legitimate championship contender in 2004, but his little hopes crumble at Martinsville when he was plagued with problem after problem during the race and wound up finishing 33rd. Earnhardt has gotten into the top 10 in standings with little fanfare, unusual for a celebrity who is mobbed just about everywhere he goes. But that low-key approach from top to bottom on the team might be the difference in the end.

"I think people are finally seeing that we're more what we do," he said. "We had a hard year last year, but the company has bounced back."

Prize

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against BC. It wasn't too improbable that they would be back. "None of us knew where we were going," center Crystal Langhorne said. "We were coming from practice and I'm like, 'This isn't the way back to the hotel.'"

Inside the building, even though it was suited out for hot, players started on the seats and let the atmosphere soak in.

"When we were here, it was kind of like, 'Ah, let's enjoy this night as a PGA," he said. Harper said, leaning back in her chair and putting her hands behind her head.

"It is a thank you was a powerful move. It was very inspirational. To be able to sit and look out on the court, it was awesome. Everyone who has (instant messaging) has been putting 'Boston' in their messages since the beginning of the season. Just 'Boston'; that's it."

"It's kind of like a dream and now this dream's come true."

Well, not yet. First comes another No. 1 seed: Duke (31-3), which is trying to earn its first national championship in its fourth trip to the Final Four since 1999. The Blue Devils also visited Boston College's Chestnut Hill campus this season, but coach Gal Goostenkens opted not to make a special trip to see the championship site.

"I've done it in my past several years and I like that put more pressure on the kids, honestly," she said.

"I guess I've let that pressure go. I've let that worry go about winning the national title. I feel like we're going to win it at some point. I know we're going to win it at some point. So that's given me great freedom, great confidence."

"I think in the past perhaps I wanted it so badly for the team that I tried to force it to happen, and I found out that that's not really possible."

Instead, Coach G will rely on frontcourt stars Allison Bates and Mistie Williams to take back whatever advantage Maryland has with its speed. The ACC rivals already have played three times this year, and Maryland has improved each time — losing by 18, losing by 10 and then winning by eight in the semifinals of the ACC tournament.

"I could tell you what each of them ate for breakfast this morning," Doran said. "Both teams know each other very well."

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SOCCER
•UEFA Champions League, play-offs, Queralt, AC Milan vs. Olympique Lyonnais, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.

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"Maybe we'll be humbled a
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... Detroit's Rashad Wallace was given an automatic one-game suspension Monday after receiving his 16th technical foul of the season...

Wallace will sit out Tuesday's
game against the New Orleans
 Hornets. On Sunday, he didn't
seem concerned about the
incident. Now, after being
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concerned about the
Hornets' 109-102 win over
the Phoenix Suns.

"I don't care about No. 16,"
Wallace said. "I'm just going to
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(11) in one quarter.

The induction ceremony is
scheduled for Sept. 9 in Spring-
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CAULIFLOWER **2/\$3**
LEMONS & GRAPEFRUIT **4/\$1**

Tide DETERGENT
100 oz. Liquid / 90 oz. Powder
\$599

Nabisco **OREO COOKIES**
15-18 oz.
2/\$5

Variety Small **APPLES** **5/\$1**

Seedless **GRAPES**
Red and Green **99¢**
Lb.

BROCCOLI **89¢**
Bunch

AVOCADOS **59¢**
Ea.

Wonder **BREAD**
•White Bread Fans 24 oz.
•Kids Sandwich 24 oz.
•Whole Wheat Grain 20 oz.
4/\$5

PEPSI PRODUCTS 12 pk.
2/\$7

Seedless **GRAPES**
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Lb.

STRAWBERRIES
2 Lb. Clamshell **\$3.88**

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Folger's **COFFEE** 34-38 oz.
\$649

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Ea.

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2 Lb. Pkg.
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Lb.
\$139

Beef **CUBE STEAK**
Lb.
\$349

Farmland **SAUSAGE ROLLS**
3 Varieties 1 Lb. Roll
5/\$5

PRINGLES Asst. 8 oz.
99¢

GATORADE Asst. 64 oz.
2/\$4

Hunts KETCHUP 24 oz.
\$109

Western Family **STUFFING MIX**
Asst. 8 oz.
99¢

Boneless Beef RUMP ROAST
Lb.
\$189

Beef **NEW YORK STEAK OR T-Bone BEEF STEAK**
Lb.
\$599

Boneless Beef Petite SIRLOIN STEAK
Lb.
\$299

Hunts KETCHUP 24 oz.
\$109

Hunts TOMATO SAUCE Asst. 8 oz.
3/89¢

Halley's **CHILI**
Asst. 15 oz.
99¢

Clover Club **POTATO CHIPS**
Asst. 16 oz.
2/\$3

Western Family **PICKLES**
Asst. 22-24 oz.
3/\$5

Hunts **BBQ SAUCE** Asst. 21.6 oz.
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Falls Brand Old Fashioned **WHOLE BONE-IN SMOKED HAM**
Lb.
\$149

Falls Brand **BONELESS BUFFET HAM**
Halves or Whole
\$159

Falls Brand **BONELESS PITT HAMS**
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Market Watch

April 3, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	11,144.94
Nasdaq composite	2,336.74
Standard & Poor's 500	1,237.81
Russell 2000	759.22

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.84	▲	.03
Con Agra	\$21.95	▲	.49
Deli Inc.	\$29.73	▲	.10
Idaho Inc.	\$32.31	▼	.21
Micro	\$15.45	▲	.73
SuperValu	\$30.64	▼	.18

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$86.74	▲	.11
(May, light, sweet crude)			
Live cattle	\$80.22	▲	.72
Gold (June)	\$594.3	▲	7.6

Twin Falls

growing again

TWIN FALLS—A record number of single-family dwelling building permits were issued in March in Twin Falls. The 95 applications are an all-time high topping the previous high mark of 91 permits issued in August 2005. The 185 permits issued so far this year, puts the city of Twin Falls on a pace to eclipse the 654 permits that were issued last year. The average number of single-family dwelling permits issued over the last three years is 523. The average number of these permits issued year since 1994 is 292.

Partnership offers leadership training

JEHOEME—The Idaho Rural Partnership will be conducting one-day leadership training sessions for business and community leaders throughout rural Idaho beginning April 10. The topics of discussion will include community development, meeting management and communication, and lifelong learning techniques. The sessions will also provide community leaders with knowledge of resources and training available in Idaho. The training dates for the Magic Valley area are Thursday, April 27 in Burley and Friday, April 28 in Jerome. Scholarships will be made available to local high school juniors and seniors as part of Idaho Rural Partnership program to reach out to future community leaders. The cost of the one-day leadership program is \$15, which includes lunch and hand-out materials. For more information on the program, contact the Idaho Rural Partnership at 208-334-3131.

East Idaho wind project gets the OK

IDAHO FALLS—The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has OK'd a 20-year, \$72.7 million purchase-of-power agreement between the PacifiCorp and the developers of the Schwendman Wind LLC wind project 11 miles northeast of Idaho Falls. The agreement is an amendment to an earlier proposal rejected by the commission because it didn't include performance provisions required in other wind projects across Idaho. The provisions are put in place as a means to monitor the electrical generation produced by the project to make sure customers are receiving the energy they area paying for. Interested parties wanting to oppose the agreement have until April 21 to file a petition with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The petitions can be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0372, or faxed to the commission at 208-334-3762. Additional information on the Schwendman wind project is available on the Idaho Public Utilities Commission web site at www.puc.idaho.gov.

— compiled by Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

Company plans equestrian-based community

Development would double size of Eagle

The Associated Press

BOISE—Officials with an Arizona development company say they plan to submit an application to the city of Eagle this month that could double the city's size and create a large

park with an equestrian-based planned community.

Prescott, Ariz.-based M3 Companies will ask the city to annex about 6,800 acres of its property in the foothills north of Eagle.

Company officials also say

they would add 320 acres to a publicly owned parcel to create a 2,235-acre open-space park with equestrian and hiking trails and an equestrian event center.

The remaining 1,915 acres of the park is now part of the Bu-

reau of Land Management. Eagle city officials last week submitted an application to the BLM to purchase the land. Eagle Mayor Nancy Merrill said the land would cost the city \$10 per acre or about \$19,000.

"Equestrians are a large part of our roots and our history," Merrill told The Idaho Statesman. "Acquiring the BLM land



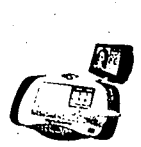


will be a really great opportunity to protect some of these sensitive foothills areas from development and keep the land and trails open to horse-back riders."

M3 Companies have built two planned communities in Arizona, one for golf and the other for horse-riding.

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Go Girls!

These are some of toymakers' recent attempts to reach girls before the young women pack up their Barbies and head for the mall. Some are set to hit the market in the fall.

 <p>GLS MY VOICE ALARM CLOCK Wild Planet Toys Inc. \$19.95</p>	 <p>AMAZING ALLYSEN Playmates Toys Inc. \$99.99</p>	 <p>DIGI MAKEOVER Radica Games Limited \$59.99</p>	 <p>IZ Zizzle Products LLC \$39.99</p>	 <p>SUGAR SNAPS DOLLS Wild Planet Toys Inc. \$6.95 to \$9.99</p>
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HERE'S HOW IT PLAYS

Wild Planet Toys expected wild success from its Girls Living in Style line of room accessories, but the line has not done so well, even with the introduction of technology that lets you wake up to your own voice.

Alysen is the older sister of the baby doll Amazing Amanda, who's almost creepy (according to critics) realism raised the bar for interactive products. Alysen is aimed at 9- and 10-year-olds.

The console plugs into the TV set and lets users install a picture of themselves, then experiment with hair and makeup. Available in the fall. *

More than an iPod speaker, IZ is a robot with a beat of his own and was a huge hit last Christmas. The company founder also gave the world Furby.

These little plastic dolls are Wild Planet's attempt to tackle the preschool-girl market. Clothes snap onto the doll, making dress up easier for tiny fingers.

Bored with her toys

Toymakers wonder how to entertain girls

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

It's hard to walk into a toy store and not be struck by the utter excitement of children facing such a vast array of games, building sets, race cars, dolls, action figures, arts and crafts, infant toys and stuffed animals.

But the giggles these products create hide the underlying problems facing the toy industry: declining sales, competition from electronics and, in a word, girls.

The business is tough, and even tougher when it comes to making toys for girls. Some of the industry's most creative companies have had high-profile, girl-toy disappointments recently, such as last year's "GirliTt" line of playful desk and stationery items from Crayola. At the International Toy Fair in New York in February, it was hard not to notice the dearth of toys for companies to go inside the head of 10-year-old Tiffany.

"When I tour different company showrooms and look at what they're doing, many times it's a bunch of guys making decisions about what girls

would like, and they miss the mark," said Nancy Zwiers, president of industry consulting firm Funosophy and former head of worldwide marketing for the Barbie doll line at Mattel Inc.

But this inherent difficulty has been exacerbated by the "age compression" that has been affecting all kids and putting huge pressure on the toy industry. Children are moving through play stages faster now, always wanting to go quickly to the next level of toys and encouraged by their parents to do so.

This change is especially pronounced in girls. The result is that Barbie, which used to be a doll that 7- and 8-year-olds would play with for hours, is now the domain of 3-year-olds. Never mind that 3-year-olds don't have the fine motor skills needed to dress the 10-inch bombshell in tiny outfits and teeny accessories. Playrooms across the

country are littered with naked Barbies with missing arms and matted hair.

By age 8, girls are gravitating away from Toys R Us to fast-growing chains like Club Libby Lu, which lets them dress up like rock stars, get glitter on their faces, put on fake ponytails and buy itty-bitty accessories to put in teeny-weeny purses.

"But boys, bless their little hearts, stick with toys longer, thanks to their unwavering interest in building things and wrecking things, in things that move fast and things that fight. That simply makes them a bigger, easier target for toymakers."

"Boys stay with toys till they're 12," said Danie Grossman, chief executive of Wild Planet Toys Inc. "But girls, on the other hand, by that time, they're starting to buy things that are not traditional toys. That means we have boys for 12 years and girls for eight so

that's 50 percent more time."

Toy executives say they want more girl-focused products and get them in several ways: hiring more female toy designers, doing more kid-focused market research, breaking down traditional barriers between a company's "boy toy" executives and "girl toy" executives and, perhaps most of all, embracing technology.

"Our companies are banking on tech for a lot of things, most of all a better competitive advantage against the consumer electronics that have become a new form of entertainment for kids. But the toy industry also loves that technology seems to more easily produce gender-neutral toys. Products such as LeapFrog's Fly Pentop Computer and Zizzle's IZ (pronounced "iz") speaker system for iPods were huge, much-needed successes last holiday season — for boys and girls. The industry is looking for more."

"You've got a lot more opportunity with a unisex product because you've got twice the marketplace to go after, twice the number of licenses," said Rayne Rice, toy trend specialist with the Toy Industry Association. "It opens up a lot of different doors."

Perhaps nothing is generating ideas in the toy business like technology, which is allowing companies to abandon some of the old notions of what makes a boy toy or a girl toy.

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Micron trying to raise a 'security' market

The Associated Press

BOISE—Micron Technology Inc. began marketing its line of digital photo and video chips used in cell phone, medical and automotive applications to surveillance and security camera manufacturers on Monday. The world's third-largest computer memory chip maker planned to unveil the surveillance image sensor campaign at the International Security

Conference West trade show in Las Vegas this week.

Boise-based Micron, which is Idaho's largest private employer, manufactures digital image sensor chips using the complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) technology. Company spokeswoman Kirstin Roderer said CMOS chips currently made for use in cell phones and medical imaging devices are being repackaged for the

security camera market to challenge the traditional dominance of optical chips using the older charged coupled device, or CCD, technology.

"Historically CCD has had the largest share of the security camera market, but CMOS is bringing new features, such as pan and tilt, onto one chip, so this is a new market for the technology and we hope to get in on the front end of it," she said.

Micron is seeking to capture more of the emerging demand for very small chips that allow high-resolution photo and video capture by consumer and commercial devices. In October, the company released a chip specifically designed for use in automotive digital video systems such as side- and rearview cameras that help drivers park or avoid children in their blind zone. Two manufacturers have al-

ready adopted Micron chips for security imaging products. Agilitron, Inc., of Woburn, Mass., is expected to begin producing a new type of thermal imaging sensor that enables cameras to see through smoke and fog early next year using a Micron chip. Utah-based Wildlife Inc. also seeks to use Micron chips in a PC-based digital video surveillance system for residential and small commercial use.

MONEY

GM reaches deal to sell majority stake in finance arm

By Sarah Karush Associated Press writer

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. desperate for cash to pay for buyouts and plant closings as part of its North American restructuring, said Monday that it has agreed to sell a 51 percent stake in its finance arm in a deal expected to generate \$1.4 billion.

GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said the sale would strengthen GM's balance sheet as the automaker carries out its plans to recover from \$10.6 billion in losses in 2005 and stem the loss of its U.S. market share to Asian competitors.

"In the context of history, the last six months are going to prove to be pivotal," Wagoner said at a news conference. "This is about restructuring our business so we can be reasonably profitable in the future, so we're not so balanced on a razor's edge (that) if gas prices go up, you don't make any

money. If you sales go down 10 percent you don't make (any) money."

GM's shares sank more than 5 percent after the announcement as analysts questioned whether the cash infusion would be a lasting impact on GM's outlook and major credit ratings agencies indicated the deal may not lead to an investment-grade rating for the finance arm.

GM shares lost \$1.13, or 5.3 percent, to close at \$20.14 on the New York Stock Exchange. The automaker has announced plans to cut 30,000 U.S. hourly jobs and close 12 plants by 2008. As part of that plan, it recently offered buyouts to 113,000 hourly workers. It also has agreed to bankroll early-retirement buyouts at Delphi Corp., its former parts division and major supplier. Up to 17,000 of those workers at Delphi could be eligible for a \$35,000 payment to retire, GM, Delphi and its unions also are negotiating a settlement on

wage cuts that could amount to \$1.2 billion.

"The company announced it intends to sell the stake in GMAC last fall, and analysts had predicted a 51 percent share would command between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion, but we're now receiving about \$1.4 billion over the next three years from the GMAC deal. The stake is being purchased by a consortium of investors led by Cerberus Capital Management LP, a private investment firm. The group also includes Citigroup Inc. and Aozora Bank Ltd. The sale is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Morgan Stanley analyst Jonathan Steinmetz said GM appears to be looking for cash to fund buyouts, offer cash to the United Auto Workers in exchange for benefit cuts or whether a liquidation. But he said the company needs to provide more details on exactly how it plans to spend the money and why it's worth the earnings

power GM gets from GMAC. GMAC paid GM a \$2.5 billion dividend last year.

"GM has shrunk or divested 'good' assets in the past to redevelop into its auto business or fund legacy liabilities, only to renege on the few years later," Steinmetz said in a note to investors. He said investors should keep a close eye on whether GM can improve its U.S. market share, which is now below 25 percent — and control its legacy costs.

Wagoner pointed to recent achievements in cutting costs. He included a deal with the UAW that requires retirees to shoulder more of their health care costs. That deal was approved in January.

"The focus of GMW is expected to save GM \$1 billion annually after taxes. GM also recently sold a 17 percent share in Suzuki Motor Corp. for \$2 billion and is exploring the sale of its 7.9 percent stake in Suzuki Motors Ltd. ("GMAC) proceeds add to the already sizable cash balances at

GM, which provides some comfort given the high cash burn rates we see at GM in coming years," said Robert Barry, an auto analyst with Goldman Sachs.

GM will receive \$7.4 billion from the consortium of lenders and an estimated \$2.7 billion cash distribution from GMAC related to the conversion of most of GMAC and its U.S. subsidiaries into limited liability companies.

In addition, GM could get another \$4 billion over the next three years from about \$20 billion of GMAC automotive lease and retail assets and associated funding that it plans to retain.

In addition to raising cash, GM also was seeking to restore GMAC's debt ratings with the sale. GMAC's ratings were pulled into junk territory last year and are being weighed down by mounting losses. A rating below investment grade makes it harder and more expensive to borrow money.

WTO: U.S. didn't break the law in lumber dispute

The Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Trade Organization ruled that the United States complied with international law in its calculation of tariffs against Canadian Lumber imports, according to a report made public Monday.

Canada argued the United States artificially inflated antidumping rates by using a different calculation method to avoid complying with an earlier WTO ruling.

WTO panel, which originally released its findings to the parties in February, said that the U.S. average of 16 percent rules in its calculation of the duties. "We therefore consider that the United States has implemented the recommendations and ruling in the ruling concluded," The United States did not act inconsistently with its obligations under the asserted WTO provisions.

Washington imposed antidumping duties totaling more than \$2 billion in May 2002 after accusing Canada of subsidizing its lumber industry.

The U.S. Commerce Department, responding to a complaint under the North American Free-Trade Agreement, had reduced punitive duties late last year from an average of 16 percent to less than 9 percent. Separate antidumping tariffs averaging about 4 percent were not affected.

Hybrid vehicles' energy savings questioned by research company

Newstudy

A respected automotive research company is questioning whether hybrid-powered cars really save energy.

In a report that's sure to be controversial, CNW Marketing Research of Boston concludes after two years of study that, even though hybrid cars use less fuel, they require more energy — and are therefore worth for the environment — than conventional cars because their design and manufacture are more complex and the costs of disposal for recycling are higher for their batteries, electric motors and other

specialized components.

Among CNW's most startling claims is that several large sport utility vehicles, including the Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban, as well as a number of large vans, pickup trucks and exotic sports cars cost less per mile in fuel than their counterparts, through disposal than the Toyota Prius, Honda Accord and Civic hybrids and the Ford Escape Hybrid.

"If a consumer is concerned about fuel economy because of family budgets or depleting oil supplies, it is perfectly logical to consider buying high-fuel-economy vehicles," said Art Spinella, president of CNW, "but

if the concern is the broader issues such as environmental impact of energy usage, some might be better off with conventional cars than conventional or even larger models over their lifetime."

Hybrid makers and advocates disagree. "On face value, without seeing all the data, it doesn't make sense," said Bradley Berman, editor of HybridCars.com, a Montreal, N.J.-based website. "The fact is, the company needs to provide more details on exactly how it plans to spend the money and why it's worth the earnings

of red flags come up."

Toyota, whose Prius is the top-selling hybrid, said in a statement, "The focus of CNW on energy costs is only a small and incomplete part of the picture." Toyota said an analysis by the University of Colorado, Boulder, "found that the energy costs and environmental effects concluded the Prius was environmentally preferable to a conventional auto."

Honda spokesman Chris Naughton said the added costs of design and manufacturing of hybrids is coming down as the design evolves. Through evolution, its key components continue to get smaller and

more efficient," he said.

The CNW report isn't the first to knock gasoline/electric cars. It comes after several federal published estimates, combined with purchase prices thousands of dollars above those of comparable conventional cars. The report says it will question the cars' value in saving buyers money. It concluded that only two hybrids, the Prius and Civic, recover their price premium and save owners money within the first five years or 75,000 miles of ownership and, even then, the savings are only \$400 for the Prius and \$300 for the Civic.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

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Economy shows strength: Manufacturing expanded in March but at a slower rate, while February construction spending rose to a record level.

Fossil Fuels: New York (AP) - Crude oil prices fell Monday, with a record low for West Texas Intermediate.

Eagle: Continued from C1. Jeff Davis, an M3 Companies partner, declined to provide details on the number of homes or commercial buildings in the planned community.

Public Purposes Act: Rosy Thomas, BLM Four Rivers field manager, said that act allows the sale of less than public lands for recreational or public purposes to state and local governments.

Recreation: To buy the land, Eagle officials would use the Recreation Act of 1962.

Toys: Traditional toy retailers are eager for technological advances. Mattel and Hasbro are pushing their new toys.

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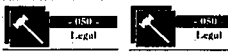
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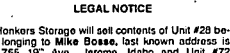
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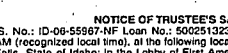
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LEGAL NOTICE

Honkers Storage will sell contents of Unit #28 belonging to Mike Bossa, last known address is 755 19th Ave., Jerome, Idaho and Unit #72 belonging to Brian Tracy, last known address is 415 1st W., E. Jerome, Idaho for payments due.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. ID-06-55897-NP Loan No. 5002515239 7/10/2006 at 11:30 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the Lobby of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, 153 Trustee, on behalf of Commercial Mortgage Company, Inc. 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 real property, situated in Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 20; E1/2 E1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4. Except road right of way. The Trustee has no knowledge of no particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 610-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 604 Center Street West, Kimberly, ID 83341 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and subject to the power of sale conferred by the Deed of Trust executed by Brett Hall, a married man, as his sole and separate property as Grantor/Trustor, in which Argon Mortgage Company, LLC, is named as Beneficiary and Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation as Trustee, and recorded 1/15/2004, as Instrument No. 2004-040653 in book ____, page 6A/E of Official Records in the office of the Recorder, of Twin Falls County, Idaho, Please Note: The above Grantor is named to comply with successor 45-15001 Idaho Code. No 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 Note dated 10/25/2004. The monthly installments of principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,141.26, due per month for the months of 9/1/2005 through 2/16/2006, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$11,343.75 together with interest thereon at an annual rate of 8.6500% per cent per annum, from 8/1/2005. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: 3/2/2006 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee By: Quality Loan Service Corp., as agent for successor Trustee 318 Elm Street 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-3006 By: Nicole Fuentes, Trustee Sale Officer For Sale Information Call: 714-257-7850 or Login to: www.hsnas.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this notice is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This is an online sale and no other information or notice will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to credit bureaus if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP # 760468

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Kathy Hodulik, right, shows Petal Pals members Diane Morris, left, Betty Jeppesen and Jeanne Quigley where to properly prune a branch at the Castleford gardening club's March meeting.

BONDING over bulbs

West End garden club gathers new members

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — Instructions for growing a garden club:

Plant a seed of community.

Warm it with kindness. Fertilize with a kindred spirit. Growing time varies from 50 years to a few weeks but always yields a bountiful harvest of education, kindness and friendship.

Like the Petal Pals did.

The Castleford gardening club has flourished for about 50 years — sharing tips and advice for local gardeners and providing fertile ground for friendship. Women in the club range in age from early 20s to mid-80s, with experience from beginner to professional, but they share a love of growing everything from petunias to plum trees.

Johnnie Zimmers moved with her young family to Castleford last July. Her nearest neighbor, Jeanne Quigley, invited her to join Petal Pals. Since then, she's received advice from expert green thumbs and added a few grandmas to the family.

"They're just very caring, down-to-earth people," Zimmers said. "I bet we come from different political and religious backgrounds, but we never talk about that kind of stuff. They watch out for our kids. It's just a nice group of people."

Zimmers said she has a large yard, but when she moved in last summer there were no blooms. At Petal Pals meetings through the summer and fall, she asked a lot of questions. The women told her how to prepare flower beds, which varieties of flowers are the most hardy and how to fertilize to inspire growth.

This spring, tiny green leaves are breaking through the soil.

"I don't know how long they'll last," she admitted. Zimmers said she's now planning for the second garden she's ever planted.

"The first garden I did, I weeded everything — including what was growing in rows," she said. But this time, she has help. After a Petal Pals meeting in March, two members stopped by to make sure Zimmers and her yard were doing well.

The women helping her are veteran gardeners, folks who joined the gardening club 30 to 50 years ago. Until recently, all of the Petal Pals members were seniors, or close to it. But three years ago, younger women started joining. And in the past six months a handful of new, young members have paid the annual dues of \$2.



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Johnnie Zimmers, right, poses for a portrait with her 2-year-old twin daughters, Josie, left, and Jamie, along with family friend Jeanne Quigley at her rural home near Castleford. The neighbors are members of Petal Pals, a gardening club that volunteers in the community and discusses gardening techniques at monthly meetings.

The group meets monthly for a short how-to program on raising flowers and gardens. They do several community service projects each year: maintaining the flower bed at Castleford School and creating ever-green swags for city offices and a few local residents. Their biggest project is the Twin Falls County Fair — an event they've never missed. In fact, they have so many entries, they make enough in premiums to support the group and all of its service projects — \$200 to \$300.

At their March meeting, the Petal Pals decided which flower varieties they'll grow for this year's fair. The winner was sunflowers — 12 varieties.

They are expert floral arrangers and decorate their three fair booths with a flair rivaling any paid professional. Those skills have been handed down between club members for generations.

The Flower Companions was a flower club in Castleford, founded a few years prior to Petal Pals. That group specialized in floral arranging and provided flowers for local weddings and church events for years, according to Petal Pals charter member Ila LaGrone Bybee. By the mid-1950s, Flower Companions decided they needed a garden club for the younger women in town. Petal Pals sprouted and grew into an active part of the community.

"They've gone through births, childhood, graduation, marriage, grandkids and death with each other and share that same compassion with the rural community around them."

"Castleford is a tightly knit family," said Ruth Harder, who joined the club three years ago. "I've lived in other places around the valley, but it's by far the most concerned type of community."

Carol Wells, who joined the group in 1975, says she enjoys Petal Pals not so much for the gardening, but for the camaraderie. She has enjoyed getting to know the younger, newer members.

"It's quite refreshing. We were getting down to a few basic people that had done it forever. The young people help the rest of us keep things in perspective. It's easy when you've done something the same way for 20 years to think that is the only way, but there are other

Proper pruning

At their March meeting, Petal Pals members heard from Kathy Hodulik of Yesterday's Farms in Buhl, who presented a short program on pruning.

Here are the three top rules for pruning, according to Hodulik:

- **Make the pruning cut at the joint where the smaller branch grows from the larger branch.**
- **If you don't make the pruning cut at the collar of the branch, then disease can get into the tree from the stub that's left,"** Hodulik said. "I see that all over."
- **The time of year is key.**
- **Depending on what you're pruning, it's best to trim when they're dormant, but there are exceptions to every rule,"** she said. Check with local gardening centers for tips.
- **Experience joy in pruning.**
- **"There are so many things you can do by pruning. I enjoy watching a new shrub regrow itself. It's a lot healthier,"** Hodulik said.
- **After presenting her program, Hodulik joined Petal Pals to meet new people.**
- **"There was a nice mix of old and young members,"** she said. "I didn't even know they existed."

ways to do things."

Zimmers plans on keeping Petal Pals a part of her life.

"It's a great tradition. I want my kids to grow up thinking you have to give back to their community," she said.

"That's just what charter members like Bybee want to hear. "We hope they enjoy our company. . . We hope they continue with the traditions we have had and just being interested in beautifying the area in which we live."

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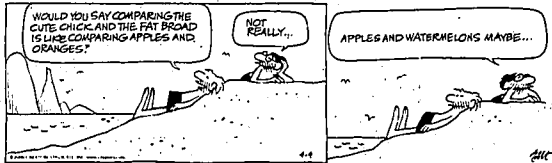
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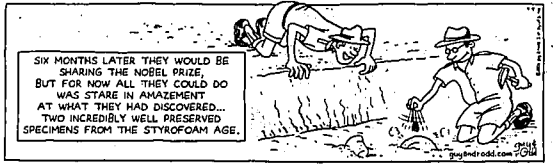
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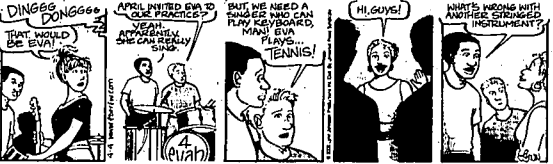
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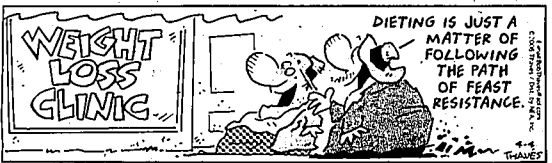
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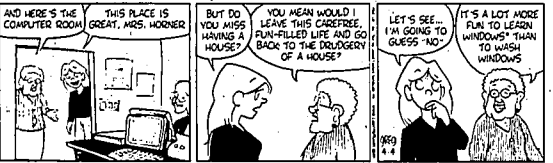
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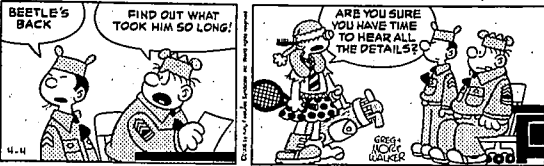
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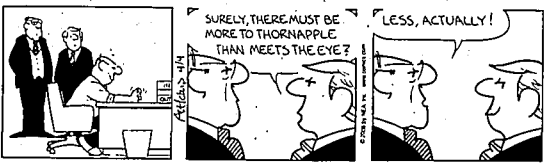
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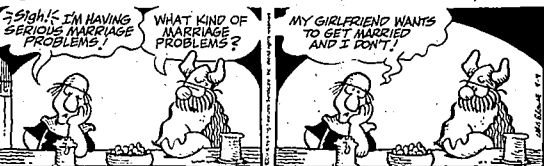
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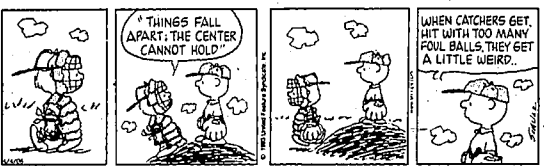
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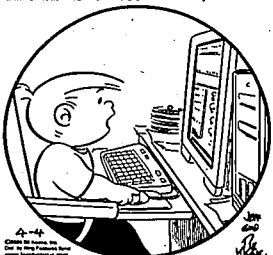
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By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Children know more than we think about the birds and bees

DEAR ABBY: I got a big kick out of all the adults who responded to your "truth at the zoo" column. As they say, "out of the mouths of babes" come the most truthful responses.

When my daughter was quite young, I also took her to the zoo. My daughter was very intelligent, but on that occasion she surprised even me. It was mating season and we were viewing the peacocks. A young mother and her little boy were standing near us when the boy asked his mom why the peacocks were saying "Now Now." (That's what it sounded like!) The mother blushed and gave her son some lame reason. My daughter claimed in "The birds with the pretty feathers are the boys, and they want to make babies. They want to do it now."

MOM IN TAMPA
DEAR MOM: What mom? I'm still getting mail about the column. It seems that not only do kids "say the darndest things" — so do their parents. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: At a county fair last year, my husband and I were at the rabbit exhibit, and I overheard a mother explaining to her child that what the bunnies were doing (read amorous pastime) was called "getting married." While technically incorrect, I thought the mother had a firm grip on family values. (I also hoped she'd explain things more clearly at the proper time and place.) I think it was



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

a wonderful way to start the teaching and learning process of the birds and the bees. That mother seemed to be on track, and I was proud to have witnessed it. I still smile when I remember the encounter.

—MOTHER
IN BUNKER HILL

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more story about the zoo? When my granddaughter Gabi was 2 1/2, my daughter took her to the zoo. She was pointing out the animals, and when they got to the cows, my daughter said, "Gabi, look at the one over there, the one with the horns. That's a boy cow!" Gabi looked up at her mother and said, "Mama, that's a bull! Never underestimate children. They may surprise you."

—PROUD GRANDMA,
MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I served as a zoo docent for 15 years, giving tours and taking zoo animals into classrooms for lectures. When asked a tough question, we were taught to say, "I don't know, but I will find out and get back to you with the answer."

We would always take a name, phone number and address, and be sure that the question was answered correctly.

One day, we actually heard a docent tell a class that an ostrich will "hide" by putting his/her head in the sand. (Not true!) After that, we had a standing joke: A male ostrich was chasing a female ostrich, but she was hiding from him by staying just out of his reach. She abruptly turned a corner and stuck her head in the sand. The male turned the same corner, but he stopped dead in his tracks, uttering the immortal words, "Where did she go?"

—JOAN
IN RIVERTON, UTAH

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were both "city kids." When our boys were 4 and 5, we took them to the county fair in the cow barn, the oldest asked his dad what the difference was between a cow and a bull. He answered, "The bulls have horns (much to the merriment of the farmer sitting on the fence)."

A few years later, we moved to a farming community and lived a block away from a cattle farmer. Again we attended the county fair. Walking along, my son pulled his dad aside and whispered in his ear: "Dad, I found out the difference between a cow and a bull. It's not horns. It's lower!"

—VIRGINIA
IN VILLA RICA, GA.

Request for soap slips in at Yale

After decades of turning down student requests for soap because of the cost, Yale finally began providing soap in its dorm bathrooms early this year. The school's endowment is \$15 billion.

Yale had likewise refused to provide two-ply toilet paper in its dorm bathrooms until the mid-1990s.

This day in history: On April 4, 1841, William Henry Harrison died of pneumonia after a 44-day presidency.

"Tippecanoe" never fully recovered after taking ill at his inaugural. Despite a blizzard, he had refused to wear an overcoat. He delivered his two-hour speech.

China uses 45 billion pairs of disposable chopsticks each year. Recently, its government



added a surcharge to encourage the reusable chopsticks instead. If offered "plonk" in London, realize it's a word they use for cheap wine.

As rules, most pens have a ferrule. What's a ferrule, you ask? It's that metal band that holds the eraser to your pencil.

A study in 1993 determined that there are at least 110,000 pieces of space junk orbiting the Earth measuring half an inch or bigger. Collectively they weigh more than four million pounds.

and travel at speeds up to 17,000 mph.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, cigarette-generated fires cause more than 1,000 deaths and 3,000 injuries each year, and more than \$400 million in property damage.

Tired of the old nine-to-five? Try out being an anchress or anchorite. No, you wouldn't have to work near ships. An anchress or anchorite is a hermit — female and male, if that order.

But you can't tell us what "laser" stands for. Here goes: "Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation."

Likewise, "sonar" is an abbreviation for "Sound Navigation And Ranging."

Go fish: Couple gets married at boat dock

BREITHERN, Mich. — A couple brought together by a passion for fishing was married at — where else? — a river's boat ramp.

William Nickel read a short notice Friday before asking Vickie Wright to join him in the Manistee River during their wedding ceremony. They were dressed in fly fishing gear, with the couple wearing matching vests. Family members observed the ceremony from a dock rather than church pews.

Nickel had proposed to Wright a little over a year ago and asked her to meet him at the river for their wedding. He recalled introducing Wright to the sport of fishing one day, saying she has enjoyed it ever since.

"I taught her how to fly fish," Nickel said. "She has been catching a lot more fish lately." While Nickel waited for the pastor to arrive for the ceremony, he threw in a line and caught 10 small fish. He threw them back after kissing one of them for good luck at the request of his bride-to-be.

Odds and ends

Lawsuit contends coach verbally abused players

ARCADIA, Calif. — When Michael Oddenno's teenage daughter complained that her softball coach was insulting her teammates, he took the dispute off the diamond and into a court.

Oddenno, an attorney, filed a lawsuit in Superior Court claiming coach Don Riggio inflicted emotional distress on a player when he called her a "2-year-old" and frequently called other players idiots.

The suit sought \$3 million for intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, negligence, a civil rights violation, and sex discrimination.

But Superior Court Judge Jan Plum dismissed the case, writing in her March 14 decision that there is nothing wrong with "a coach pushing an athlete to excel, and in so doing, using words that in another context would be considered rude, demeaning, and even intimidating."

The suit had alleged that Riggio "took advantage of his position of authority to engage in an abusive pattern of excessive intimidation and humiliation of the female players, frequently calling them 'idiots,' and belittling them for minor errors."

Said Riggio: "I'm just glad it's over. Now we can move forward and do what we're there for, and that's to coach."

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COUNTRY ROADS

When I grow up I want to work with animals

By Amy Orndorf
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Lindsay Callahan always knew she wanted to be a veterinarian when she grew up. At 26, she's not a vet yet, but she has a job that lets her care for the animals she loves and get lots of hands-on training that will help her in vet school.

Callahan cares for the animals that live on the farm at the University of Maryland in College Park. She is responsible for 61 animals, including 15 ewes, eight horses, four beef steers, three adult rams and two cows that are used to teach students at the university. Each animal has a personality, Callahan says. There's Pete, the T-shirt-chewing beef steer who Callahan says is the "ruffian" of the group, and Dutch, the gentleman horse.

"When you are around them every day, you really get to know them. It's our great big farm family," Callahan says.

But being a farm manager doesn't mean she can just play with animals all day. Callahan has to keep careful records on every animal, tracking what they eat and when they aren't feeling well.

Sometimes working with animals can be tough. Part of caring for animals is knowing when one is too hurt or sick to live. "It is beneficial to help this animal or will it prolong its suffering? Then you have to make that call," Callahan says. "I never like to do that, Never."

Being a farm manager also means that Callahan has no set schedule; the animals are her bosses. Earlier this year, when the ewes were pregnant, Callahan slept in her office and got three hours of sleep a night — when she was lucky. Callahan helped deer 24 lambs.

"Babies are the most time-consuming no matter what the species," she says.

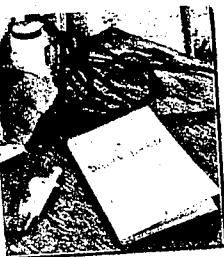
Callahan knows that there's always more to learn about the animals she cares for, and constantly reading books. No matter what I know now, I will know more tomorrow.

About these careers

There are about 140 million Americans who have jobs outside the home. Here are some animal-care jobs and the number of people in the United States who do these jobs:

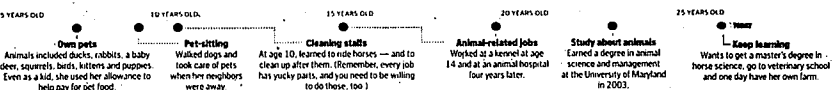
- Farmer, rancher, farm manager:** Nearly 1.3 million; some farmers only grow crops, others also work with animals.
- Animal-care workers (includes animal groomers, zookeepers and trainers):** About 172,000.
- Veterinarians:** About 61,000.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Lindsay Callahan says she always knew she wanted a career caring for animals. Here are some things she did to pursue that dream.

CAREER TIMELINE



Why those rabbits wiggle their noses

By Marty Becker
Knight Ridder News Service

My wife, Teresa, and I were at our local Boundary County Idaho Fair and went into the 4-H rabbit barn. In cage after cage we observed one of the most endearing characteristics of rabbits: their wiggling noses.

Why, Teresa asked.

No, the rabbits weren't trying out for "Bewitched," and they didn't all suffer from allergies. So I set out to find out what was behind this eye-catching idiosyncrasy.

Glen Carr, executive director of the American Rabbit Breeders Association (www.arba.net), told me five reasons rabbits' noses twitch:

Got to smell — When rabbits joggle their noses, glands on the mucous membranes are activated and create moisture. Like other animals (dogs, for example), rabbits' sense of smell is enhanced by wet surfaces.

Room to breathe — Wiggle expands the nasal orifices, or nares, so that the rabbit can inhale more air. The rabbit twitches its nose by using various muscle groups linked to the nose.

Be cool — Like dogs with wet noses, domestic rabbits can perspire except for a small amount out of their foot pads. Rabbits cool themselves by expiring hot air from the respiratory tract out the nose and from the convection of heat from the ears (those long ears aren't just for cavewalking). So if you're a rabbit, and hot, to cool down you must breathe faster. The normal respiratory rate of a rabbit is about 120 breaths per minute, but when the temperature soars so does the respiratory rate — to 300-350 breaths per minute.

Tickle me, please — When a rabbit's whiskers are touched, various muscles surrounding the nose contract.

Wiggle worry — If a rabbit continually wiggles its nose, it might be nervous or stressed. When rabbits are secluded and calm, the nostrils stay still. But when the rabbit gets nervous (perhaps around a veterinarian detection), its pulse, respiration and nose-wiggling rate all increase in response.

Thinking inside the compost bin: some design strategies

By Adrian Higgins
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The act of compost making remains one of the small delights of life that can be achieved without reaching for a credit card. So far, it has not been homogenized, franchised or, for the most part, regulated.

You might argue, too, that it is not a small pleasure, but a rather great one.

Through the ages, gardeners have marveled at the process of gathering fallen leaves, grass, manure and maybe some livestock manure and watching the mixture heat up miraculously, to 130 degrees or more, and break down into a crumbly dirt that will invigorate whatever it touches. It converts heavy clay soil into free-draining but moisture-retentive loam; it brings nourishment as well as air and moisture to plant roots. More recently, gardeners have come to see its beneficial microbes as helping plants fend off pests and diseases.

Just as there are many approaches to compost making, there are many types of compost containers. If there is one about composting, it is that some sort of enclosure or bin is better than a loose pile: The bin will hold more material more neatly, giving the pile the mass it needs to heat up and to declare to the world that this is something purposeful and not a dumping ground.

Even so, the sight of a compost bin can unnervingly neighbors, who fear it may smell and attract vermin. Compost piles can do both, but well designed bin will keep out animals and, managed correctly, have no odor save a faint earthy aroma.

Compost bins fall into two basic areas: ready-made bins, usually of plastic and limited in size; and homemade versions that range from enclosures of humble screen fencing or poultry wire to formidable side-by-side,

wood-framed bins that connote a gardener suffering from compost mania. The homemade versions look more natural to some, though others see them as scrappier than commercial versions and potentially more offensive to neighbors.

Cindy Brown, assistant manager of Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria, uses a familiar black plastic bin in her townhouse's backyard, which is more comforting to neighbors, she argues, especially those who mistake it for a garbage can. Plastic bins typically have enclosed tops and a small gate at the bottom, both useful for retaining moisture and keeping vermin away.

Many plastic versions are on the market, or can be fashioned from a small, round garbage can, or even the large, square versions now used by most municipalities. Brown offers this critical advice: Drill lots of holes in the bottom, or cut the bottom off entirely. A compost bin must drain to avoid a bacteriological meltdown. For the same reason, don't locate a bin in a part of the garden that remains waterlogged. You should also drill some side holes for air circulation.

But compost bins do need moisture to work — the process comes to a halt when a pile dries out, which makes open-screened bins still viable, said Brown, as long as the gardener is willing to water them. A stalled, dried-out pile should be jump-started with water and with fresh material turned in.

Brown is not a fan of all plastic bins, though. She shows off a \$25 bin consisting of two perforated sheets of black plastic bolted together for a container approximately 3 feet high and 2 feet in diameter. "It is so thin-walled and has so many holes in it that in the summer it dries out incredibly and doesn't break down," she said.

"Those of us who generate a lot of material — with large lots,

expansive lawns or vegetable gardens — typically need a commodious homemade bin to accept the larger quantities of grass clippings, fallen leaves, and spent tomato and melon vines.

In the demonstration vegetable garden at Green Spring, volunteers kept feeding a large bin handmade from robust, 2-by-12 planks stacked on edge and pegged with wooden posts. It measures approximately 12 feet long, 6 feet wide and 2 feet high; it is divided into two bins, one about twice as large as the other.

The problem with such beautiful monsters? "You have to build this," Brown said. Compost piles divide in other ways. A pile that just sits will break down over time, but it may take as long as two years. It will not achieve the high temperatures needed to kill weed seeds. An active pile creates virtually weed-free material in a matter of weeks or months, but needs a lot more precision and work.

Gardeners who love the alchemy of the hot pile must mix materials high in carbon, such as leaves and straw, with a lesser amount of nitrogen, found in fresh clippings, kitchen scraps and livestock manure. The materials must be kept moist and turned occasionally.

When it cools, it is finished, though all compost should be screened through quarter- or half-inch hardware cloth for final use.

Another form of bin is a com-

mercially made tumbler that requires the dedicated gardener to crank the device daily.

Donna Stecker says the 9 1/2-cushid model in her garden in West Springfield, Va., makes "rough compost, I would say in two to three weeks." The downside: The tumblers are expensive and need to be turned daily. Stecker says the handle five times to cause the drum to revolve once. She got it about seven years ago, and it now is not used with as much zeal.

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