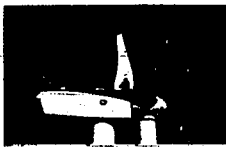


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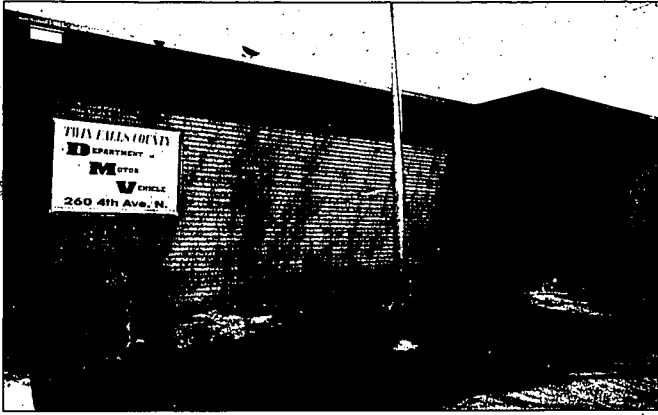
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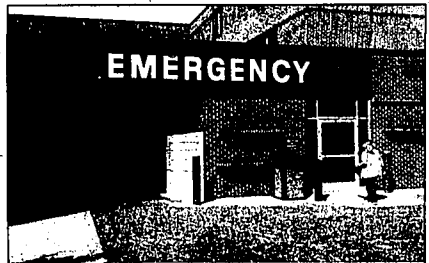
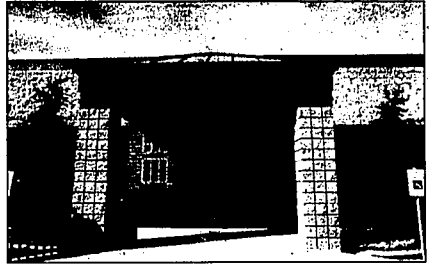
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Staying silent, staying here

By Cassidy Fritman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Increases in the size of border patrol. "Get tough" rhetoric. And now the debate over whether to grant amnesty to illegal immigrant workers.

So far, no actions have significantly reduced the flow of illegal immigrants into the country. Although only a few percent of Idahoans are illegal aliens, this rapidly ballooning cross section lives in overlapping spheres of legality and illegality, acceptance and rejection.

Idaho's immigrant population hosts one of the highest shares of illegal aliens, mostly Mexican, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a non-partisan research organization.

Children born to illegals in the U.S. grow up as naturalized citizens and expand the legal immi-

grant community. Illegal aliens enjoy many of the same rights to basic services that legal Americans do — just not always to their knowledge.

Some are obtained by becoming false identifications, some carry the risk of becoming discovered.

After Sept. 11, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was charged with tracking illegals in the country's interior. But strapped for resources, the agency relies mainly on tips from the public and leads from law enforcement.

"Anybody who is in this country illegally runs a risk," said Carl Rusnok, the director of communications for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the central region. But, he said, "When you have limited resources you have to prioritize running down criminal illegal aliens."

There are some bastions of American institutions that illegal aliens can go to without risking being reported.

Which local public agencies inquire about an immigrant's status?

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Rolling Stones rock Shanghai

Band performs in China for first time

The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Strutting, preening and greeting the audience in Chinese, the Rolling Stones made their debut in mainland China on Saturday in a censored — but still raucous — show.

The "world's greatest rock 'n' roll band" opened their show with "Start Me Up," a song with suggestive lyrics that apparently made it past the censors who banned five other hits. They then pounded through almost two hours of classic rock.

"Dajia hao ma?" — or "How's everybody doing?" — Mick Jagger



Mick Jagger, lead singer of The Rolling Stones, performs in the 8,000-seat Shanghai Grand Stage in Shanghai, China on Saturday.

yelled to the packed house at Shanghai's 8,000-seat indoor stadium, where the audience was overwhelmingly foreign.

Some paid more than \$600 each for tickets.

"It's nice to be here for the first time. The concert had all the trademark Stones touches, from ringing

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Red Cross will see overhaul

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Assailed for many mistakes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the American Red Cross is plunging into a daunting, two-track effort to overhaul its entire disaster response system and the often cumbersome way it governs itself.

There is pressure to move quickly and convincingly.

The new hurricane season starts June 1, and the Red Cross is hurrying to get its new response plans in place before any big storms arrive. It also hopes to complete an independent audit this summer and offer governance reform proposals to Congress before skeptical politicians start pushing their own reform plans.

"Is the process painful? Absolutely." Red Cross board of governors chairman Bonnie McElwain-Hunter said. "These are defining moments, defining hours for us. ... But ultimately we will

have a greater American Red Cross."

Underlying both reform initiatives is a degree of self-criticism and outreach that's striking for an organization long viewed as resistant to change and outside advice. The Red Cross itself said last month that its representatives "need to be aware of their reputation for arrogance, bureaucracy and insensitivity."

The 125-year-old charity, chartered by Congress, was far the biggest player in responding to Katrina, raising \$2 billion, mobilizing 235,000 volunteers and helping hundreds of thousands of displaced people.

Yet it was sharply criticized for responding too slowly in some low-income minority areas, for overreliance on inexperienced staff, and for reluctance to work closely with other nonprofits. Critics included experts from overseas Red Cross groups, members of Congress and nonprofit executives.

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with periods of rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Tonight: Cloudy with scattered rain showers likely. Lows in the upper 30s. Tomorrow: Off and on rain showers. Highs in the middle 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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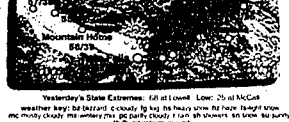
IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Today will bring cloudy skies and unsettled weather to the area. Locations in the valleys can expect rain and snow showers while higher elevations will see scattered snow showers.

Today High: 38 to 43. Tonight's Lows: 21 to 28. Boise: The area will have good chances for rain showers today and tomorrow. The middle of the week may see more periods of sunshine, but a trail of rain showers will continue.

NORTHERN IDAHO: The link most holding the clouds but clouds will increase as the day opens up. Showers are expected to move in for later tonight and Monday.

Weather by Day: Wednesday's State Estimate: 60 to 65 on low; 25 to 40 on high. weather by day: Tuesday cloudy to light rain; Wednesday rain; Thursday rain; Friday rain; Saturday rain; Sunday rain; Monday rain.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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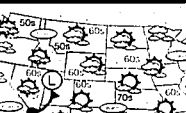
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Table listing forecasts for various national cities like Denver, Dallas, and New York.

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Table listing forecasts for various international cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Yesterday's Weather

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Sunrise and Sunset

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Car bomb kills six near shrine

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb killed six people Saturday in a Shiite shrine south of Baghdad, and the death toll from the deadliest attack of the year rose to nearly 90. A senior official warned Iraq was in an "undeclared civil war" that can be curbed only by a strong government and greater powers for security services.

With sectarian tensions rising, U.S. Marines on Saturday beat back the largest attack in weeks by Sunni Arab insurgents in the western city of Ramadi — another sign of the crisis facing this country three years after Baghdad fell to U.S. forces.

The car bomb exploded at a small shrine in the Euphrates River town of Musayyib, 40 miles south of Baghdad. Police said most of the six dead and 14 wounded were Shiite pilgrims visiting the shrine.

At least five more attacks are running high in Shiite areas following the Thursday car bombing that killed 10 in the sacred holy city of Najaf and the suicide attack the following day against a Shiite mosque in Baghdad — the deadliest attack in Iraq this year.

The attacks on houses of worship have stoked tensions between Shiite and Sunni Muslims, especially after the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Najaf and the following day's reprisal attacks against Sunni mosques and clerics.

Despite the violence, U.S. officials have discounted talk of civil war. However, a U.S. Iraq official said Saturday that an "undeclared civil war" had already been raging for more than a year.

"Is there a civil war? Yes, there is an undeclared civil war that has been there for a year or more," Maj. Gen. Hussein Kamal told The Associated

Press. "All these bodies that are discovered in Baghdad, the slaying of pilgrims, the deaths of holy sites, the explosions, the destruction, the attacks against the mosques are all part of this."

Kamal said the country would still be spared from "all-out sectarian war" if a strong government is formed. If the security forces are given wide powers and if they are able to defeat the terrorists.

"Then we might be able to overcome this crisis," he said.

The death toll from the Friday bombing of the Buratha mosque in north Baghdad rose to 85 because some of the wounded died. Dr. Riyadh Alwan, chief of the Health Ministry said. Officials said the toll could rise because of severe injuries among the 156 people wounded in the attack last Sunday. Some are lying in one dressed as a woman.

Also Saturday, Sunni insurgents launched their strongest attack in six weeks against the Anbar provincial government headquarters in Ramadi, 75 miles west of Baghdad. There were no U.S. casualties, Marines said.

A U.S. Air Force F-18 fighter bombed insurgent positions, unleashing thunderous explosions that shook the city. U.S. Marines guarding the government headquarters fought back with anti-tank rockets, machine guns and small arms fire.

Sporadic shooting occurred around the government building after sunset, and an Iraqi soldier was killed Saturday in a separate fight in Ramadi, U.S. officials said. Three Iraqi soldiers were wounded in a clash with insurgents in Fallujah, about 30 miles east of Ramadi, police said.

The U.S. military reported

IRAQ WEEK IN REVIEW

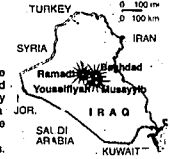
Shiites targeted again in bombing

A car bomb exploded at a Shiite shrine in Musayyib, killing six and wounding 14. This comes a day after nearly 90 people died in a brazen attack on a Shiite mosque in Baghdad. Fears of more attacks are high in Shiite areas.

Sun. — The U.S. military reported the bodies of two U.S. helicopter pilots killed Saturday were recovered in Yousayyib.

Mon. — A suicide truck bomb exploded near a Baghdad Shiite mosque after worshippers were leaving evening prayers, killing at least 10 and wounding 30.

Tues. — Authorities filed genocide charges against Saddam



Hussein, accusing him and six others of killing an estimated 100,000 Kurds.

Wed. — A video released by an al-Qaida-affiliated group purportedly shows insurgents dragging a burning body of a U.S. helicopter pilot.

Thurs. — Embattled Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari vowed to pursue his bid for a second term despite pressure from home

and abroad to step down.

Fri. — Three suicide bombers hit a Shiite mosque in Baghdad, killing 18 in what was the deadliest attack so far this year and stoking tensions between sectarian groups.

Sat. — U.S. forces beat back Sunni insurgents in a large assault on a main Baghdad government building.

Saturday that a U.S. Marine died from wounds suffered in hostile action the day before in Anbar province but gave no further details.

The New York Times reported that an internal staff report by the U.S. Embassy and the military command rated overall stability of six of Iraq's 18 provinces "serious" and one "critical." The report was dated Jan. 31. The Times said the newspaper said provinces where overall stability was rated "serious" included Baghdad and oil-rich Basra, where Shiite militia still exerts considerable influence. Anbar province, which includes Ramadi and Fallujah, was rated "critical," the newspaper said.

"This report should be seen in the broader context of development in Iraq as it relates to the economy, governance and security," Dan Speckhard, the U.S. reconstruction chief for Iraq, said in a statement.

He said significant progress was being made in economic development and local governance after "decades of mismanagement" by Saddam Hussein's regime.

Efforts to form a strong, broad-based government including Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds have stalled over Sunni and Kurdish opposition to Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the Shiite candidate to lead the next administration. Opponents accuse al-Jaafari of failing to stem sectarian violence.

Congress looks into potential bias in compensation program

WASHINGTON (AP) — For years, radiation experts at the nation's nuclear weapons sites failed to adequately protect workers from on-the-job hazards. Now, some of those experts are helping run a compensation program for the workers.

The situation has attracted the attention of Congress, with one lawmaker pressing for an investigation into whether the workers are being treated fairly.

Rep. John Hostetler wrote to Congress to ask whether the contractor running the compensation program has policies that are "sufficient to ensure that conflicts or biases do not taint the credibility and quality of the science produced to date."

Hostetler, R-Ind., is chairman of a House subcommittee that deals with people's claims against the government.

Critics contend that the contractor, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, has put into key jobs people who have managed radiation monitoring programs at the weapons sites.

In some cases, those people were witnesses for the government when it fought compensation claims.

Nearly 73,000 workers or their survivors have filed claims, according to the Labor Department.

Government officials say they are preparing a policy that will spell out how the contractor should handle conflicts of interest.

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Bush blames Dems for death of bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush blamed Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid on Saturday for the potentially fatal blow dealt to compromise immigration legislation.

The landmark bill, which would offer eventual citizenship to millions of illegal immigrants, ran into a snafu in the Senate on Friday.

But Bush — echoing earlier complaints from Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., — sought to lay all the fault on Reid, D-Nev., who refused to permit votes on more than three Republican-backed amendments.

"I call on the Senate minority leader to end his blocking tactics and allow the Senate to do its work and pass a fair, effective immigration reform bill," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

Reid shot back that Bush and Frist "are flat-out wrong about what happened to the immigration bill," saying Democrats proved their commitment to a comprehensive, bipartisan measure by voting twice in favor of it.

"It was President Bush and Republicans in Congress who lacked the backbone to stand up to the extreme right wing of their party, filibustered reform twice in two days, and put partisan politics ahead of border security and immigration reform," Reid said.

Hailed as a bipartisan breakthrough earlier in the week, the immigration measure Democrats have provided for stronger border security, regulated the future entry of foreign workers and created a complex set of regulations for the estimated 11 million immigrants in the country illegally. Officials said an estimated 9 million of them, those who could show they had been in the United States for more than two years, would eventually become eligible for citizenship under the proposal.

Faced with a major setback only months before much of the Republican-controlled Congress is up for re-election, Bush sought to give life to the issue. Speaking mostly to conservatives in his party, he said

border security must be improved and enforcement within the United States enhanced.

But in a nod to business leaders who support temporary worker programs that would ensure an easy supply of low-cost labor, he spoke passionately about the need to cut out the government market for those from other countries.

"Immigration is an emotional issue and a vitally important one," Bush said. "At its core, im-

migration is the sign of a confident and successful nation."

The legislation was gridlocked as lawmakers left the Capitol on Friday for a two-day break. After a week of political maneuvering and partisan recriminations, a key vote produced only 38 senators, all Democrats in support — 22 short of the 60 needed.

"Politics got ahead of policy on this," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., lamented.

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NATION

Hugh Hefner reflects on life at 80

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Playboy creator Hugh M. Hefner is in the middle of an interview about his 80th birthday when a TV cameraman asks him to move a statue of former girlfriend Barbi Benton from the shelf behind him.

The statue's nude breasts were in the shot and might not pass muster with TV decency standards.

"As much as things change, they stay the same," Hefner remarks, disappointment in his voice. "There is still controversy about, maybe even more than before, not just nudity—a nude statue."

That is Hefner's point—that Playboy with its mission of sexual liberation is as relevant as ever in these days of federal government crackdowns on television content; that some consider indecent.

"Attitudes toward nudity and Playboy have changed, in many ways, very little," says the man who gave the world the Playboy centerfold. "In some ways it is even more political than it was in the '50s and '60s."

The invitation to Hefner's 80th birthday party Sunday unfolds to show three photos of



Hefner

him: one as a toddler, one holding his new magazine in 1953, and one showing a smiling young Hefner with wavy black hair and his iconic pipe.

The hair is thinner now and gray, almost white in places. His hearing is gone in one ear and he has the slightest bit of trouble getting up from his library couch after the interview. He quit smoking after a stroke in 1985.

But otherwise, the man dressed in black silk pajamas and a scarlet silk jacket with black lapels shows few other signs that he is becoming an octogenarian.

"Maybe to some extent 80 is the new 40," he says, smiling. "I truly believe that ago—if you're healthy—age is just a number. On many levels I feel younger today than I did 10, 15 years ago."

Hef has a lot to make him feel young. He lives with three young, blonde girlfriends in his ornate mansion in Holmby Hills. Their life is being documented in a hit reality TV show on the E! channel, "The Girls Next Door."

His company is opening a new Playboy club in Las Vegas and a new edition of the magazine has debuted in Indonesia, sparking controversy in that largely Muslim nation.

Although he continues to personally the Playboy philosophy, he is not unaware of the passing years.

"You come to a point in life in which you begin to lose some very dear friends, some of whom are peers in terms of age," he said. "In the last few years, I have lost some very dear contemporaries, including my best buddy in high school, the first girl I went steady with and Mel Torme, one of my closest friends."

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Holy Week: Prayer Labyrinth, available in afternoons or other times by calling 934-4633
Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 pm: Family Fellowship
"Peter and Judas: Thinking about the 'assion'"
Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm: Footwashing and Devotional at Gooding UMC, Gooding Ministerial Association Community
Good Friday Service at 1st Christian Church, 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 16, 6:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service, Church Lawn, Main Street side. Classic Easter Service - 11:15 am



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- April 13th: Maundy Thursday Worship-7:00 p.m.
- April 14th: Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at 1st Presbyterian, Twin Falls-7:00 p.m.
- April 16th: Easter Sunrise Service-7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast-8:00 a.m. Easter Worship-9:30 a.m.

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NATION

Mother of captured soldier insists he'll return

BATAVIA, Ohio (AP) — Nearly 30,000 pictures of Matt Maupin are circulating around Iraq, a lobbying effort by his parents to locate the only U.S. soldier still listed as missing since his capture two years ago.

Carolyn Maupin steadfastly hopes that someday someone will recognize Matt, and he will come home.

She refuses to consider the alternative. "I honestly thought he'd be back by now," she said. "I didn't think it would take this long."

Pictures of Matt are placed inside the boxes of goodies sent to troops in Iraq by the Maupins' Yellow Ribbon Support Center — a storefront operation near the Sam's Club where Matt used to work.

Sgt. Keith Matthew Maupin is known as Matt because Keith is also his father's name. He was a 20-year-old private first class in the Army Reserves when he was captured April 9, 2004, when his fuel convoy, part of the 724th Transportation Co., was ambushed west of Baghdad.

A week later, Arab television network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape showing Maupin sitting on the floor surrounded by

five masked men holding automatic rifles.

That June, Al-Jazeera aired another tape purporting to show a U.S. soldier being shot. But the dark, grainy tape showed only the back of the victim's head and did not show the actual shooting.

The Army ruled it was inconclusive whether the soldier in the second tape was Maupin, and he has been promoted twice since his capture.

After a routine review a year ago, the adjutant general approved an Army board's recommendation to continue Maupin's status as "missing-captured." That has not changed, and there are no plans for another review, said Maj. Nathan Banks, an Army spokesman in Washington.

President Bush has met with Keith and Carolyn Maupin on trips to nearby Cincinnati, and they have been briefed at the Pentagon about efforts to find their son.

The Maupins have helped get computers to soldiers in Iraq to give them access to e-mail and college courses, and they hope to raise \$100,000 at a dinner-

Sunday to fund



Carolyn Maupin, mother of captured Army Sgt. Matt Maupin, listens to a guest at the Yellow Ribbon Support Center April 1 near Batavia, Ohio.

scholarships in the name of area soldiers who have died in Iraq.

"They have a great deal of courage," said Republican Rep. Jean Schmidt, an avid supporter who lives in Loveland near the Maupins' hometown. "They've kept the candle burning for Matt; they're also keeping it burning for every member of the military."

Carolyn Maupin, 56, says she has changed a lot since her son's capture.

"I talk more than I ever thought I would," she said. "I used to be a lot like Matt — quiet."

The Maupins declined all interviews at first, then gradually began attending public ceremonies.

"I didn't carry on very well the first three or four months," Carolyn Maupin said. "Then one day I decided it was time for me to go back to work. And really, I think it's become my safe haven."

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Barbara Tuck digs for items to salvage in a turned-over closet at her brother-in-law's home on Saturday in Gallatin, Tenn., a suburb of Nashville. Tornadoes came through central Tennessee Friday, killing at least 12 people.

At least 12 people die in Tennessee storms

GALLATIN, Tenn. (AP) — Christopher Whitefield hopped down into what was left of a crawl space to show where he, his father and two co-workers took shelter while a tornado shredded the house above them.

"I laid down and I felt the ground tremble," said Whitefield, who had been doing repair work on the house before the storm. "I thought I was dead. I thought we'd all be dead, to tell you the truth."

The 24-year-old, carpenter and others were still shaken as they looked through the rubble for their belongings Saturday, a day after tornado-producing thunderstorms pulverized homes and killed 12 people in Tennessee. It was the second wave of violent weather to hit the state in less than a week.

Whitefield's father, Mike, spent the night at a hospital with severe bruises on his legs and back, and another man with them in the crawl space was in critical condition. "I thank the good Lord," Mike Whitefield said as he walked gingerly around the splintered wreckage. He said he had to return to the site to see just how narrowly he had escaped death. "I was listening to the radio and I heard the warnings," he said. "I always kind of took them for granted. I won't no more."

Tornadoes were spotted in about 10 Tennessee counties on Friday, with the worst damage appearing to be in Gallatin and other suburbs northeast of Nashville. One of the tornadoes that hit the Gallatin area chugged up a path 150 to 200 yards wide and at least 10 miles long, estimated Jimmy Templeton of the Summer County

Sheriff's Department. "I'm amazed we didn't have more fatalities," said Sonny Briggance, rescue chief for the county's emergency management agency. "Although the number is high, we are still very lucky."

Seven people were killed in Sumner County, and three were killed in Warren County, about 65 miles southeast of Nashville. Two more died during the night in a Gallatin hospital, state Emergency Management Agency spokesman Randy Harris said Saturday.

One of those killed was a co-worker of Steve Hurt, who said he and eight other people survived because they took shelter in a fireproof room with concrete walls at Lee Electric Supply Co. in Gallatin.

"You could hear people yelling and screaming outside and the debris hitting the walls," Hurt said.

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College Board, test company sued over SAT error

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A high school senior whose SAT was incorrectly scored low is suing the board that oversees the exam and the testing company that was hired.

The lawsuit, filed late Friday in Minnesota, is the first since last month's announcement that 4,411 students got incorrectly low scores and that more than 600 had better results than they deserved on the October test.

It names the nonprofit College Board and the for-profit Pearson Educational Measurement, which has offices in Minnesota's Hennepin County.

"Any type of a high-stakes test that impacts a life event like college, scholarships and financial aid has to be scored with 100 percent accuracy," St. Paul attorney T. Joseph Snodgrass said Saturday. "There is no room for error in this type of a situation."

Pearson spokesman David Hakensen said Saturday that the company won't comment on pending litigation. College Board spokeswoman Chiara Coletti also declined to comment.

The lawsuit, filed by attorneys for a high school senior in Dix Hills, N.Y., seeks class action status. Lawyers want to allow

anyone except those who got a marked-up score to join the lawsuit.

The suit also seeks unspecified damages, an order requiring adjustment of the inflated scores and a refund of the test fee.

Test-takers whose scores were made too low had their results corrected, but the College Board has declined to fix the inflated scores. That has angered some college officials who say they could unfairly influence admissions and scholarship decisions.

The October test was taken by nearly a half-million students, so the error affected less than 1 percent of the results. The College Board maintains most were off by 100 points or less, but some students saw wider swings.

Snodgrass' firm won a multi-million-dollar settlement from Pearson in 2002 for scoring errors in Minnesota that affected more than 8,000 students, some of whom missed graduation ceremonies after being told they failed a state-required exam.

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NATION

Walter Reed's world of hurt, hope

Workers affected by war casualties

By Susan Levine The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Solomon Montgomery wakes up early on weekdays, 10 hours before dawn, the first thing he does is pray. He prays for the soldiers he will try to help that day, whose bodies were mangled during attacks in Iraq. He prays that their families find comfort and courage. And he asks God for support. "Lord," he says, "give me the strength to do my job."

At 7 a.m., he reports for duty at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The war remains ubiquitous in the operating rooms, some of which are set aside for the returning wounded, and on the wards, where amputees begin coming to terms with their new realities. Montgomery, a physical therapy assistant with the bulk of a former defensive end, works in a ball- and mat-filled space where, hour after hour, he challenges and cheers on his brain-injured soldiers not much older than his own teen-ager.

So many have arrived in the past three years — so many continue to arrive — that they have transformed the hospital's routine. The staff has been redeployed, programs created, a special military company activated just for the injured. "It has become our normal," a nurse explains. But the cumulative effect of nearly 4,900 patients, including 1,600 battle casualties, has done more than change the institution. It has deeply affected the hundreds of doctors, nurses and therapists who work there — who have been inspired by the resiliency and motivation of the individuals in their care, yet shaken and exhausted by the magnitude of loss.

Since the first soldier was admitted March 28, 2003, nine days after the invasion of Iraq, Walter Reed has confronted damage of daunting proportion. The youth of the wounded elicits sadness, even tears. The veteran staff members look at these patients and see their sons and daughters. Their younger counterparts see siblings, friends.

That's always my worst nightmare, that I'm going to take care of someone I know," says Capt. Matthew Freeman, a 31-year-old surgical resident whose West Point class has suffered casualties in the war. Six thousand miles from the actual mortar fire, grenades and roadside bombs, it amounts to a different kind of combat fatigue.

At the start, they expected that the transports of casualties would taper off quickly. But three times a week, the white buses from Andrews Air Force



In the outdoors and in running, 1st Lt. Clarisa Nichols, a 24-year-old nurse, finds respite from the pressures of caring for the casualties of war. 'Every so often, you wonder when it's going to end,' she says.

Base still arrive. As a double line of gurneys and a small company of gown-clad escorts wait, each bus' back door swings open, revealing the litters of patients. Some soldiers are only 48 hours off the battlefield. The most critically injured are unloaded with so much medical equipment they are scarcely visible beneath it.

A pause to lower a litter, convey charts and untangle tubes, and then the new arrival is whisked inside, under the Walter Reed banner proclaiming "We provide warrior care" and on to a triage room.

That pause is all Michael Wagner needs to say, "Welcome home." Over the past 2 1/2 years, the chief of the hospital's Medical Family Assistance Center estimates that he has greeted hundreds of patients, as well as thousands of family members. His first weeks, he struggled to find the right words. "This guy's missing a leg. What do I say to him?" he wondered. Until he understood: "They're not legs, they're not arms. They're human beings."

Her parents back in Washington stare worry, but they don't press her for details. "How's life on the ward?" her mother will say, vaguely enough.

We've got some complicated guys on the floor right now," Clarisa Nichols answers. She does not elaborate.

She is 24, and the hospital is her first duty station out of nursing school. She is assigned to Ward 57, the busy orthopedics unit once populated by older men and women recuperating from knee surgeries or hip replacements. In more than two years, 1st Lt. Nichols has seen virtually no such patients.

What she has seen are soldiers around her age, with massive pin-and-bolt armatures securing fractured bones or thick dressings covering raw stumps. They

may be brought onto the floor that deserted in their hall, and suddenly Iraq seems even closer. Nichols could be sent with scant notice to a combat support hospital there. Overseas duty is a matter of when, not if.

She will be ready. Her responsibilities at Walter Reed have made sure of that. At first, she questioned whether she would be able to handle them — not so much emotionally as technically. Would she have the skills to do the job?

"Sometimes," she says, "I'll go back to our break room and take a couple deep breaths. I'll think, is there anything else I can possibly do?"

Sometimes there is not. No more medicine she can offer, no relief other than a repositioned pillow. A patient Nichols will never forget, a soldier from the foreign forces assisting the United States in the fighting, writhed for hours one night. He spoke no English and would look at her incomprehensibly. "There was no way I could reassure him," she says. "It was just one of those times; I sat down and held his hand. I felt helpless."

She balances that memory with the moments when patients took their beginning steps on a new prosthesis or returned with a smile and big hug after discharge.

The nurses keep a bound book listing all the patients on the unit from December 2003, and on a slower shift, they'll get nostalgic looking through the pages. All told, the hospital has treated 323 amputees from Iraq and Afghanistan.

It also has seen the deaths of 11 service members. "I can't believe how long it's been happening," Nichols reflects one afternoon. She has a younger brother in the Navy and a younger sister in the Army. "It's still hard to see an 18-year-old come in. Every so often, you wonder when it's going to end."

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NATION

Colleges turning away even top students

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's not all in your head. It is harder to get into college this year.

Selective schools nationwide are reporting more rejections than ever. There has been a large number of college-age students, which is expected to continue until the end of the decade. Add in an increased desire among their baby boomer parents to enroll their kids in elite schools — and the inflated number of applications from students trying to hedge their bets — and you have the ingredients for a season of frustrated hopes and unexpected disappointments.

Many of the best-known and most-selective universities announced record low admission rates this year. Yale set an Ivy League record, accepting only 8.6 percent of its 21,059 applicants. Last year, the school accepted 9.7 percent of its 19,448 applicants. Other record lows were reported by Columbia University, 9.5 percent; Stanford University, 11 percent; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 13 percent; Brown University, 13.8 percent; Dartmouth College, 15.1 percent; and the University of Pennsylvania, 17.7 percent.

About 3 million students are expected to graduate from high school this year, and about two-thirds of them are looking for college spaces.

The number of rejections is further inflated by the increased number of applications sent out by each student, reacting to the uncertainty of admission and the ease of online and common applications. This produces a self-perpetuating cycle: It is harder to get in, so

seniors apply to more schools, which makes it even harder to get in, at least for the most sought-after schools.

"I don't use the term 'safety school' anymore," said Shirley Bloomquist, an independent college counselor in Great Falls, Va. "Things are sufficiently unpredictable.... Even the top students are worried that no one is going to accept them. It's a real scary time."

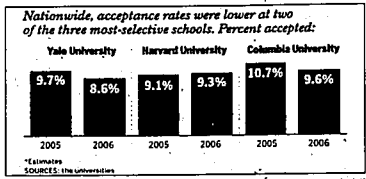
College admissions experts warned, however, against mak-

ing too much of the space crunch in the best-known schools. Only about 10 percent of U.S. colleges are highly selective, and most schools accept more of the students who apply. Even at high schools that felt the pinch of what looks like the hardest admissions year yet, students were admitted to colleges that appeared to have what they needed.

David Hawkins, director of public policy for the National Association for College Admis-

sion Counseling, said, "There are more prospective applicants in 2006 than there have (been) in any previous year." But, he said, the acceptance rates at famous colleges are well below the 70 percent average for all four-year institutions.

Research indicates that attendance at a well-known school does not appear to give any long-term advantage to students, at least as measured by incomes 20 years after they



graduate. College counselors advise students to look for a school that offers the size and range of courses and activities they are looking for and not worry so much about where it ranks on the U.S. News & World Report list.

Smithsonian's Showtime deal restricts other filmmakers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As part of a near-exclusive deal with Showtime Networks, the Smithsonian Institution is restricting filmmakers' access to its scientists and archives, prompting another outcry over the museum's attempts to make money.

Filmmakers who have relied on the vast holdings of the Smithsonian, and typically pay to use historic film or copy an artifact, have raised objections to the new policy of limited access to the public collections. Now most filmmakers will not be granted in-depth use of Smithsonian materials unless they are creating work for the Smithsonian/Showtime unit.

Such films would be available through the Smithsonian on Demand cable channel to the small fraction of viewers with digital cable — about 25 million homes.

Lenny Kim, the vice president for media services at Smithsonian Business Ventures, said the filmmakers who were doing "more than an incidental treatment" of a subject mainly from Smithsonian materials or wishing to focus on a Smithsonian curator or scientist would first have to offer the idea to Smithsonian/Showtime. Otherwise, the archives could not be used outside the realm of news programs (such as "60 Minutes" and "Dateline") in most cases.

The new restrictions have outraged some filmmakers and researchers, who are criticizing the limitations placed on public archives, as well as the Smithsonian's refusal to reveal the details of its Showtime contract. Inside the institution, some staff raised questions about the lack of consultation regarding the new policy. Others said the change was overdue because the Smithsonian had lacked control over its property.

"I think this is obscene," said Laurie Kahn-Leavitt, a filmmaker whose award-winning documentary about Tipperary relied heavily on materials at the Smithsonian. "That film would not have been made without the papers of Earl Tipper and Brownie Wise that are at the Smithsonian."

Kahn-Leavitt added, "I am not against them having a deal with Showtime that is lucrative. But the archives are for the public to use."

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Turbines create controversy

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — Local residents continue to be divided about the prospect of what could be nearly 100 wind turbines lining a ridge in the Cottler Mountains near this picturesque Cassia County community.

Many residents readily vocalize a strong opposition to what they envision as tall, ubiquitous propellers in the sky.

Others find windmills an energy necessity, pleasing to view and not a significant detractor from the landscape.

Regardless, the issue will ultimately be decided by what with faraway ZIP codes and opinions tempered by studies, surveys and all things bureaucratic. Whatever the view — literal or otherwise — the area that includes the nearby-rumpus Pomeroy Ski Resort is undeniably an Idaho gem.

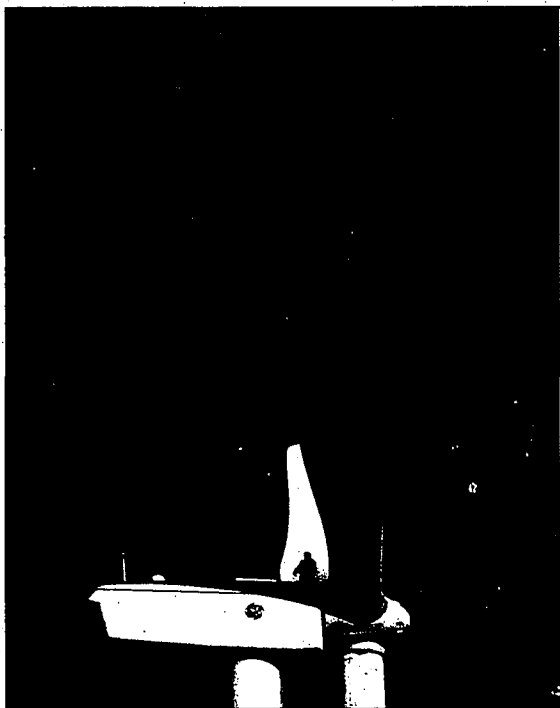
A trip into southern Cassia County rewards visitors with a descent into the Albion valley — complete with scenic beauty and Old West flavor. The route has been awarded the state tourist designation of Backcountry Byway. Property owners' voluntary maintenance of the area's rural, undeveloped character when they design a motel or build a fence.

Resentment fills some valley residents who say their quality of life is threatened by (of all things) so-called green power. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will decide whether to approve a joint development request by Windland, Inc. of Boise and Netherlands-based ShellWind Energy. The companies need a 30-year BLM right of way to install 81-98 wind turbines along the Cottler Mountain ridge-line. "The public land is considered prime real estate for a wind power wind farm."

Wind power doesn't pollute like coal-fired power plants or generate aquatic or wetland habitats like hydropower. And it purportedly offers more stable electrical rates. But it would change the view from Albion, Malta, and even Burley. Because of their prominence on the ridge-line, turbines would be visible from miles away. And the tall prop-driven towers would be required to avert aviation lighting, creating a presence after sunset. However, Windland and the BLM say efforts would be required to minimize stray light pollution.

Gwen Montgomery, who has lived in Albion for 33 years, said people come to enjoy the view. "It's not going to be devastating to our valley," said Montgomery.

Montgomery worries that if a right of way of about 4,500 acres or seven square miles is granted, it will open the door for future wind turbine develop-



General Electric Co. technicians Dwayne Wolfe, left, and Richard Mandin check the electrical systems of a wind turbine generator at the Fossil Gulch Wind Park near Hagerman in February 2005. A plan to build wind turbines along a Cottler Mountain ridge-line continues to generate debate among citizens near the proposed wind park, including the communities of Albion and Malta.

For more information

What: Meeting of the Cassia County Public Lands Committee

Where: Cassia County Commissioner's room, south and courthouse basement

When: April 12, 7 p.m.

Who: Scott Nannenga, U.S. Forest Service; Ken Miller, BLM

ment. She also questions whether the benefits promised to the county — tax revenue capital — could change.

A legislative bill that stalled in the Senate last month would have altered state tax laws. The bill has often been described as

an effort to promote wind development. Wind farms would have been taxed on power produced, rather than property value. Windland's project has been assessed at nearly \$200 million by the Idaho State Tax Commission.

The BLM received 72 written comments on the wind farm proposal that are included in the final environmental impact statement. Some comments are lengthy critiques by other government agencies or environmental groups. Many comments are statements written by Albion area residents, with about a dozen in support of the wind farm and about two dozen against it.

Lifelong Albion resident Keith Amende lives in the home where he was born 80

years ago.

"I've never seen any place I'd rather live," he said. "That ridge — we can't see that the windmills are going to detract that much from it. Mount Harrison is the main attraction."

Amende admits it's a bit intimidating to speak in favor of the wind farm when so many of his neighbors are against it.

"I've been for it right from the start," said Amende. "I can see several advantages. Not just power, the jobs, — the tax revenue would be great for the county."

If it isn't approved, Amende said he will take it to stride.

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Cottler Mountain is prime land for wind and wildlife

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — Should a private company develop public land for wind energy? National energy policy encourages commercial wind power development as a means to meet homeland electrical demands and diversify the country's energy resources.

Critics support wind power as a clean energy resource, but question the principle of allowing developers to build commercial projects on public lands that are home to wildlife habitat and open spaces for recreation.

Revenue and costs profile:

- Figures are estimates are based on projected costs and wind energy prices.
- *Construction cost — \$200 million
 - *Annual revenue — \$30 million
 - *Annual operation cost — \$4.5 million
 - *Annual mitigation fund payment — \$150,000
 - *Annual land rental fee paid to BLM — \$338,100 — \$558,900 (estimated)
- Local economy estimates:**
- *Construction jobs — 120
 - *Annual jobs — 12
 - *Annual Cassia County tax revenue — \$639,605
 - *Construction jobs — 120
 - *Permanent jobs — 12
 - *Annual Cassia County tax revenue — \$639,605
 - *Annual revenue to local tax districts — \$457,058
 - *Annual revenue to Cassia County — \$1.3 million
 - *Net gain to Cassia County schools — \$123
- *The local tax districts include Ratt River fire and highway districts and food district No. 15. Income tax public school funding system would not allow for the tax revenue increase to be a windfall to the existing Cassia County School District budget.
- *The increase in the local property tax revenue would offset state funding.

If developed, many believe there should be requirements to compensate for lost wildlife habitat.

The debate stretches into Cassia County where a scenic portion of public land is considered prime property for harnessing wind energy.

Windland, Inc. of Boise says the Cottler Mountain ridge-line between Albion and Malta is highly energetic and widely regarded as among the finest potential wind energy sites in Idaho.

The company is in partnership with Shell-Wind Energy Inc. — a division of the international Shell Group based in the Netherlands — to build a string of windmills on the ridge. Idaho political leaders (and others) have voiced support for the project. They say it would be a local economic blessing and help generate a more stable western power supply.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is considering a version of Windland's proposal that would include fewer — but larger — wind turbines. That would somewhat reduce the amount of land disturbed without hindering Windland's production target. In all, nearly 100 turbines could be erected.

The mountain area has energy potential. It is home to big game, 84 avian species (including sage grouse, golden eagles and peregrine falcons) and other wildlife.

The recently released final environmental impact statement outlines how the BLM's proposed course of action may affect the environment.

"What we have tried to do in this document is disclose as best we could the potential impacts of the project," said Scott Baker, the BLM's Boulder-based project manager for the Windland application.

Chief among environmental concerns include: sage grouse mauling grounds, the potential for golden eagle mortality caused by collisions with turbines, and the possible introduction of nonnative, invasive weeds.

Windland has committed to contribute half a percent of the wind farm's earnings to an environmental fund for environmental management purposes. That is estimated to be approximately \$150,000 annually.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have questioned the adequacy of the funding. Their comments can be found in the final environmental impact statement.

"The value of this voluntary payment is not based on calculations of necessary mitigation needs nor is it tied to identified and potential impacts of the project," said Fish and Game in the statement.

But the BLM said it legally can't require Windland to contribute a specific amount for off-site mitigation money because the contribution is voluntary.

Other environmental groups, such as the North American Grouse Partnership, suggested the loss of sage grouse habitat on the mountain should be compensated with enhanced habitat measures elsewhere.

If the wind farm is approved, the BLM will require developers to monitor wildlife trends on the 4,500 acre right of way. Monitoring will include a five year avian fatality documentation once power production begins.

Monitoring of sage grouse less (mauling grounds) also will be required for five years. Sage grouse are a range icon that some groups are pushing for listings as a threatened or endangered species. Decline of the grouse is attributed in large part to habitat loss. Construction and maintenance activities that occur before the start of the lek will be restricted between 4 and 11 a.m. during the spring lekking season.

Monitoring will help guide operational requirements at the wind farm, the BLM says. Power production could be timed to accommodate wildlife.

Building the wind farm will involve a major construction project expected to last about eight months. More than 19 miles of new roads will be built, necessitating the arrival of a large rock crusher, and the building of a temporary concrete mixing plant.

The activity would bring truck traffic — an estimated 12,000 trips for various construction equipment — and more than 2,000 trips by large trucks carrying wind turbine components.

According to the BLM, construction would disturb about 350 acres of the mountain. About half would be reclaimed after construction, but the land may take 20-40 years to recover. In areas where soils are shallow, the probability is low that native vegetation could recover.

The wind farm would restrict existing public access to the mountain, and efforts would be made to prevent increased access. However, the ridge-line would not be opened to the public — a concern voiced by people who want to protect the mountain's primitive setting.

"We're trying to maintain the current level of access that exists now," Barker said.

Man gave back to community, made time for family

By Treva Tegan
For The Times-News

RUPERT — Wendell Johnson was a very down-home kind of person who was dedicated to the community, the people and the environment.

He passed away March 22 at the age of 94.

Johnson was born Nov. 24, 1911, in Cove, Utah. His parents Louis and Clarinda Johnson were involved in dirt farming.

Johnson moved to Rupert when he was eight years old.

He had many different chores on the farm and his parents wanted him responsible and how to work hard.

Johnson married Marie Brune Gabard in 1935 and the couple lived happily for 53 years before her passing in 1988. The couple worked side by side farming and raising a family.

In 1946, the couple partnered with John and Helen Trevino to establish Trevino and Johnson Inc., an Allis Chalmers farm implement dealership. Because of Johnson's dedication and willingness to go "the extra mile," many customers became lifelong friends.

Johnson was very important to Johnson, and in 1963 he joined his sons Alan and Richard in a family farming operation, Triple B Ranch Inc., which they operated until 1987.

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His sons, Richard (Janel) Johnson of Rupert and Alan (Colleen) Johnson of Rupert; four grandchildren, Angela (Scott) Wolfenbarger of Peacetail, Jennifer (Brent) Peterson of Greeley, Colo., Sara (Luke) Adams of Keiserlautern, Germany, and Adam Johnson of Challis; four great-grandchildren, Tyler and Ethan Wolfenbarger of Peacetail and Grace and Matthew Peterson of Greeley, Colo.; and one sister, Ruby (David) Fowler of Auburn, Wash.

Minidoka mill line.

In 1954, they moved to a home on 16th Street in Rupert, where the couple lived for the next 50 years. They also owned an adjoining lot, which they made into a park for the neighborhood children. Although they were offered money for the lot on several occasions, they declined.

It was more important to them that the area children have a place to play.

"He was very family oriented and wanted to take care of everyone," his niece, Juanita Sorg said. His strong sense of community compelled him to become involved in city government. He believed that being a member of a community included giving something back to the community.

He served as a city councilman in Rupert from 1959-1964 and served as mayor of Rupert for the 14 years following. This was a time of tremendous growth and change for Rupert, and Johnson worked tirelessly to help Rupert prosper.

One thing he was most proud of was the building of the Big Valley sports complex, which was built during his tenure as mayor. The sewer lagoon system north of Rupert was also built while Johnson was in office and is still in use today.

"He loved being involved with people," his son Alan Johnson said. He tried to get citizens involved in various advisory committees and wanted everyone to have an ownership in helping Rupert grow.

Johnson served as president of the Association of Idaho Cities, helping small cities gain a voice on legislative issues. He also served as president of the Rupert Chamber of Commerce and the Rupert Lions Club and was a founding member of the board for the Wendell Memorial High-

school. He was a charter member for both the Rupert Elks Lodge and the Rupert County Club.

Johnson loved to reminisce about the "old days" and spend time visiting with friends and family. He enjoyed nature and could identify rock formations and various types of sagebrush.

After a hunting trip with one of his grandchildren he transplanted a large sagebrush into his front yard and decorated it like a Christmas tree.

A favorite pastime was hunting and fishing. For his 90th birthday, his family took him hunting and he was thrilled to bag a "birthday goose."

He loved to spend time growing a garden and was known to share the fruits of his labor with friends and family by the boxload.

He continued to keep a garden well into his 90s and even helped tend the garden at Autumn Haven Assisted Living Center while he lived there.

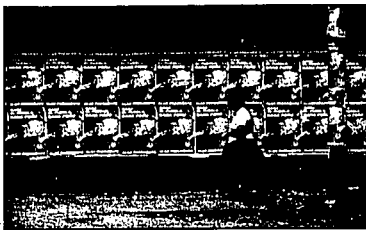
"He had to stay busy," his niece said.

While living at Autumn Haven he would take walks and pick up litter or large rocks to help keep his community and his town clean.

"Rupert was so very important to him," Alan said. "He was thankful that he lived to see Rupert's centennial."

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WORLD



A resident walks by posters of presidential candidate Alan Garcia, of the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance, (APRA) in Lima on Saturday.

Peru to choose between left and right in election

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Voters in Peru's presidential elections will choose Sunday between pro-business promises of stability and populist pledges to redistribute wealth and bring justice to the underdog.

Ollanta Humala, a former army officer who has pledged to divert money from foreign companies to the poor, faces tough competition in his bid to join the growing ranks of left-wing Latin American leaders critical of U.S. policies.

Humala, who has worried Washington with opposition to U.S.-financed eradication of Peru's coca crop, the raw material for cocaine, will probably not win enough votes to avoid a runoff. He could face Lourdes Flores, a free-market supporter and the first woman to make a serious run for Peru's presidency, or the center-left candidate Alan Garcia, who also has promised greater equality for the poor.

In his final campaign rally Thursday night in Arequipa, his southern Andean stronghold, Humala vowed to take down the "fascist dictatorship of the economically powerful," drawing a roar from his supporters, most of them from his base of dark-skinned mestizos.

Humala, who saw his lead in opinion polls disappear in the week before the election, is enthusiastically endorsed by Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, a strident critic of the U.S. who is seeking to extend his influence after gaining an ally in Bolivia

Anti-monarchy protest turns violent in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Security forces fired on anti-monarchy demonstrators in separate marches Saturday, killing one and wounding five as the government escalated its crackdown on those seeking a return of democracy.

Authorities said they would extend a dawn-to-dusk curfew in the capital to a second day Sunday after opposition parties announced plans to hold a rally.

The curfew will be imposed from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Katmandu and its surrounding areas, and gives security forces orders to shoot any violators, a notice on the state-run Nepal Television said.

Lukashenko sworn in after disputed election in Belarus

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko was sworn in for a third term Saturday and assailed the West for fomenting unrest after an election protested as fraudulent and undemocratic.

Several thousand officials and lawmakers gave a standing ovation to a somber-looking Lukashenko, who took his oath during a ceremony at the huge, concrete Palace of the Republic. In a brief speech, he blamed

Western nations for protests against his re-election.

Lukashenko has faced international condemnation of the March 19 election, which he won with 83 percent of the vote, according to official results.

"They want to humiliate our nation and turn it into another testing ground for a color revolution," he said in a reference to protests that helped oust unpopular governments in other ex-Soviet nations.



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Music earns a measure of acceptance for black American group in Israeli desert

DIMONA, Israel (AP) — Israel has denied him citizenship since birth, dismissing this group as a bizarre cult, but all the same, Eddie Butler will represent the Jewish state this year in Europe's biggest song contest.

Butler belongs to the Black Hebrews, a community of polygamous vegans originally from Chicago, who believe they are a lost tribe of Israel.

"I love the state of Israel," Butler said, "and I want to show every black and white person, here and abroad, what we can do."

For that he'll have an international TV audience when he sings "Ze Hazman" — This is the Time — Israel's entry in the Eurovision Song Contest, a 37-nation pop jamboree being

held in Athens May 18-20.

The Black Hebrews began arriving in Israel in 1969, following Ben Carter, a Chicago steelworker who renamed himself Ben Ammi Ben Israel (son of my people, son of Israel) and claimed to be God's representative on earth. The government, unsure where they fit into Israel's Law of Return that grants every Jew automatic citizenship, moved them into remote desert towns and left them on visas without permission to work.

Now, after being marginalized for nearly four decades, things are finally changing for the community, thanks in large part to the music of people like Butler.

"A small community that had its origins in not being at all accepted as part of Israel, and now

we're representing Israel!" exclaimed its spokeswoman, Yaffa But Gavriel. "And that's where we want to be. We want to show that we're here to do our part for this country."

Butler was born in a taxi that broke down on the road to a hospital in the Negev Desert 34 years ago. His parents had immigrated here three years earlier to help found the Kingdom of Yah. The African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem, as they call themselves, believe they are the lost tribe of Judah, exiled from the Holy Land by the Romans nearly 2,000 years ago.

No scholar gives the idea any credence, "but to any group that does not have a history, this is a very attractive claim," says

Rivka Gonen, former senior curator of ethnography at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

The first 39 arrivals were followed by nearly 600 more in the next two decades. Arriving on tourist visas, "the Black Hebrews had a very buoyant arrival here," said Yossi Klein Halevi, an Israeli who has written extensively on the group. They refused to convert to Judaism, even though it would have entitled them to citizenship and the right to work. They considered themselves the true Jews of ancient Israel, and they followed a lifestyle they said was based on the Torah and Ben Israel's teachings, but without traditional Judaism's rabbinical interpretations.



A competitive Afghan bodybuilder looks at his upper body in front of a mirror at a gym in Kabul, Afghanistan on March 25.

Afghan weightlifters loosen up their sport now that Taliban regime is gone

By David Guttenfelder
Associated Press writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a country famous for the body-shrouding burqa and the Islamic puritanism of the former Taliban rulers, a gym's advertisements are jolting a shirtless man in bikini briefs with bulging arm and abdominal muscles rippling, his massive chest flexed.

Gyms for bodybuilders are opening all over Kabul. Growing numbers of men are working out in places like Super Gym and Afghan Gold's that have set up shops in abandoned war-ravaged buildings and new high-rises.

Sayed Mohammed Payanda, secretary-general of Afghanistan's National Bodybuilding Federation, says bodybuilding is second in popularity only to soccer in Afghanistan.

All over the city, hand-painted Arnold Schwarzeneggers

and other iron-pumping heroes point down alleys to gyms that have sprouted up behind crowded markets and next to red-carpeted mosques.

At every gym, patrons leave their shoes by the door. Some are state of the art, with imported computer-monitored running machines. Other gyms lack electricity, and the men pump battered barbells in the flickering light of lanterns. They square their shoulders and pose in front of cracked mirrors.

Bodybuilding is a long-standing tradition in Afghanistan's male-dominated culture. Even under the Taliban, bodybuilding was allowed, but it was tightly controlled: Men had to exercise and compete wearing T-shirts and traditional baggy pants; long beards were mandatory.

Now, young men work out while showing off bare chests and flat stomachs. Competitors on stage strip to their briefs and oil their skin.



A sign with images of western bodybuilders hangs on a wall in the central market in Kabul, Afghanistan, to advertise a local gym on March 15. On the streets of Kabul, where conservative national dress covers the bodies of the population, the recent addition of dozens of bodybuilding signs across the capital stand out for their brazen displays of well-toned physiques.

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- Contest is open to the following age categories: 0 to 12, 13-19 and 20+. Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) of contestant authorizes The Times-News to publish photo along with accompanying name in a "Faces of the Magic Valley" publication and subsequent newspaper features. Contestants must be Magic Valley residents.
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WORLD

Time running short, money running out on rebuilding Iraq

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press writer



Iraq construction workers maneuver a concrete form into place at a construction site on April 2 in Baghdad.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In their makeshift offices in a former Baghdad palace, a small army of American builders and engineers, oilmen and budgeteers is working overtime on last-minute projects to help reconstruct Iraq.

Their time is running short, their money running out.

After three years in which the U.S. government allocated more than \$20 billion for Iraq reconstruction, a bill now making its way through Congress adds only \$1.6 billion this year, just \$100 million of it for construction — not for building schools or power stations, but for prisons.

Does the sharp cut in aid surprise and disappoint the planners here? "Probably both," said Michael P. Fallon, U.S. reconstruction program chief.

But the program in general has been very successful, he said in an interview — "with the caveat that it hasn't gone as far as we thought we'd be able to go."

The ambitions of 2003, when President Bush spoke of making Iraq's infrastructure "the best in the region," have given way to the shrill calls of 2006, in electricity and water supply, sanitation, health facilities and oil production.

A University of Maryland poll in January found strong majorities in Iraq's hopeful about their country's future in general, but only one in five thought the Americans had done a good job on reconstruction.

Even after billions were spent on power plants and substations, electricity generation still hasn't regained the level it had before the U.S. invasion of 2003.

When fallon's experts keep the lights burning late, they're relying on emergency U.S. generators in their "Green Zone" enclave, since the rest of Baghdad gets power only a few hours a day.

Only one-third of the water-treatment projects the Americans planned will be completed. Only 32 percent of the Iraqi population has access to clean drinking water now, compared with 50 percent before the war, according to the U.S. special inspector-general for Iraq reconstruction.

About 19 percent of Iraqis today have working sewer connections, compared with 24 percent before 2003.

Of more than 150 planned health clinics, only 15 have been completed, under a contract ending this month.

Oil production, meanwhile, has stagnated, averaging 2.0 million barrels a day in mid-March, short of the 2.5 million-a-day U.S. goal, and far short of Iraq's production peak of 3.7 million in the 1970s.

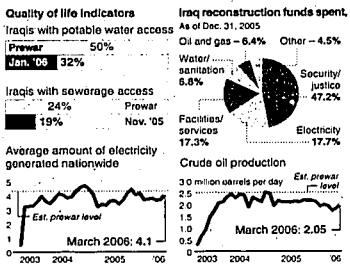
Fewer than one-quarter of the rehabilitation projects for the oil industry have been completed.

Iraq's insurgency dealt a major blow to the rebuilding efforts, leading U.S. officials in 2004 to begin siphoning off reconstruction money to help train Iraqi police and military forces, build prisons and pay for private security projects already under way.

Washington from the beginning also underestimated Iraq's needs, how badly its infrastructure had suffered from wars, the devastating looting of 2003, and neglect through years of U.N.

Rebuilding a war-torn country

The United States has spent \$10.1 billion on Iraq reconstruction efforts. Nearly half has gone to security and justice.



SOURCES: Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, The Brookings Institution, AP Gulf Region Division — Projects and Contracting Office

economic sanctions and Saddam Hussein's rule. Now, says the special inspector-general, Stuart Bowen, the need for more aid "has reached a critical point."

But rather than sending more rebuilding money, the U.S. effort this year will shift toward "sustainability" — to an oversight role, to training Iraqis to maintain what has been built, and to urging others to fill the aid gap.

"I think we've been pretty clear that we never intended to fix the entire infrastructure," said Kathye Johnson, Fallon's boss as reconstruction director for the U.S. projects agency in Iraq, the Gulf Region Division-Projects and Contracting Office.

"Fixing" Iraq's infrastructure would probably cost at least \$70 billion, experts estimate. Johnson and other U.S. officials say that money should begin to come from other foreign donors and the Iraqi government itself.

But prospects for that are uncertain.

More than two years ago, other foreign governments and

aged only 1.38 million barrels.

"It is unclear how Iraq will finance these additional requirements," U.S. congressional auditors said in a recent study.

That budget gap will cripple the Iraqis as they try to pick up where the U.S. government leaves off. They estimate they'll need \$20 billion to rebuild the electricity system alone. On water treatment, Ghazi Najji Majid, director-general of the Public Works Ministry, says plans for six major plants are on hold "until the money becomes available."

Even where there's money, plans can stall. Majid said his ministry has stopped building a water-treatment plant in Abu Ghraib, just outside Baghdad, "because workers were being kidnapped and killed." Within a few days last month, in the northern city of Beiji, attackers killed 12 men — engineers and

others — who worked for the important local oil refinery and power plant.

Insurgency, lack of money, widespread corruption, inadequate training, poor maintenance — all threaten to undercut even what's been accomplished. Congressional auditors, from the Government Accountability Office, went back to check completed water-treatment plants in Iraq and found that one-quarter of them were operating below capacity or not at all.

Far from the halls of Congress and such budget decisions, the U.S. project managers here work with their spreadsheets and blueprints in the cavernous rooms of what once was a museum to Saddam. They haven't given up on possible major new infusions of U.S. money.

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Time to close shop for the 2006 session

Whether it's that unfinished work on April 15 taxes, or the snooze button on your morning alarm, procrastination is the bane of accomplishment.

to switch the M&O, then legislators have their mandate. • Community college reform — Two regions are pushing for immediate action on this higher ed issue — Treasure Valley and the Idaho Falls area. In spite of those legislators' claims

that leads us to the 2006 Legislature. On Monday, the Idaho lawmakers will be stretching the session into its 92nd day, making it the third longest session in state history. The second longest session was 95 days, set in 1983. Then there was the marathon session of 2003, which lasted a whopping 118 days.

Their view: Legislators are reshaping the same issues in a session that's gone too long. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

tax support. (Here's a tip: Try including Idaho's community college presidents in all the discussions.) • Water recharge — Once again, the Legislature has pushed off water solutions to the 11th hour — hardly a convincing way to gain support from Idaho residents who are paying for part of the bill. Talks for recharge legislation were back in swing on Friday in the Legislature and on the governor's staff. Can they find a compromise by Monday? Possible, but doubtful.

• Supermajority vote — The measure to help school districts pass their own school bonds will "state funding doesn't include any state measure to lower the supermajority requirement for bonding. The Supreme Court suggested making the constitutional change in its ruling against the state last December. But legislators don't appear willing to go that route. If they don't, they're making a huge mistake.

Expectations were rising on Friday that legislators could finish their business by Monday. If that's the case, it's more than welcome. Legislators shouldn't procrastinate any longer. It's time to finish up the session for 2006.

• Property tax relief — The plan to shift local schools' maintenance and operation budgets off to sales taxes and over to property taxes and over to sales taxes died on Thursday. But sponsors are trying to go around it. A raise in the homeowners exemption is all they should get in 2006. If voters approve an advisory note on the November ballot

Symbolically as well as practically, the departure of Tom DeLay from Congress signals the end of an era of Republican dominance. The question now is whether the retreat that clearly has begun will turn into a rout.



DAVID BRODER

The former House majority leader's decision to abandon what increasingly appeared to be an uphill fight for re-election in his Texas district and retire from the House was the latest and by far the largest consequence of a widening probe of corruption on Capitol Hill. One thing to note is Randy "Duke" Cunningham got to jail for bribery. Few outside his San Diego district had ever heard the name of the former New York Gun before his spectacular downfall. Tom DeLay is a target of far larger size.

His prosecutors have extracted guilty pleas from lobbyists close to DeLay and former members of his staff. The threat of scandal have rippled to the funding of Republican runs in the midterm election. Month after month, surveys are showing Democrats with a double-digit lead over the GOP in public opinion polls for which party should control Congress.

ACLU ad took aim at illegal wiretaps

The American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho recently ran an ad in the Twin Falls Times-News and in five other major newspapers in Idaho, which had as its basic theme the American Civil Liberties Union's dismay and concern over the Bush administration's attack of the past several years on many of our most cherished constitutional freedoms and fundamental beliefs.

While the ad received many very positive responses, there were some people who emphatically disagreed with the message, blaming the messenger. ACLU in colorful and creative terms called the ACLU are tools of the devil," said one writer. Another one declared that "in (this) America, we would hunt down and kill members of the ACLU and beat them to death." Whew! So, the concerns expressed in the ad over illegal wiretapping, secret searches of homes, kidnapping and torture, Guantanamo atrocities) are obviously not shared by all Idaho citizens. It is important that all of us have a clear understanding of what is at stake and why the ACLU and many,



expressed that they can now recruit a fresh and presumably unscathed candidate in the Republican-leaning DeLay district shows how nervous they are about holding on to the House. It is almost as if they hope that by sacrificing their erstwhile commander, they can appease the public demand for change.

As much as Newt Gingrich embodied the aggressive strategy that enabled Republicans in 1994 to break the Democrats' 40-year grip on the House, DeLay was the man who showed them how to consolidate — and use — their new power. As whip and then as majority leader, he built the funding and policy alliance with the business, labor and social conservative movements, then used that leverage to impose party-line discipline on almost every key vote.

READER COMMENT

Tony Park

many others — Democrats, Republicans, liberals and conservatives — are so dismayed and, indeed, fearful for our country. The focus is on in particular stands out. The president's authorization of the National Security Administration wiretapping of American citizens is illegal and violates both the Constitution and controlling federal statutes. Here's why: The electronic surveillance by the government is strictly limited by the Constitution and federal law. The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution states clearly that Americans' privacy may not be invaded without a warrant based on probable cause. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the Fourth Amendment protection applies to electronic eavesdropping. Further, the federal criminal code makes it illegal to engage in electronic surveillance except as authorized by statute. • Only three laws permit the

the issue. DeLay's successor as majority leader, John Boehner of Ohio, continues to manage the House on the same partisan basis, looking for votes almost exclusively on his own side of the aisle and declining to work with Democrats any incentives to cooperate. And that raises an interesting challenge for the new White House chief of staff, Josh Bolten. If he is the realist that his advisers believe, he has to acknowledge the odds that there will be fewer Republicans in Congress after November than there are today — and perhaps not a majority. In the House, Speaker Dennis Hastert is headed into what is probably his final term before retirement, since now of the support and day-to-day managerial muscle of the man who installed him as speaker, Tom DeLay. That means that if the Republicans maintain control, a lame-duck speaker will be working to deliver votes for a lame-duck president. That could spell an awfully difficult — and unproductive — final two years for the Bush presidency, unless the White House finds a different approach to Capitol Hill. The old game of musing bills through by rounding up Republican votes through a combination of political and financial force — the game at which Tom DeLay excelled — is over. The question for the White House is whether it can come up with a different strategy that looks for support from at least some Democrats. It needs to already in the Senate. And it will probably need it in the House.

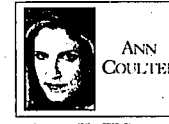
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Liberal war heats up; DeLay finally captured

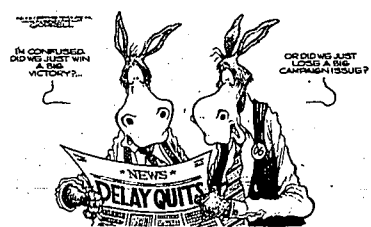
If only liberals were half as smart as the people who give them names in our newspapers as they are with Tom DeLay, we might have two patriotic parties in this country. Any Republicans who didn't ferociously defend Tom DeLay — which is to say, almost all Republicans in Congress, the media and the punditry — were writers trying to impress the editorial board of The New York Times — better hope liberals never come after them. The only proven method for a Republican to avoid having his name turned into a liberal innuendo is to be completely ineffective. You'll notice there's no "Stop Lamar Alexander Before It's Too Late" Web site. Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, Ed Meese, Tom DeLay, Chris Steinbach, Tom DeLay, Karl Rove, Tom DeLay — all these men saw their names used as curse words.



dition. Earle had to empanel six grand juries in Austin, Texas, which is like the Upper West Side with more attractive people. In addition, DeLay knifed Republican and gambling lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his associates, who have recently pleaded guilty to various other incomprehensible charges. Liberals spit out all these names with more venom than they've ever been able to muster for names like "Saddam Hussein" and "Abu Musab al-Zarqawi." Even proud American corporations find their names being turned into curse words by liberals, such as "Halliburton," which is currently losing money in Iraq in order to supply food to our troops — and the same troops liberals pretend to love (but don't lose

money feeding). I spent a couple of hours listening to liberal hate radio this week to try to figure out what crime against God and man Tom DeLay is even alleged to have committed. But all I heard was the name "Tom DeLay" and "PRISON!" mentioned in the same sentence over and over again. Back when Newt Gingrich still scared liberals, the House Ethics Committee spent years probing various sins against him, focusing on the charge that a college class he taught was ... partisan! Meanwhile, they're teaching Marxism in comp lit classes, Islamic terrorism in Indian evidence classes, and Druidism in divinity classes. As we speak, freshmen in English 101 classes all over the country are rushing to complete their term papers on how all heterosexual sex is rape. Over a million dollars later, the committee realized: *Wait a second. This is a college class!* But at the urging of the Democrats, the Internal Revenue Service spent 3 1/2 years investigating Gingrich's college

course. After all the hullabaloo, the result was: No crime. The classes "were not biased toward particular politicians or a particular party" — thus distinguishing Gingrich's class from every other college course in America. To the contrary, Gingrich's college class spent more time praising JFK than praising Reagan. (Did you know that FBI's radio broadcast after Pearl Harbor included an eight-minute prayer? You would have learned that in Newt's course.) But the mere mention of the name "Newt Gingrich" was proof of criminal conduct in the '90s. When Democrats are accused of wrongdoing, it's usually something more like what most people think of as a crime, say, punching a Capitol Hill policeman. Or perhaps by being captured on tape in hotel rooms stuffing wads of cash into their pockets from Arab sheiks — as Democrats were during the Abscon investigation. This was back when Democrats controlled Congress. Consequently, Congress responded to this



shocking proof of criminality by their colleagues by ... investigating the FBI for investigating members of Congress. The "rule of law" means something entirely different for Republicans and Democrats. Consider the case of a prosecutor faced with the same possible wrongdoings of a Republican office-holder and a Democrat office-holder at the same time. In the midst of Ronnie Earle's witch hunt of Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for allegedly using her office for campaign purposes — began days after she was elected to the U.S. Senate by a 2-1 margin — employees in former Demo-

cratic Gov. Ann Richards' office admitted that they destroyed almost three years' worth of long-distanced billing records that were supposed to be preserved — to ensure the office wasn't being used for campaign purposes, among other things. According to the Austin Independent Statesman, Earle promptly "cleared" (Richards) and her staff of wrongdoing, saying there was no evidence of criminal intent. Conservatives live under a jurisdiction of laws, but they get prosecuted under liberals' jurisprudence of epithets. Ann Coulter is a nationally syndicated columnist.

LETTERS

GOP candidate runs on filmy business record

Adams for governor — not. Dan Adams says he is for Idahoans.

Dan Adams, how many jobs did you ship to India to place your medical records and billing? That is not serving Idaho and the people here.

What makes Dan Adams think he is worthy of the governorship of Idaho? Definitely not the way he takes care of his employees now or in the past. Let's look now at hard at Dan Adams' contributions to the state as a businessman before we hand the keys of our great state over to a man who believes that he can ship his medical records to India so they won't receive the tough regulations set forth in our own country and send several jobs there too.

Let's put Idaho in the hands of an Idahoan that believes in Idahoans.

GEORGE MILEY
Twin Falls

Taxpayers lose with school bond vote

Should students have voted on the school bond and do they pay property taxes, asked John Hougard on March 19. Jessica Shepard promptly called John "ignorant" (read appreciation for John's tax dollars that funded her education every year).

Students receive more than \$1 billion in tax money for their education each year. Has a student told you "thank you"?

"Dozens of people wrote that 'the high school' was overcrowded," Ben Allen wrote that the high school is not overcrowded. He said there were fewer students at the high school now than nine years ago. Ben Allen is the high school principal.

Justin Casperson wrote "it takes me 20 minutes to get my car out of the high school parking lot." My father walked 10 miles each day to high school to get his education. My how times have changed.

The school district scheduled programs at all schools the evening of the school bond. I wonder why?

The computer classrooms being built and six cafeterias

Change for letters

The Times-News is revising its policy for letters to the editor. Starting April 1, all letters received must be 300 words or less. All letters will continue to follow our traditional guidelines and requirements, including name, address and phone number, to verify the authenticity. All letters are subject to review

and editing for their content. Letter writers are allowed to submit one item per calendar month. Letters may be brought to our Twin Falls or Burley office; mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; faxed to (208) 734-5538; or e-mailed to letters@magvalley.com.

being enlarged. This is basically what is being built at lower schools with your bond money. At the old high school, the construction appears to be pure "pork."

The school district was \$500,000 short to fund the current school year. Where is the money coming from to hire staff for all this new construction? Another school board oversaw this?

Bonds for the library, fair-ground, schools and arsenic problem — \$67 million plus interest. The "want and wish list" for some people in Twin Falls is alive and well.

Twelve-month schools and double sessions if the school bond fails, said The Times-News headline March 15. I think it should have said "Property owners lose again."

ALDUTT
Twin Falls

Property crimes leave victims in wake

My friend had her car stolen. It had been locked and parked in front of the church where we work.

The good news is that the car was found.

The bad news is that it had been used for an armed robbery, the battery was dead and her personal papers had been taken.

But the real shock came when she was expected to pay the impounded fee to get her car back. Happily, someone intervened for her and the fee was waived. I wonder how many people

have no one to help them and find themselves the victim of a crime and then an unjust system too.

EILEEN LAWRENCE
Buhl

A power job blitzed lawmakers

Last week, Idaho Power Co. pulled off the biggest "heist" in the history of Idaho.

Idaho prosecutors, are you familiar with intimidation and extortion? Well, apparently 21 state senators aren't either.

EUGENE FREDERICKSON
Jerome
(Editor's note: Eugene Frederickson is a retired lawyer.)

Young voices can bring effective change

In response to Mr. Razez's letter of April 1,

I honestly hope you don't believe that kids aren't interested in what's going on in the world. I am a 14-year-old girl who plays sports, likes to draw and helps my parents by baby-sitting and helping the neighbors do yard work. I was also very involved in protesting Semptra.

I felt it was my duty to make a petition for people under the age of 18. You may say my parents "slightly influenced" me to do this but, in fact, that is not correct. My parents were not involved in protesting Semptra, and one of my parents was even reluctant to sign a petition. Why then, you ask, did I start a petition for kids? Because I believe it was the right thing to do.

We are living in 2006, where kids have access to more than 50 TV channels and thousands of Internet sites. We can learn about anything we want and

use the information we learn to make our own decisions.

I know I'm just a kid, but I can stand up for what I believe, and I believe these two Scouts did a good thing writing those letters — merit badge or no merit badge. One of those Scouts may grow up someday to prevent some devastating effect of global warming.

I can't speak for the approximately 70 other kids (fifth-through 12-graders) who signed my petition, but this experience has taught me that people have a voice, and I have a responsibility as a future voter.

This quote fits with my feelings about your letter: "The fact we must remember is that we are educating students for a world that will not be ours but will be theirs. Give them a chance to be heard." (Dr. Carlos R. Romulo)

And I am saying now, give me and those two Scouts a break and let us be heard. Consider me an activist.

JENNY PERRON
Shoshone

HEY! I AM NOT RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR.

And that is why you should read this.

The reason you should be reading this is because I am an Idahoan. Next, I am the wife of Dan Adams who is running for Governor. My name is Ruth Adams.



I helped my husband come up with the slogan for his campaign that says, "Idaho is for Idahoans." Idaho has given my family and yours a great deal. We need to work together to make our State even greater for our children.

I believe that Idaho is about family values and strong moral principals. These values and principals are best taught at home but our schools must do their part. Idaho's educational system must make sure that our children receive a complete and useful education.

Help elect my husband, Dan Adams, as Governor. As his wife and partner of 29 years, I pledge to work to bring positive change to the family values of Idaho and improve the quality of our schools. What we want is change for the better and if we work together we can make it happen. Vote Dan Adams for Governor!

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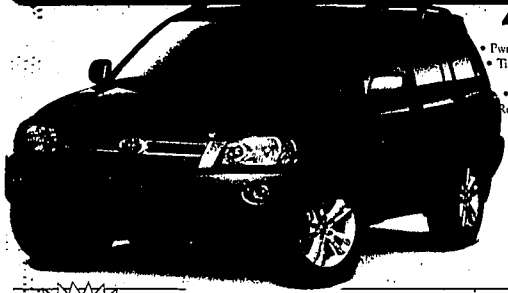
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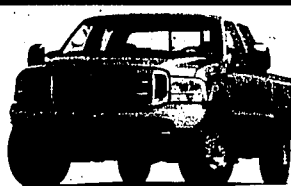
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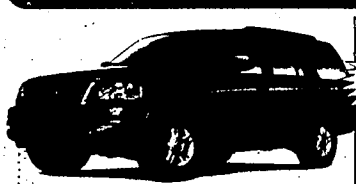
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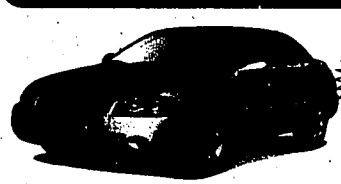
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Honk if you're still awake

Anybody who knows anything about Magic Valley politics knows that we have a real hard time moving to the left. And that extends to other aspects of life here in Rockwell Acres as well, especially driving.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

The left-hand turn, as executed by local drivers, is excruciating to watch. It begins about 7 1/2 blocks ahead of where the turn is supposed to take place, as we drift into the turning lane — or if there's no turning lane, into oncoming traffic. We begin to slow down about three blocks in advance, so by the time we reach the turning point we're nodding off at the wheel. I've usually seen that happen. Waiting at the intersection of Addison Avenue and Fairfield Street in Twin Falls a year or so ago, I witnessed an older gent pull into the turning lane with the oncoming traffic on Addison was heavy, so a minute or so passed. When I looked back at the fellow waiting to turn, his chin was on his chest. Most left-hand turns in these parts are executed without benefit of a turn signal, so if you're waiting at a stop sign you have no idea what the driver rolling to a halt in the middle of the road is intending to do. Is he turning or did he drop his cell phone? What's worse, many local drivers will not turn left if they can see any oncoming vehicles, even if these rigs are a mile and a half away. I come from eastern Idaho, where driving patterns are similar. I once asked a friend and my dad's, a farmer, to explain why rural Idahoans drive as they do. "It's the Grain Truck Rule," he said. "If you're driving a loaded grain truck and you come to a stop, it takes about a mile to get back up to speed. So if you see a cloud of dust coming from the other direction, even if it's going away, you have to figure you're gonna get hit if you pull into the other lane."

Very few of today's denizens of the Magic Valley have ever driven a grain truck, though. A friend of mine, a driver-training instructor, claims we drive as we do because, as he put it diplomatically, "we bring our rural driving habits to the city with us." That's a euphemism for "what in the wheel, we're completely oblivious to anything that's going on around us." Lead if you live in Dietrich or Rogerson or Almo, it doesn't matter how you drive. You could run into another vehicle if you tried. Blue Lakes Boulevard North, though, is another matter. I know an attorney who claims that if North Blue, along with Eagle Road in Boise and Yellowstone Avenue in Pocatello, did not exist, there would be no lawyers in Idaho. "It's a shootin' gallery out there. Two thousand drivers, each in his own little world. And at least a thousand of them are also on the phone. The wonder isn't how we get to work in one piece every day. The wonder is that we make it out of the driveway. So if you're planning to make a left turn today, have the goodness to let the rest of us know in advance. I'll give me time to complete my turn while I'm waiting at the stop sign."

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Balgown	122%	120%
Big Wood	145%	136%
Little Wood	151%	146%
Big Lost	139%	137%
Little Lost	122%	116%
Henrys Fork/Snake	118%	118%
Upper Snake Basin	112%	110%
Oakley	108%	101%
Salmon Falls	147%	142%

As of April 8
*A comparison of basin snowpack, in this case, with a 30-year average.

Watershed % of Avg. % season

The Junk Man cometh



Above, Neil Jackson, 13, of Jerome, moves to lighten a mule's load of a large tire and a shopping cart Saturday below the Hap Wilson Overlook on the north side of the canyon during a canyon clean-up day in Twin Falls. Top, Payson Lott, a Boy Scout from Jerome working toward his Eagle Scout Award, tosses a bag of trash down to a collection point at the base of the Hap Wilson Overlook on Saturday morning.

A physician and his band of volunteers clean the canyon

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

Jerome — Jim Irwin has once again gone over the edge and brought the town with him. For the 10th consecutive year Irwin, a Jerome physician, has led a troop of determined Mormon volunteers into, up and down the majestic walls of the Snake River canyon to haul out trash. "We've done helicopters, mules and boats," said one man as he tugged on a piece of rusted fender, describing the various methods utilized in transporting junk out of the steep canyon. "The group flung refuse hundreds of feet down a slope — which, basically was a stationary landslide of volcanic rock. At its base, three mules carrying panniers loaded with junk completed the haul across the uneven desert to waiting industrial trucks. Saturday's purging of the canyon ran a bit differently than in the past. Payson Lott, 14, and Michael Gilbert, 13, of Jerome led a crew of nearly 20 and coordinated all the planning — including

asking local businesses to donate supplies and finding the right location. The completion of the project would earn them an Eagle Scout promotion. "This is our eagle project we're doing," said Lott. "We have to do a project that shows leadership." The boys' chosen plot of 40 acres showed a fair degree of ambition and an inclination for the arduous — if not downright dangerous. At Irwin's approximation, it is the most difficult to clean of three sites in Irwin's agenda. "There is a feeling of accomplishment. You really want to get to Eagle Scouts. When you get there, you're pretty proud," said Gilbert, balancing a rock. "This is too cool to be trashed," said Irwin, pointing out the impressive panorama. "This is the outstanding feature of this region." The boys vowed the day — which started at 8 a.m. — would not end before the trash had all been removed. The trash had been deposited (in some cases rolled off the edge of the canyon rim with little, if any, impediment to prevent its delivery. "Trash

begets trash," said Irwin. "When they look down and see it's clean, they're less likely to throw trash." Some of the miscellaneous debris was trash, some seemed like it belonged in a museum. Objects like the fire engine red gum ball machine, the subject of frequent jokes. One boy screamed out from the bottom of the canyon. "I got your gum ball machine down here, Mr. Irwin." Mr. Irwin, however, was more impressed by the chunk of an antiquated wagon he found. Irwin said that every year he finds a new discarded stolen vehicle. He will take down the vehicle identification number and report it to the sheriff's office, who will then extract it from the canyon. A tale that has earned Irwin notoriety for his persuasiveness is that the family physician once convinced a patient to join in the project while he (the patient) was in a compromised position on his examination table. What they really need to do, said Irwin, is block vehicle access to the canyon's rim.

Strike! for Reading

Popplewell Elementary Accelerated Readers earn bowling party

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

BUIH — On Friday afternoon the Sunset Bowl was full of knights, jesters and even a few kings of the kingdom. But not just any kings from the Old World, these were some of the best and brightest. In a medieval-themed party held in their honor, 50 students from Popplewell Elementary's first through fifth grades earned enough points to be treated to a bowling party. Popplewell Elementary Librarian Priscilla Sisson said, "Our theme for the year was 'Welcome to the Enchanted World of Reading' so this party was a great way to celebrate for those working towards earning points all year." She explained that in order to earn points, students must read books on the Accelerated Reader list. After completing the book, students take a test. The higher reading level or length of the book, the more points possible to earn. First-graders had to acquire 25 points, earning the title of "page," to attend; "knights" with 50 points was required

for second-graders; third-graders had to achieve "jester" status. Both fourth and fifth-grade students earning 100 points were crowned "king," and those with over 200 points ruled as "Kings of the Kingdom." A few students earning over 100 points traveled in style to the bowling alley. "We got to ride in a limousine," said Bre Pettinger, 10, a fourth-grader at Popplewell. "That was cool." Her friend Amy Morse, 10, also earned enough to be treated like a queen. Each accumulated over 200 points and have read countless books to get there. Getting enough points for the party is goal they have been striving for since the beginning of the school year. "We definitely read more because we can earn points and get prizes," Amy said. That is the whole point of the program, noted Sisson. "We do this every year because it gets the students excited to read," she said. One of two first-graders at the party, Zion Cleverly, 6, said that the Accelerated Reader pro-



Popplewell Elementary fourth-graders Bre Pettinger, left, and Ashley McGuire are two of the top Accelerated Readers. A group of 50 students earned enough points to be treated to a bowling party Friday afternoon at Sunset Bowl in Buhl. Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607. Ashley McGuire, 10, said that the best prize is reading. "I read a lot and have 315 points and have earned prizes and stuff," said Ashley. "But I like the reading best."

Forest Service proposals will aid streams

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The Forest Service is proposing to conduct several activities relating to natural resource and recreation protection and enhancement in the Copper Creek area of the Little Wood River drainage and Corral Creek, which is a tributary of Trail Creek. Copper Creek is located in Blaine County approximately 20 miles north of Carey and Trail Creek is located about 5 miles northeast of Ketchum. The Ketchum Ranger District is proposing to rehabilitate a riparian area (in part) by decommissioning and reclaiming a damaged section of system road, modify a damaged section of a system road into a trail, designate and define dispersed camping sites, decommission some user-created road or trail segments, secure mine openings for public safety, develop an alternative sheep shipping site and horse transfer camp, and improve and construct recreational facilities in the vicinity of Mormon Gulch and Mormon Hill. The proposed activities involve segments of two Forest Service system roads which, because of erosion damage, are not accessible to full-sized vehicles. To allow reestablishment of riparian vegetation and physical stream (in part) processes, the sections of the flood-damaged 134 road north of Mormon Gulch would be "leached" with the bucket and thrust of a backhoe or similar heavy equipment. Members of two local chapters of Trout Unlimited have pledged funding and labor to assist in the Forest Service's proposed activity. If approved, the FR 134 partial decommissioning and habitat enhancement activity would be implemented during the late summer or fall of 2006 and modification of a segment of the 228 road into a motorized trail would also be completed at that time, if funding permits. The remainder of the activities described above would likely occur in 2007 and future years. The Corral Creek project concerns a proposed riparian area and whole trees, known as large woody debris, at specific locations in Corral Creek. "Corral Creek is a fairly wide and fast creek and the abundance of large woody debris is not very high in many sections, so there are fewer deep pools than there should be for providing good habitat for fish," stated Dan Kenney, North Zone Fisheries biologist. "Adding woody debris in specific arrangements should improve the development of additional pools, substantially improving fish habitat at these sites." In addition, the planting of willow and evergreen trees is proposed. This will be done to help stabilize eroding streambanks and to provide shade for the stream. The evergreen plantings will also eventually help to provide woody debris to the stream in the future. The planting of trees is intended to replace some of the dead trees and snags removed by campers and firewood cutters over the years. The result of dead trees and snags being removed is a deficit of woody debris in the creek to help form pools. Kenney said that if approved, the actual placing of the woody debris would take place over a period of one or two days sometime in September. Trees and willows would be planted in September, October or early next spring. The Forest Service has prepared detailed briefing papers regarding the proposed projects. Copies may be obtained by contacting the Ketchum Ranger District office at 208-622-5371. Written comments on the proposals are requested and need to be sent to: Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 228, Ketchum, ID 83400. Attn: Dan Kenney. Comments are requested by April 28, 2006.

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Making progress

Lewiston port rebounding after slow year

LEWISTON (AP) — When the Port of Portland Ore. stopped making direct shipments to Japan in 2005, it meant a slow year for Potlatch Corp., a forest-products company based in Spokane, Wash.

And that meant a slow year for the Port of Lewiston.

But business at the port has been rebounding. Last week, Potlatch finds new shippers to bring its paperboard to customers in China, Taiwan and the Mediterranean, said company spokesman Michael D. Sullivan.

Japan had been the company's biggest customer, and Potlatch is the Port of Lewiston's biggest customer. So when shipments to Japan stopped, Lewiston shipped only 5,700 containers in 2005, less than one-third of its 2004 volume.

Lewiston is located on the Snake River and is the western United States' farthest inland

port. It's heavily dependent on Portland, which controls business on the Snake and Columbia rivers.

"Our bookings look really strong for this time of year over what they've been in the last couple years," port manager David Doeringfeld told the Lewiston Tribune.

Last year Doeringfeld traveled to Portland three times in an attempt to establish and recruit new shippers and expand Lewiston's reach.

"We're beginning to see the fruits of those efforts," Doeringfeld said.

Paperboard is the primary product shipped by Potlatch on the Snake and Columbia Rivers. Doeringfeld said the introduction of Zim American Integrated Shipping Services Co. to provide open up services to Greece, Turkey, Romania, Israel, Sri Lanka and Singapore.

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— David Doeringfeld, port manager

Service at the Port of Portland is improving although so far there's no discussion of direct service to Japan, Doeringfeld said.

Lewiston shipments will also go directly to China and Korea, which have ports of call for other Port of Portland carriers.

SERVICES

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Ralph W. "Scotty" MacFee Sr. of Wendell, service at 2

p.m. Friday at Demary's Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main St.; graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Chellis Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Irene M. Smith
JEROME — Irene M. Smith, 91, of Jerome, died Friday, April 7, 2006, at her home.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at the Jerome Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Sheridan officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

89, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 8, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Madelaine Newbry
JEROME — Madeline Laura Kathleen Newbry, 41, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 8, 2006, in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

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Milton Charles Payne

BURLEY — Milton Charles Payne, an 84-year-old resident of Burley, died Wednesday, April 5, 2006, in Biggins, Idaho. He was born July 2, 1921, in Trenton, Utah, the son of Charles and Rosabel Larson Payne. He received his elementary education in Trenton and graduated from the Cache High School in Richmond, Utah, in 1940. While in high school, he loved to play football and was the state high school horsehoe champion. Milton married Emma Hazel Cardon on May 21, 1941, in the Logan LDS Temple. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Merchant Marines, being stationed on the U.S. John McLean. He received his honorable discharge in 1945. Milton and Emma raised two sons, John and Emma, and their oldest son, Eldon, to the View area in 1946, where they started a dairy farm and raised registered Holstein cattle.

Milton loved to serve others and was the president of the State Holstein Association. He was a director on the Board of Farm Labor and also served on the Dairyman's Creamery Board. Milton was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having served as a bishop of the View Ward for many years, was a stake executive secretary in



several stake presidencies, had served on a stake high council, and at the time of death was a high priest. In his later years, Milton enjoyed being a home teacher to many families in the Biggins Idaho Branch.

Milton was always adventuresome and loved to have an airplane for years. Emma and the children could look in the sky at dusk and see him flying toward home. Milton taught his sons the value and importance of hard work, but also to have fun. If you drove by the Payne home on a Saturday afternoon, you could count on seeing Milton playing a game of football with his boys. He had a great love of hunting and

fishing, especially in the Biggins area where he and Emma opened up their home to many friends, family and school groups.

He is survived by his very devoted wife of 65 years, Emma; his sons, Eldon (Marcia) Payne of Pocatello, Lynn (Dianne) Payne of Declo, Marlin (Cindy) Payne of Stevensville, Mont., Mark (Megan) Payne of Declo and Neil (Tina) Payne of Burley; 25 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dean (Dodie) Payne of St. George, Utah, and Veloy Payne of Brigham City, Utah; and one sister, Elva Ellis, also of Brigham City. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Alta Payne, Norma Jean Payne and Linda Andrew; and one brother, DeVerl Payne.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at the View 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley with Bishop Roy Robinson officiating. Burial will be in View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the

DeLores Lee



During her working life, DeLores served as the bookkeeper for Roy Lee's Sky Spray, the family-owned Ag Pilot Business. She is survived by her three daughters, Verna L. (Phil) Mai

of Burley, Linda (Pat) Merrigan of Paul and Luciane (Barrett) Flowers living in Utah; her mother, Louise Bell; one sister, Joan Struble of Sun City, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Irvin Bell, and her husband, Roy Lee.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006, at the Burley United Methodist Church with Pastor Darcey Gritzmacher officiating. Burial will follow at Gem Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Burley United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Wayne Gerald Bailey



Jerome, Donna (Clarence) Miller of Jerome, Colleen Murray of Twin Falls, Joyce (Fred) Grey of California and Karen (Don) Migliuri of Spokane, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen Kevin Duffee; two grandchildren; and one sister, Fern Garrison.

RUPERT — Wayne Gerald Bailey, 75, of Rupert/Jackson area, died April 6, 2006, at his home.

Wayne was born July 26, 1930, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Benjamin J. and Irah M. Bailey. He was the second child in a family with four brothers and six sisters. He was in the Army in the Korean War. On Feb. 9, 1962, he married Paul Marie Laidton. He loved to fish, hunt, garden, and do a workaholic. He retired at the age of 62 from Triple C Concrete after 30-plus years.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Opal of Rupert; his daughter, Wanda Bailey of Burley; stepdaughter, Debby Hill of Spokane, Wash.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Norman (Beulah) Bailey of Oklatoma, Richard Bailey of Flamer, Alaska; Jack (Gail) Bailey of Heyburn and Robert (Ellen) Bailey of Wendell; and sisters, Jody Shriver of

Bankruptcies in Utah drop under new federal law

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's bankruptcy filing numbers dropped 79 percent during the first quarter of this year, but a slide some say is a direct result of sweeping changes to federal bankruptcy law that make it tougher for consumers to walk away from debts.

Slit, most observers believe the decline is only temporary.

"We're just seeing the results of the new bankruptcy law that went into effect in October, but nothing has really changed," said Jean Lown, a professor at Utah State University who has studied Utah's consumer bankruptcy rate. "Lenders remain as aggressive as ever, providing credit at high interest rates to just about anyone who has a heartbeat."

In the first three months of 2006, 1,015 Utahns sought bankruptcy protection. During the same time in 2005, some 4,681 bankruptcy petitions were filed.

David Sims, clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Utah, said large numbers of consumers crowded bankruptcy courts in September and October prior to the nation's new bankruptcy law going into effect.

In Utah this year, there were 233 petitions filed in January, 311 in February and 471 in March, he said.

Last year's bankruptcy reform bill, known as the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, was passed by Congress after heavy lobbying by consumer issuers, who portrayed consumers as out-of-control spenders.

The law established a "means test" for anyone who files and earns at least 125 percent or more of their state's median income level.

In Utah that's only \$45,726, so only households earning more than \$57,157 a year are subject to the test.

The test determines if bankruptcy filing can save you at least 25 percent of what they owe, or a minimum of \$6,000, over a five-year period. Those who can must file for a Chapter 13 reorganization and make payments rather than get immediate relief under a Chapter 7 liquidation of their assets.

Attorney David Gillman, who also serves as a bankruptcy trustee, said Utah's current robust economy and high employment rate should keep bankruptcy filings down, but only in the short term.

Gillman blames Utah's historically high number of bankruptcies on a lack of consumer financial education.

"Thirty years ago the bankers took a gamble," he said. "They fired off all those guys who used to sit around with rolled up sleeves and green visors and go over someone's loan application with them to see if they could afford to borrow the money they were requesting."

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Man threatens to shoot officers with rifle

Post Falls resident charged with possession of firearm, exhibition of weapon

POST FALLS (AP) — A Post Falls man was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm and exhibition of a weapon after he threatened officers with an assault rifle, police said.

Kevin Nell Peterson, 42, of Post Falls, could also be charged for firing a shot within his apartment, the Coeur d'Alene Press reported.

Police officers responded to a report of an unconscious man Thursday morning, but said they instead found Peterson with an assault rifle. He was eventually shot with a stun gun and taken into custody.

Dispatchers told police en route to the call that Peterson had been screaming that he had guns and that officers should bring their guns and gas masks with them.

Peterson also reportedly told dispatchers he would shoot law enforcement officers if they came any closer to the apartment.

When officers approached, Peterson stepped out with a

Norinco Mak 90 Sporter, police reports said, and he repeatedly refused to put down the assault rifle.

Peterson had previously served time for felony possession of an explosive device in Colorado and was released in 1996.

"Shoot me, shoot me, shoot me in the back," police said he told them before going back inside.

Police said Peterson ignored orders to come out with his hands up and continued to yell profanities. He never pointed the gun at officers. Eventually, police sneaked up and hit him with a stun gun multiple times before they could take him into custody.

Once in custody at the jail, Peterson said he had fired a round in the apartment 30 minutes before police arrived.

Police said the bullet went through the couch and into the wall, but didn't go through.

Neighbors said they didn't hear the shot because they sleep with earplugs.

"It should be noted that there were children sleeping in the apartment next door in the direction of where the bullet was traveling," officer Scott Harmon wrote in his report.

A Smith and Wesson pistol was also recovered at Peterson's apartment.

Magistrate Judge Benjamin Simpson set Peterson's bail at \$100,000.

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Utah schools not prepared for earthquake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A survey of buildings in nearly half of Utah's school districts finds that hundreds of public schools would be unsafe in a major earthquake.

And bringing all state schools up to seismic safety codes could cost billions of dollars, the state report suggests.

School building safety is largely a local school district matter. But the State Board of Education worries about the potential for injury and loss of life in the event of the big one in geological fault-heavy Utah.

The board is taking about a way to get more involved in building safety.

"The worst thing we could do is somehow try and put off (action) in this area and then have an earthquake," board member Randall Mackey said at a meeting Friday. "It's like me, this is one of our top priorities."

The probability of a large earthquake along the Wasatch Front is 16 percent in the next 50 years, the U.S. Geological Survey has reported. Assuming quakes occur regularly, the probability of a major earthquake in Salt Lake City may be as high as 57 percent in 100 years.

Many buildings are unprepared because seismic considerations didn't become part of building codes until after the 1971 San Fernando earthquake in California.

The state Division of Emergency Services has estimated about half Utah's 800-plus schools had sections built before 1975.

Hypnotherapist charged with fondling women

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A hypnotherapist has pleaded not guilty to charges he fondled two female patients while they were in a hypnosis state.

The 59-year-old Edward Barry Tegeler is accused of touching women inappropriately after two stormed out of his office in March, reported the Idaho Falls Post-Register.

Tegeler was charged with four counts of misdemeanor battery and posted bail on his \$20,000 bond Thursday.

He was convicted on similar charges in Bonneville County in 2003 and sentenced to two years of probation.

The most recent cases both happened in his Idaho Falls office in March, prosecutors say.

Tegeler could serve two years in jail and be fined \$4,000.

In the 2003 case, a pregnant woman said she was touched on her legs and that on a later visit, Tegeler inappropriately touched her again, according to reports from KPVI News.

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Former Rep. Randall 'Duke' Cunningham, center, is helped by aides as he arrives at the federal courthouse in San Diego for sentencing on his conviction for bribery and tax evasion charges in this March 3 file photo.

Scandal of disgraced lawmaker looms large in House race in California

SAN DIEGO (AP) — If there is any doubt about whether ethics matter, consider how the scandal of a former GOP congressman now doing prison time for tax evasion and bribery has cast a long shadow over a House election.

This solid Republican district on the Southern California coast should be a cakewalk for the GOP in Tuesday's contest to choose Randy "Duke" Cunningham's successor. Complicating the Republican outlook, however, is Democrat Francine Busby, whose campaign has shone a harsh spotlight on corruption, and an everyone-on-the-ballot format involving 10 candidates.

"You have to be perceived as pure if you want a shot in this campaign," pollster John Niensstedt said.

Cunningham represented California's 50th Congressional District from 1993 until he resigned in disgrace late last year. In March, he was sentenced to more than eight years in federal prison on charges of evading taxes and accepting \$2.4 million in bribes from defense contractors.

"The district comprises a chunk of the city of San Diego, which has dealt with its own scandals. Two city councilmen were convicted last year of political corruption charges, and

Mayor Dick Murphy resigned seven months into his second term amid a widening federal investigation into the city's deficit-ridden pension fund.

Cunningham's woes are fresh and it is possible that Republicans will split the vote among 14 candidates. That gives Busby a shot in the district in which GOP voters outnumber Democrats by a 3-2 margin.

If no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote, the top finisher from each party competes in a June 6 contest. An outright winner Tuesday or, more likely, the winner of the June contest takes a seat in Congress — and immediately begins the campaign for the November election.

"This is really a bellwether to see whether or not the culture of corruption has taken voters beyond partisanship," said Busby, 55, a school board member who lost soundly to Cunningham in 2004.

Political observers are not expecting her to win over independents or Republicans.

"I haven't seen much evidence that the average dependable Republican voter has decided to throw the GOP baby out with bathwater," said Carl Luna, a political science professor at San Diego's Mesa College.

Utah catching up to Vermont for skier visits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's skiing governor, Jon Huntsman, hit the slopes Saturday as industry officials gave an early assessment of the 2005-06 season, saying the total number of skier visits was fast approaching 4 million.

Utah, the No. 4 skiing state, could move up a notch and replace Vermont, which usually tops 4 million skier visits but suffered from a shortage of winter snowfall, with many of its ski areas opening late and closing early this season.

Ski areas in Utah's Wasatch Range by contrast, have had about 50 feet of snow since October, with three feet falling last week. The mountain snowpack is 171 percent above normal, the National Weather Service reports. The resorts got even more snow last winter, when Snowbird had skiing for 205 days straight.

The resorts could match last winter's record of 3.9 million skier visits, up 12 percent, even with a shorter season, said resort executives and Nathan Rafferty, president of Ski Utah.

Snowbird, about 18 miles east

of Salt Lake City, had its busiest March for skier visits and lodging, resort spokeswoman Laura Schaller said.

Executives at other Utah resorts said their numbers were up, too, although for competing reasons — the 13 independently owned resorts don't release figures. Ski Utah compiles and releases a single figure for all resorts at the end of the season.

Rafferty said Utah's final numbers will depend on traffic in the final weeks of the season. Most Utah resorts will close next weekend, except for Snowbird, which plans to stay open until April 23. Snowbird, a year-round resort, will offer skiing until the end of May.

The resorts don't close for lack of a snowpack but for interest, as skiers switch to playing golf, riding bicycles or mowing lawns. Even as they lose customers, resorts stay open for weeks, just to show they can, said Gary DeSeelhorst, president of Solitude Mountain Resort, which is staying open until April 16.

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Austin Dutton Alva, 20; use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pretrial conference April 10; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Emigdio Avalos-Soto, 26; underage consumption of alcohol; open container; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pretrial conference April 11; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Guillermo Borrero, 55; driving under the influence; sentencing April 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Michael Wayne Davis, 37; driving under the influence; pretrial conference April 11; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Juan Damian Diaz-Vargas, 20; driving without privileges; sentencing March 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Jose Socorro Martinez-Sanchez, 34; driving under the influence; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pretrial conference April 10; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentencing

James H. Moore Jr., 31; driving under the influence, \$1,178.60 fines/fees, \$850 suspended; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Aquilino Lynart Anta, 30; battery — domestic violence/traumatic injury amended to battery, \$447.50 fines/fees, \$200 suspended; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 141 suspended, credit for nine days served, 30 days discretionary; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Jose Manuel Salazar-Vazquez, 23; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, \$407.50 fines/fees, \$200 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, two days eligible for work program; operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; exceeding the speed limit; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Edward V. Sells, 23; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Edwin M. Laureano-Acevedo, 36; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$177.50 fines/fees, \$350 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, two days eligible for work program; following too closely; \$22 fines/fees; failure to use safety restraint; \$10 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Courtney Michelle Strickland, 28; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Fruoso H. Ortega, 19; reckless driving amended to inattentive/careless driving judgment withheld for one year; \$207 fines/fees, \$400 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 45 days in jail, 45 suspended.
 Jaime Ramirez Jr., 16; inattentive/careless driving judgment withheld for one year; \$507.50 fines/fees, \$200 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 45 days in jail, 45 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Catherine Ann Ellis, 25; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Drea L. Soler, 23; unlawful fishing, trapping or hunting with a suspended hunting license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Randi M. Arana, 26; malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Cody Eugene Hoshard, 30; inattentive/careless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Steven A. McCabe, 46; driving under the influence; open container; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Immigration protests reach Pocatello

POCATELLO (AP) — Immigration protests reached Pocatello Saturday, as more than 200 people marched from the Idaho State University Campus to City Hall.
 The protesters were marching in opposition to an immigration reform proposal in Congress which would make it a felony to be in the U.S. without the proper immigration paperwork.
 "We want Idaho representatives to vote against the proposal," said organizer Ed Lora.
 The bill also calls for a fence to be erected along the Mexican border and would make it a felony to immigrate illegally or aid an illegal immigrant.

dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Arturo C. Vazquez, 28; failure to give immediate notice of an accident; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdemeanor dismissals

Wade Bennett, 15; reckless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

James Robert Glasco, 30; possession of a controlled substance; destruction, alteration, concealment of evidence; driving under the influence (misdemeanor); preliminary hearing March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Lisa Beverlee Butte, 41; possession of a controlled substance; use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); status hearing April 14; District Judge John K. Butler.
 Laura Kimberley Carlson, 41; drug trafficking in methamphetamine precursors; injury to a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance (misdemeanor); use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); pretrial conference June 2; District Judge John K. Butler.
 Jenny Rose Clark, 21; burglary; pretrial conference June 2; District Judge John K. Butler.
 Diego Garcia-Perez, 24; possession of a controlled substance; battery — domestic violence (misdemeanor); status hearing March 28; District Judge John K. Butler.
 Michael R. Murphy, 49; drug trafficking in methamphetamine precursors; possession of a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance (misdemeanor); use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); pretrial conference June 2; District Judge John K. Butler.

(misdemeanor); status hearing April 14; District Judge John K. Butler.
 Arturo Jackson Hancock, 36; burglary; attempted petty theft (misdemeanor); pretrial conference June 12; District Judge John K. Butler.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Israel B. Arizmendi and Tiffany Davis Beltrons. Seeking of Mr. Arizmendi: \$623 monthly support for Isaac Isalah Arizmendi, plus interest. Ms. Arizmendi, plus 72 percent of children's medical expenses; attorney fees.
 State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Freddy Aguirre. Seeking \$155 monthly support for Jessica Aguirre, plus 50 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.
 State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Charles David Vinyard and Deborah Lynn Vinyard. Seeking of Mr. Vinyard: \$351 monthly support for Sarah Marie Vinyard, plus 60 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

Divorce

Bee Robinson-Morris vs. Robert L. Morris.



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Ten years later, Freeman remembered

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press writer

JORDAN, Mont. — People here are friendly enough until a stranger brings up the Freemen. Then the smile disappears, the eyes roll, the chill sets in.

What happened along the gravel roads on the countryside northwest of here 10 years ago remains an embarrassment to the locals: There, for 81 days in the spring of 1996, the separatist group that called itself the Freemen was locked in a tense standoff with the FBI that thrust Jordan into the media spotlight and, in the eyes of many, forever linked this flag-waving, farm-and-ranch town with the fringe element.

"It makes us look like Hicks," the local sheriff, Kelly Peterson, offers. "I'd rather my hometown be remembered for something more prestigious."

In this close-knit community, the Freemen are known mainly for their divisive, two-year reign of bullying and aggression — anti-government rhetoric, threats against public officials who dared question them, bounty offers for people who'd crossed them, quick-money scams and tax dodges.

Elsewhere, observers say, the Freemen — if they are remembered at all — may well be counted as just one of the right-wing groups that gained popularity during the '90s but seemed to wither away.

"I often give talks to college groups about this thing. It's ancient history to them," said Karl Ols, the executive director of the FBI during the standoff.

The Freemen espoused an alternate reality of sorts, with their own laws, courts and banking. But they went beyond a kooky weirdness when they attempted to pass their "notes" and "bills" in the legitimate system, taking thousands of dollars from people who accepted their gobbledygook legal papers. In the real world, it was called bank fraud. And when the Freemen waived their guns in response, the FBI came in.

A decade after the standoff, four people who were there in different roles reveal insights into the group, the stakes and strategy at play to reach a peaceful end and what — if anything — the Freemen accomplished. There, the reports say, a Freeman wife, the veteran negotiator, and Ols.

It seemed a reporters' dream, covering one of the biggest stories in the nation at the time. And it was, Tom Lacey said — some days.

But Lacey, a now-retired Associated Press reporter, said some of the most dramatic moments of high drama were scattered among days spent watching through binoculars from afar for any signs of movement at the so-called Freemen compound. Reporters also tried their luck, with limited success, at squeezing news out of the tight-lipped FBI.

"I remember being perpetually terrified I was going to miss something important," said Lacey of Helena, who usually left his post a half-mile or more away just long enough to file stories from a nearby ranch house. "You had to see it, or you probably wouldn't know about it."

Perhaps the most dramatic moment for Lacey came a month before the standoff even began. In an uneventful roadside encounter with Freeman leader LeRoy Schweitzer and eight gun-toting cohorts.

Freemen had noticed Lacey and an AP photographer taking the road leading to the ranch where the group was based. They tracked the newsmen down, boxed them in with their vehicles — and demanded the film, which the photographer eventually turned over. Lacey said that while the Freemen never pointed their guns, there were threats, and Lacey was frisked.

"Yeah, we were scared. Eight guys with guns, we were 20 miles from town," Lacey said. Lacey's next trip came weeks later, and he was joined by a crush of reporters covering the standoff sparked by the FBI's arrest of Schweitzer and seven others March 25. "That was my introduction to what I considered peak journalism," he said.

When Aggie Stanton heard about the arrests March 25, her first instinct was to drive to her neighbor's, the Clarks. It was from their property that the standoff ensued.

Stanton, who was married to a Freeman arrested in late 1994, was with members of the group at the Clark property for a couple of weeks. When she decided to leave, she was arrested and charged with bank fraud. She's



AP Photo

An FBI caravan transports Freeman members for processing after their surrender at the negotiation site in the Freemen compound outside Jordan, Mont., June 13, 1996. For 81 days in the spring of 1996, the separatist Freemen and FBI were locked in a tense standoff.

never returned to Jordan.

"I feel I'm a victim of circumstances," said Stanton, who now lives in Billings. "I was married to a man who really believed what he was doing."

Stanton eventually was convicted of two counts of bank fraud but never required to do any jail time. She said she shared a bank account with her husband but was never involved in any of the Freemen schemes. They are now divorced.

She said she did not understand a lot of what the Freemen were involved in and feared things would end violently.

"I'm surprised there wasn't more that happened out there," she said. "It's a wonder somebody hasn't killed."

For the man who led the FBI's crisis negotiation team, Ols was the fear all along. Gary Noesner said the goal was to go slow, keep a distance and reach a peaceful conclusion. The violent, bloody ends to FBI standoffs at Ruby Ridge and Waco just a few years earlier certainly were a factor, he said.

"In Montana, there was this perception of what's taking so long? The FBI is scared to move."

Seven Freemen remain in federal custody

Ten years after the standoff, seven Freemen remain in federal custody. Their names, projected release dates, location and its security status, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons:

- Richard E. Clark, Sept. 12; half-way house, location undisclosed.
- Dale M. Jacobl, June 30, 2008, medium security, Bennettsville, S.C.
- Russell Landers, May 20, 2032; high security, McCrea, N.C.
- John P. McGuire, Dec. 28, 2010; medium security, Butner, N.C.
- Daniel E. Peterson; April 19, 2009; low security, Waseca, Minn.
- LeRoy Schweitzer; Aug. 7, 2018; high security, Marion, Ill.
- Rodney Skurdal, July 8, 2009; low security, Safford, Ariz.

— The Associated Press

Fortunately, Noesner said, there was no political pressure on him to move swiftly on the armed Freemen.

Ols said he made 19 trips to the ranch and fell into an easy relationship with Edwin Clark, a fellow rancher who would eventually emerge as the group's leader and voice of reason.

Ols said the Freemen included criminals, adventure seekers and struggling farmers and ranchers who had a "convoluted view" of government. He blames Schweitzer for the ordeal.

"In a certain way they were brainwashed; they were only talking to each other, so their sense of reality was skewed," Ols said. "They didn't want to be called kooks; they wanted to be respected."

In the end, a number of the Freemen, including key figures, were sentenced to prison; seven remain in federal custody.

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LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

SHOSHONE — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Marlie Krezczkowski, no date of birth listed, insufficient funds check; pretrial conference March 15; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Melissa K. Towne, 29, theft; pretrial conference March 15; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

open container; pretrial conference March 29; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Kate Cleveland, no date of birth listed; six counts failed — insufficient funds check; pretrial conference March 29; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Anthony J. Niechy, 27, resisting or obstructing officers; sentencing April 19; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Michael D. Peterson, 29, resisting or obstructing officers; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; arraignment April 12; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Gabriel I. Riley, 31, driving under the influence; pretrial conference April 5; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Dustin M. Welland, 22, driving without privileges; resisting or obstructing officers; pretrial conference March 29; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Jupenal Ortiz Pinao, 19, battery dismissed by prosecutor; unlawful entry two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 145 suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Kirk J. Lindsey, no date of birth listed, use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$1,000 fines/fees; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 179 suspended, credit for one day served; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; \$1,036 fines/fees; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 179 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments

Troy Ernest Sylvia, 17, driving without privileges; amended to driving without privileges (libel offense); failure to provide proof of insurance; pretrial conference March 29; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Richard M. Hedges, 61, driving under the influence; amended to unauthorized driving; \$372.50 fines/fees; \$100 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail, 105 suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Jennifer L. Sayer, 21, driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; six months unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$1,050 fines/fees; \$500 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Tasha Laine Seig, 22, driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Tina Jay Newman, 25, driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fines/fees; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor dismissals
Christopher Traubergers, 29, driving a vehicle without the owner's consent; petit theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Jovana Reyes, 27, disseminating material harmful to the underage; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Felony dismissals

Steven James McClure, 31; two counts fraud — insufficient funds check; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Civil
Citibank vs. Sabrina Davis. Seeking \$2,400.50, plus interest; \$500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases
State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Terrence McManus and Barbara Jean McManus. Seeking of both parents: \$651 monthly support for Melissa Dawn McManus, plus 50 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

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Coeur d'Alene officials mull new building ordinance

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — City officials want to go forward with a proposed ordinance to limit the height and size of new buildings in downtown Coeur d'Alene. The city's steering committee, which has held months of workshops and meetings with downtown property owners, has decided it will leave any modifications up to the city's Planning Commission of the City Council.

The proposal aims to keep Coeur d'Alene's smaller downtown buildings from being overshadowed and from blocking people's view of the surrounding lake and mountains.

It allows developers to add more height if they added street-level retail, parking, public art or affordable housing — amenities aimed at making downtown more tourist-friendly.

The proposal's current draft limits buildings to 75 feet if none of the conditions are met, or up to 140 feet if developers agree to incorporate public features. Building could be pushed even higher with donations of cash for city parkland, the library, museum or theater.

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2005-06 TIMES-NEWS PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Brady and Brett made a tough team

By Nathaniel Garrabrant
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Now some weeks removed from the Twin Falls Bruins' first boys basketball state championship in 32 years, things may finally be starting to sink in.

Yes, they actually did shoot 72-percent from the floor during the first half of the title game; no, the 70-48 championship game victory over Capital wasn't even as close as the score makes it look; yes, the Bruins were really that good.

But it may take a little while longer to fully appreciate the assemblage of players gracing the past season's roster, chief among them *Times-News* boys basketball co-players of the year Brady Jardine and Brett Wiesman.

"They're a couple guys you don't replace in a program," said head coach Matt Hiett. "I honestly think they're two of the best players in the state. After the season in the state tournament, they have to be almost one and two and you can almost flip-flop them."

The 6-foot-6 guard/post Jardine averaged 16 points per game on the season, while the 6-foot-5 post Wiesman averaged 14 points and seven boards. Jardine led the team in scoring 12 times on the year, Wiesman 11. Yet interestingly, and perhaps to the credit of the team as a whole, there was a single game over the course of the year in which both reached the 20-point mark.

"That's just how it was with us," said Jardine. "And not necessarily with just me and Brett, but I think that was the great thing about our team this year — we didn't have

one guy that if they shut down, we were done. We played together as a team. We had three or four guys averaging in double digits. That's what it takes to win a state championship. At the end of the year that was our ultimate goal. Stats didn't mean anything, but it's kind of nice now."

Also having been named Idaho Gatorade Player of the Year and selected by state coaches as the Idaho Statesman's 5A Boys Basketball Player of the Year, Jardine will suit up as a Utah State Aggie following a two-year LDS mission, having signed with Utah State last November. Wiesman is making plans for some community college ball next year probably in either Washington or Oregon. Both were selected by statewide media to the North Idaho College statewide all-star game on Saturday, April 8.

But size, talent, accolades and stat lines are one thing, cohesiveness is something else entirely and Jardine and Wiesman complimented each other perfectly, with each having strengthened individual weaknesses from the year before to make for a truly deadly tandem.

For Jardine, whose forte had been more his guard skills and shooting, that meant lots of work in the weight room, building strength and boosting his vertical leap to 39 inches

from 30 the year before.

"I think the biggest thing for me this year was increasing my strength," said Jardine. "I could play and post up with the big guys."

For Wiesman, who'd been more of a role player the year before, it was strengthening his hands and developing a shot that didn't seem to belong to a post, going 40-percent on the year from 3-point range.

"Last year I kind of had a little chip on my shoulder because I didn't get a lot of playing time in the state tournament," said Wiesman. "So I really helped motivate me to work hard so they couldn't take me off the floor. I just tried to become a really solid jump shooter, so that if it was around 15 feet it would go in. And I had pretty weak hands, so I tried to work on strengthening them."

The end result was a season's worth of stretched out defenses. The key example of the effect came on March 3 in Twin Falls' 61-42 state semifinal win over the Mountain View Mavericks, who boasted the imposing 7-0 Junior Scott Thompson at center.

"When he stretched the defenses out, it opened it up inside for Brady," said Hiett.

"And I think it showed the most in our Mountain View game. Mountain View had the big guy and we knew that if he came out and guarded Brett, Brett would dump it in to Brady. A lot of times you see that stuff on paper and you see it on film, but getting it across the boards and having them not buy into it is different. They executed it perfectly."

The two also contributed as much in terms of leadership as they did actual basketball, ensuring the title of team captains was more than honorary.

"Sometimes you can be a leader and be a quiet leader," said Hiett, who doesn't much care for quiet practices, "but those two guys, they were vocal leaders too. So in the gym, in those dog days of January, when it's the dead of winter and the practices are just sort of dragging, it was these two who really picked the practice up. They always worked hard. They always talked. They always picked the other guys up."

Leadership rose to its premium for the Bruins the first week in February, following back-to-back losses to 4A rival Miniro, and Region Four-Five-Six foe Highland.

A series of onferences ensued, between coaches and the team, coaches and individual players, and among teammates.

"Everyone on our team had the same goal this year," said Jardine, "to win a state championship. And when those two losses happened, me and Brett being the captains of the team, we actually had a couple meetings together — no coaches

— and we talked about what we wanted and what needed to do. And I think that really helped us, just that we could talk to each other and not worry about hurting somebody else's feelings. We said what we needed to say."

"I thought a big thing about the year was that we all got along really well," Wiesman said. "I've got a few friends. We had really good chemistry."

Whatever got Twin Falls back in gear, it worked. The Bruins reeled off eight straight wins to close out their championship season, averaging an 18.5 point margin of victory.

The year before we had a big letdown as a team," said Jardine. "We talked about it the night before as a team and we said that we were not going to let that happen. So we promised ourselves that we were going to come out strong and we were just lucky that we came out and shot well and played the way we know how to play."

The rest, as Wiesman notes, is history. "It feels great," said Wiesman. "We almost feel like legends now. It's only been twice in the last 32 years."



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2005-06

Times-News All-Area boys basketball team

Players of the Year

Brady Jardine, Brett Wiesman

First team

Zandon Stokes, sr., Twin Falls

Brad Davis, sr., Wendell

Mich Bourmer, sr., Burley

Will Chivers, jr., Burley

Chris Turney, sr., Burley

Second team

Blake Nielsen, sr., Twin Falls

Tyler Cook, sr., Carey

Rod Green, sr., Carey

Skyler Talbot, sr., Hagerman

Matt Myers, sr., Wendell

Honorable mention

David Prescott, jr., Jerome

Spencer Stokes, sr., Declo

Kyle Straatman, sr., Minico

Coach of the Year

Matt Hiett, Twin Falls

Eagle rips through T.F. pitchers

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It just wasn't there for the Bruins on Saturday. Eagle came with a bag of hot bats and out of Twin Falls, handing the Bruins a 16-run, rule loss in five innings of Game 1 before clipping Twin Falls 11-7 in Game 2.

The Mustangs were more successful at putting the ball in play as they connected 26 times on five Bruins pitchers, while Twin Falls netted only 15 hits during the doubleheader.

"They just didn't throw the ball down," Twin Falls head coach Mike Federico said of his pitchers. "Good hitting teams will beat you if you can't do that (Eagle) is a good hitting club."

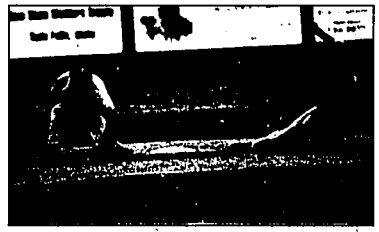
The first inning wasn't much of a threat. Bruins starter Nick Yengensen walked a leadoff man Jon Esten and then gave up a base hit to catcher Sean Peters, but a ground out to drive in Osterburg and a 6-4-3 double play later, the Bruins were only left with one.

After two Bruins ground-outs and a fly ball to head up the offensive effort, Twin Falls took to the field while Eagle took to the skies in the top of the second. Off of a few base hits and an Osterburg double, Eagle answered with three runs as their own.

Twin Falls answered with a strong bottom half as Recognition Pullin doubled to send in Nathan Ramirez and Kasey Jeroubo to cut Eagle lead to 4-2.

Then, in the top of the third, back-and-forth as each team put another couple of runs on the board. A Bo Fokkinga single drove in Chance Blam and Marcus Schaal to make it 6-4, but it would be the last time Twin Falls crossed the plate.

After giving up six runs, Yengensen was relieved by Zach Rupp-Smith to finish the top of



Twin Falls second baseman Kenny Steelman scoops up the ball as Eagle shortstop Mark Tyson attends second during the fourth inning of Game 1 at Brum Field on Saturday. Eagle swept Twin Falls 16-4 and 11-7.

the third. Yengensen gave up eight hits, walked two and struck out only one. "I didn't come out and do my best," the sophomore pitcher said. "I just couldn't find it. I guess. Sometimes, you just have bad days."

But the fourth is when the Mustangs blew the game open. After shortstop Mark Tyson drove in Eagle's first run with a single, Left Hander Jesse Kay returned the favor by knocking in Tyson with a triple. Rupp-Smith walked first baseman Mack Drzyzalko, who also stole a base.

Left Hander Jesse Kay returned the favor by knocking in Tyson with a triple. Rupp-Smith walked first baseman Mack Drzyzalko, who also stole a base. Kay still on third, made it home on a sacrifice fly to right field. Chris Holt was thrown out attempting to reach second on a deep hit to left, but bought enough time for Drzyzalko to score, putting Eagle up 10-4. At that point, Nathan Ramirez came in for relief, allowing a single base hit before second baseman Ryan Butler grounded out to end the inning.

The fifth went even worse for the Bruins as Eagle batted around and scored six.

Kay smacked a double to send in Osterburg and Petersen, then Kay made it home off a single from Drzyzalko to make it 12-4. The final nail in the coffin was a two-run shut over the left-center wall by pinch-hitter Forrest Cannon to score himself and Drzyzalko.

The Bruins needed three runs to stay in the game, but went four-up and three-down on fly balls and a final ground-out to give Eagle the 10-run rule win. "I just couldn't get the ball down, you know," Ramirez said. "I was just leaving the ball up and they were just hitting the crap out of it."

Ramirez gave up six runs on seven hits. In Game 2, the Bruins didn't fare much better though they did produce more runs on roughly the same number of hits.

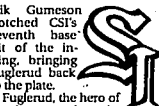
"We played better in the second," Federico said. "We just didn't pitch well." The bats were better as the Bruins expanded on extra-base hits. Please see PITCHERS, Page C2.

Golden Eagles split in Salt Lake

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — The previously quiet College of Southern Idaho bats finally carried in the top of the seventh inning of Saturday's Scenic West Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader in Salt Lake City, as the Golden Eagles drove in nine runs on nine hits to take a 12-3 Game 2 victory over the host Salt Lake Community College Bruins at Cate Field.

The split inning clinched a series game with the Bruins after CSI dropped Saturday's first game 3-1. Sophomore outfielder Kenny Fuglerud played his usual role of instigator in CSI's outburst, getting things started with a leadoff single. A Grant Kveder infield single and a Jordan Daley two-strike sacrifice bunt later, and Mike Griffin ripped an RBI-single to right in Fuglerud. That would only open the flood gates, as the runs kept coming on RBIs from Jeff Vickers, Kyle Tresser and Alex Hancock to increase the CSI lead to 9-3. Alex Hancock scored on a wild pitch before



Nik Guesmon notched CSI's seventh base hit of the inning, bringing Fuglerud back to the plate.

Fuglerud, the hero of the day, came through with a RBI-double to stretch CSI's lead to 11-3 before Mike Griffin's second RBI-single of the inning brought in — you guessed it — Fuglerud.

"Kenny's always right in the middle of things and he makes it happen for us," CSI head coach Boomer Walker told 1270 AM KTFI. "Going into the seventh there, with Ken Fuglerud up, I told our guys, 'This is exactly what we want. This is where we want to be.'"

Fuglerud scored the game's first run in the top of the first on a Bruins error, before CSI tacked on two more runs in the top of the second without recording a hit, as SLCC starter John Heideckert couldn't find the strike zone before being pulled in favor of Preston Grimes.

Tim Mealer picked up the win

in relief as CSI improved to 30-10 (19-7 SWAC).

Things weren't as busy for CSI in Game 1, as Bruins ace RJ Ferguson limited CSI to only one run on two hits. CSI starter Nick Carr allowed only three hits, but struggled with his control in a few spots to yield runs to the 20-15 (13-10 SWAC) Bruins.

"Ferguson did a good job," Walker said. "He kept us off balance all day. That's how that kid thrives. He mixes up his pitches, keeps stuff down and doesn't let you get comfortable."

CSI has a bye for the coming week before traveling to Price, Utah, to take on the College of Eastern Utah on April 21-22.

Game 1
SLCC 3, CSI 1
CSI 100-0-117
SLCC 100-0-130
CSI 100-0-130
SLCC 100-0-130
CSI 100-0-130

Game 2
CSI 12, SLCC 3
CSI 100-0-117
SLCC 100-0-130
CSI 100-0-130
SLCC 100-0-130
CSI 100-0-130

Utes clip CSI volleyball in exhibition

Eagles hang with No. 25 team

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The NCAA Division I defending champion College of Southern Idaho volleyball team finally found some competition.

It took bringing in the No. 25-ranked team in the 2005 NCAA Division I Coaches' Poll to the CSI gymnasium on Saturday for the Golden Eagles to suffer their first home defeat in over two years. The visiting University of Utah Utes, who finished 23-9 in

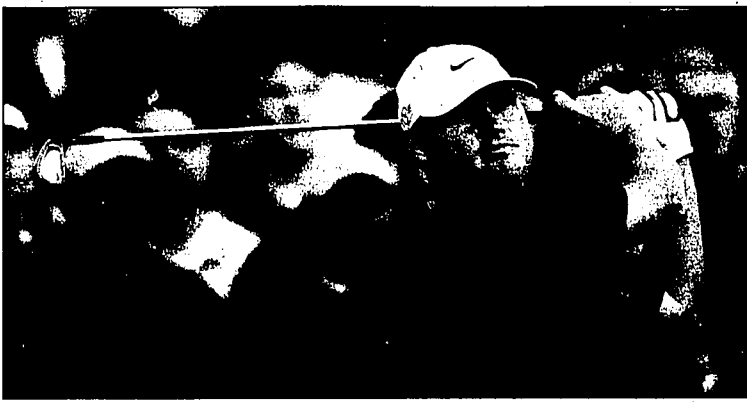
2005, took a pair of exhibition matches over CSI, winning the first match 30-16, 19-30, 37-35, 30-14 and taking a best-of-three match 30-24, 26-30, 30-26.

"It's not good to compete against that kind of team," CSI head coach Ben Stroud said. "I thought we were in every game really, except the first game. I thought our game came up a little today."

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SPORTS



Chad Campbell hits his drive on the third hole during third-round play of the Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. on Saturday.

Campbell keeps the lead

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — With rain making its annual Masters appearance, Chad Campbell and the guys chasing him had to wait around all day to tee off. Just enough time for a tantalizing preview of Sunday's marathon.

Campbell birdied his first two holes Saturday, then made two straight bogeys before the horns sounded with darkness settling over Augusta National. He headed off for a short — and surely restless — night with a one-stroke lead over Tim Clark and Rocco Mediate.

A long day for four holes," Campbell said.

Larking just three strokes behind: defending champion Tiger Woods and 2001 winner Phil Mickelson. And they weren't the only big names taking aim at Campbell, who has never won a major title. Retief Goosen, Ernie Els and Vijay Singh — major champions all — were within four shots of the leader.

"Sure, they've got a little more experience at this than I do," Campbell said. "But you've got to start somewhere."

Woods managed to get in nine holes Saturday, which

should sound familiar. He was at the same point in last year's rain-plagued tournament, returning Sunday morning to tee a four-stroke deficit into a three-shot lead by the end of the third round. He went on to beat Chris DiMarco in a playoff that afternoon.

"As long as he's upright, he's closed," Mediate said, referring to Woods, a four-time Masters champion.

Campbell, who surged to the top of the leaderboard with a 5-under-par 67 on Friday, didn't tee off until nearly 7 o'clock at night. He rolled in an 8-foot putt at the first hole to keep his momentum going, then made a two-putt birdie from 35 feet at the No. 5 second.

"That took his score to 8 under — four strokes clear of the field. But the hefty margin quickly narrowed."

Campbell came up short of the green with his approach at No. 3, chipped to 10 feet and missed the putt. After knocking his tee shot at the par-3 fourth into the bunker, he blasted to 6 feet but slipped out the par putt, a tough way to finish a day that was both long and short.

The rain-softened course

made it easier to attack the greens and restored an advantage to the more powerful players, so the medium-striking Campbell figures to have plenty of challengers on Sunday.

Everyone who didn't finish has to return at 7:45 a.m. to complete the third round, then return in the afternoon for the final 18 holes.

Mickelson started with three straight birdies, followed by back-to-back bogeys. Clark birdied three of the five holes he played before dark. Padraig Harrington was tied with Woods and Mickelson at 4 under.

Even Jim Furyk, who was the first golfer off the tee and made it through 12 holes before the rain struck, gave himself a glimmer of hope by finishing off a 4-under ball that got him back to even par.

Furyk had back-to-back birdies at the 16th and 17th holes. He had a chance to make it three in a row, but a 15-footer slid by the cup at No. 18.

"It was definitely on my mind coming down the last few holes," said Furyk, who played with a non-competing marker.

"I really wanted to get that last putt in for birdie. I didn't play any calmer than what I had."

All week long, the talk at the Masters was about the bulked-up course. On Saturday, it turned to weather.

"For the fifth year in a row, the tournament was hit by storms, remnants of a weather system that spawned deadly tornadoes in Tennessee and Alabama homes and businesses in suburban Atlanta."

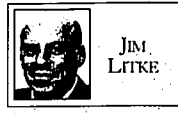
At least the forecast was favorable — sunny skies, with temperatures around 70.

During the delay, the caddy shack was crowded with loopers, who escaped the rain and awaited word on when play might resume. Some fans remained on the course, huddled under green-and-white umbrellas and holding onto their prime seats.

"It's so pretty and getting to see the golfers up close, a little rain is worth it," said Penny Lowery of Dallas, Texas, who has been attending the tournament for about 30 years. "Just get a good cup of hot coffee and another pinetico cheese sandwich."

Only way Favre loses is by refusing to choose

Decision-making used to be Brett Favre's strong suit. A strong arm and a stout heart are prerequisites for any NFL quarterback with big plans, but the reason Favre saw most of his fulfilled was that he couldn't be stopped. Double-coverage was a dare, a ticking game clock the drum roll to yet another magical moment.



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Yet after one Super Bowl title, too many records to count, three straight MVP award-winning seasons and 16 altogether, all of a sudden Favre can't make up his mind.

"Everybody wrestles with retirement, so why not him? Everybody wrestles with the ravages of time, too, yet few achieve on a grand enough scale to appreciate how much he would have to let go. Even at the NFL horizon, his eyes don't settle on anybody who is tougher or throws a football better. And the few who come close still don't command as much respect."

That said, the will-he-or-won't-he-return drama has officially crossed into the land of the ridiculous.

On Saturday, Favre scheduled a news conference that promised closure. He showed up and said the following:

"No change," Favre began. "I don't know, once again, I don't know why you guys wasted a trip down here."

Reporters didn't make the haul to Tunica, Miss. to cover Favre's charity golf tournament, worthy as the cause might have been. And Favre fans haven't been parsing every sentence Favre has spoken during the offseason because they need the practice.

Favre could retire with his limbs and legacy intact, and a bank account big enough to sustain some sizable dents. He could return to Green Bay and be lionized. He could go to another team and be lionized there, too. Those options have been on the table for three months now — some would argue Favre has been mulling them over the past two seasons or longer — and the only way they come out a loser is by refusing to choose.

"To you think of another athlete who could say, 'What will they do, cut me?' — as Favre did late last month — and not get ripped for being selfish. But every day this process drags on, Favre risks being seen exactly that."

Common sense suggests Favre doesn't want to retire, or he'd have done that already. He's

made loyalty the cornerstone of his leadership and the few clues Favre has dropped about his future plans hint that leaving the Packers for a contending team is a last resort. The one point Favre has made repeatedly is that the Packers' commitment to rebuilding this offseason would provide the last piece of the puzzle.

"I'd like to say I think we are better, but I don't know if we are," he said again Saturday. "I don't make those decisions, never asked to. ... I know when we signed Reggie White (in 1993), we knew we were going to get Reggie right away."

"We have to make a statement again," he added.

Yet general manager Ted Thompson has made it clear his won't load up on high-priced free agents, mortgaging the team's future to provide Favre a playoff-worthy squad now. Most of the talent that could do that is already off the table, and the Packers need even so great, it's hard to even know where to begin.

Devastated by injuries, Green Bay went 4-12 last season, the first in which Favre failed to throw more than 20 touchdowns in a career-high 29 interceptions. One of his closest pals, center Frank Winters, retired three seasons ago and the offensive line was decimated when guards Mike White and Marco Rivera departed before last season via free agency. Receiver Donald Driver will be back, but there are no such guarantees for Jason Walker.

Indeed, Favre's silence on Walker's contract negotiations is revealing. When the same Walker was on his side, Favre didn't hesitate to slam Walker for trying to hold the team hostage. This time around, not only does Favre mean to walk on his side, he could be accused of that very same selfishness.

"Maybe we don't get back to the Super Bowl, I don't know that, but I'd like to think we can compete for it," Favre said.

It's hard to envision any scenario that would make the Packers contenders, just as it would be tough to watch Favre return anywhere else, and struggle the way so many other greats did.

All he has to do is make up his mind.

Cavaliers nip Nets; Heat beat Wizards for 16th time

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — LeBron James scored 18 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter to lead Cleveland to a 108-102 victory Saturday, ending New Jersey's 14-game winning streak and leaving the Nets one shy of a franchise record.

Since Carter scored 33 points for New Jersey (46-20) but missed three jumpers and a foul shot in the final minute, New Jersey was trying to become the first team since the Los Angeles Lakers in 1999-00 to win at least 15 games in a row. The Lakers won 19 from Feb. 4 through March 13, 2000.

One game after scoring 21 fourth-quarter points in a loss to New York on Wednesday, James took over again in the first period. His two free throws with 11 seconds left gave the Cavaliers a 105-102 lead, and Carter missed a 3-pointer on New Jersey's next possession.

Cleveland scored 12 of the game's final 13 points, with New Jersey's only score coming on a free throw by Carter.

Cleveland (46-20) needs a loss by Washington to clinch home-court advantage for the first round of the playoffs. New Jersey fell three games behind Miami for the No. 2 spot in the Eastern Conference.

New Jersey led 101-96 after Carter spun around Drew Gooden and scored with 1:15 left. But Gooden made two free throws and James scored on a fast break while being fouled and completed the three-point play to tie the score at 101 with 50 seconds left.

After Carter missed on two jumpers, New Jersey's Andre Anderson — Varajao and the Brazilian second-year player — in the lineup in place of injured Zydrunas Ilgauskas — made both to give Cleveland a three-point lead since early in the second quarter.

New Jersey led by as many as 11 points early in the third quarter before Cleveland made it 70-70 on a free throw by Gooden with 3:32 left. James, who had 17 points at halftime, scored just two in the quarter.

Both teams shot well in the first quarter and finished the period shooting 60 percent. The Nets made the game's first run in the second quarter.

After James converted a three-point play to open the scoring and Cleveland led 30-16, the Nets scored 17 of the next 19 points. Clifford Robinson had nine in the spurt, including a 3-pointer and a fast-break dunk off a steal by Kidd that gave the Nets 43-32 lead. Cleveland cut it to 56-51 at the break, helped by Larry Hughes' nine points in the quarter.

Heat 99, Wizards 86

WASHINGTON — Shaquille O'Neal had 27 points and 10 rebounds. Derek Anderson compensated for Dwyane Wade's foul trouble with five 3-pointers, and the Miami Heat beat the Washington Wizards 99-86 Saturday night for their 16th consecutive victory over their Southeast Division rivals.

The Heat trailed by 12 in the first quarter, but from then on there was no stopping O'Neal and Anderson, who were a lethal inside-outside combination in place of the usual O'Neal-Wade. O'Neal went 13-for-16 from the field, and Anderson had 20 points, four assists and two steals in his best game since he was acquired in a trade with Houston in February.

Gary Payton added 13 points, and Dennis Rodman had 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Heat, whose domination of the Wizards includes 12 straight regular-season games and a four-game sweep in the second round of last year's playoffs.

Wade scored 11 points in only 21 foul-plagued minutes, but he did enough to set a Miami franchise record with 76 consecutive games scoring in double digits.

Two players battling injuries — Anderson and Antonio Daniels in double figures. Arenas scored 30 points, and Daniels had a season-high 17. They are counted for 48 of their team's 63 points through three quarters.

Arenas played despite a lower back sprain which caused him to miss part of Friday's loss at Atlanta. Daniels was a game-

time decision after missing Friday's game with a sprained left wrist.

Antawn Jamison went 4-for-18 from the field and finished with eight points. Caron Butler (sprained right thumb) and Ean Thomas (lower back pain) did not play, and the Wizards didn't get a single point from their bench until Calvin Booth hit a pair of baskets early in the fourth quarter.

Washington, trying to hold on to the fifth seed in the playoffs, had its lead over sixth-place Milwaukee cut to two games.

In the first quarter, it appeared the Wizards had found the karma needed to emphatically put away their nemesis. Wade got in early foul trouble, the Heat committed seven turnovers, Arenas tossed in a hopeful 3-pointer at the shot clock buzzer, and Daniels nipped several times on one leg to keep his balance after making a 3 that gave Washington a 29-17 lead.

But the second quarter was all Heat, led by Anderson. The Wizards started 1-for-11, while Anderson made a pair of 3-pointers, stole an inbound pass and had two assists in a 22-9 run that gave Miami a 49-38 lead. Arenas nailed the Wizards again with a pair of 3-pointers, helping to cut the deficit to 56-51 at the half.

The Wizards opened the second half with back-to-back turnovers. Payton helped push the lead toward double figures with a layup and a runner, and Anderson stole an outlet pass and fed O'Neal for a dunk as part of an 8-2 run that gave the Heat a 71-59 lead. Washington didn't get within single digits again.

After shooting 11-for-21 in the first quarter, the Wizards went 10-for-33 in the second and third quarters combined. Anderson hit another 3-pointer to get the lead to 15 early in the fourth, and O'Neal's powerful dunk made it 91-24 with nearly 6 minutes to play.

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Badgers take hockey title

MILWAUKEE (AP) — With a national title at stake, Brian Elliott and Wisconsin's special teams held the Badgers out again.

Tom Gilbert scored a goal on a power play, Robbie Earl added another and Elliott made 22 saves to lead Wisconsin to its sixth national title and first since 1990 with a 2-1 victory over Boston College on Saturday.

In a power play with 10:28 left in the third, Gilbert took a pass from Joe Pavelski at the point and ripped a slap shot from between the circles that beat Cory Schneider, who had been brilliant in the face of the Badgers' offensive assault — to give the Badgers the 2-1 lead.

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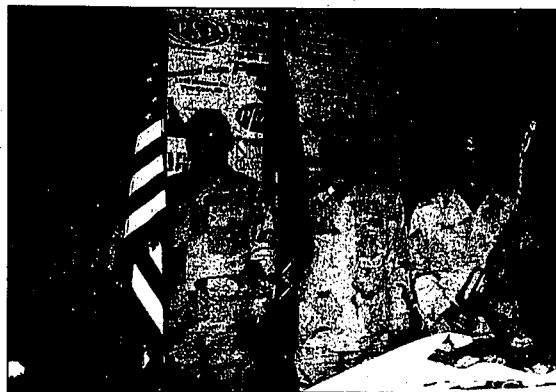


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Seargent Ann Puga (left), Staff Sergeant Michael Short, Sergeant James Van Meter and Specialist Casey Sayre present the flora at the Idaho State Women's 63rd Annual Tournament.

Idaho women hold tourney

Last weekend was the opening of the Idaho State Women's 63rd Annual Tournament. This year it is being held at the Magic Bowl (Ivin Falls) and Snake River Bowl (Burley). The tournament will last for six weekend days and has an estimated 1,800 participants.

The opening ceremony was held at the Team House (Magic Bowl) at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Jeanne Christian, President of the Twin Falls WBA welcomed the bowlers and introduced the bowlers and introduced Snake President, Terry McCurdy, LDS Church, for the opening prayer.

The colors were presented by four members of the 2/116 Brigade of the Idaho National Guard. They are Staff Sergeant Michael Short, Sergeant James VanMeter, Sergeant Ann Puga and Specialist Casey Sayre. They served in Iraq from November 2004 until November 2005. Very impressive presentation in talking with them it was easy to understand their strong desire to serve our country. The bowlers also expressed their appreciation for what they are doing.

The pledge of allegiance was followed by the National Anthem sang by Kaitlynn Simpson and Abby Herring. Lance Clow, Mayor of Twin Falls, welcomed all the bowlers to the great city of Twin Falls.

Members of the IFWBA were introduced: Jeanne Christian, President, Mary Beams, 1st Vice President, Annita Merick, 2nd Vice President, Kay Puschel, Sec./Treas., Dee Hall, Sgt.-at-Arms and Kathy McClure, Director.

Directors from the Mini-Cassini WBA were introduced by Deon Facetti, President; Diane Adamsom, Dolly Justice, Kim Son, Julie Vincent, Pauline Garth and Jan Studer.

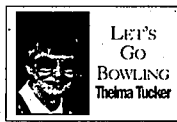
The ceremonies were then taken over by the Idaho State WBA who welcomed everyone and introduced their members in attendance: Saundra Hubbard, President; Elaine Faddis, 1st Vice President, Dee Schweitzer, 2nd Vice President, Sharon Howe, 3rd Vice President, Rose Scovel, Secretary, Leslie Wheeler, Treasurer, Sharon Kirby, Sgt.-At-Arms, Edna Reed, Camille Johnson, and Dee Hall Directors and Johanna Dunten, Member Emeritus and Member of the Hall of Fame.

Ribbon cutting was performed by Mayor Clow and Saundra Hubbard. Each year there are opening balls rolled to start the tournament. This year they were rolled by Julia Samples (Twin Falls) and Dolly Justice (Mini-Cassini).

On Saturday night the very prestigious I/High Five Tournament was held at Snake River Bowl. This is where each Idaho Girl Series Association enters the ladies who have the highest composite average within their association. They are divided into two divisions. This year there was 27 teams participating. In the top average division the tournament was won by Pocatello followed by Idaho Falls. In the other division winners were Wood River and then Emmett. It is a great honor to be able to participate in this tournament. Idaho is the only State in the nation to hold this tournament.

Want to see some ladies having a great time? Stop in at the Magic Bowl or Snake River Bowl during the next five week ends. But don't forget "Let's Go Bowling!"

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Pictured left to right are Halley Gregory, RoniAnna Wear, Rose Schwanzbach, Erin Chapman, Lindsay Peterson and Brianna Hoskinson of Soldier Mountain All-star Cheerleading with their fourth-place trophy from a recent competition in Orlando, Fla.

Cheerleaders shine in Orlando

FAIRFIELD — The Soldier Mountain All-star Cheerleading senior squad recently competed at a national cheerleading competition at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. and came home with a fourth-place trophy after their performance on March 10.

The team includes the above pictured Halley Gregory, RoniAnna Wear, Rose Schwanzbach, Erin Chapman, Lindsay Peterson and Brianna Hoskinson.

Soldier Mountain All-star Cheerleading is a co-ed program founded by coach and owner Amanda Norton. The program has programs for a number of different youth age groups from pre-kindergarten through high school. Norton will host two orientation meetings for the 2006-07 year for anyone interested in joining the program. Meetings will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday.

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Eagle All-stars perform in I.F.



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Junior squad members are Maddie Jenco, Ryleene Abbott, Alexis Richardson, Jessica Holstine, Hunter Sigel, Britni Budd, Emma Stephens, Brinley Miller, Katie Higley, Ivora-Veoro, Carli Lutz, Shenolisa Moreno-Alaisha Hanthornung, Paige Hartman, McKayla Luper, Alandra Vaccaro, Aubrey Allen, Candice Hendry, Shellee Atwood, Allison Cole, Heavenlee Walker, Nikole Williams, Karan Arteaga and Alexandra Lenardi.

Mini squad members are Angela Hernandez, Ale Hernandez, Jordan Henley, Bailey Henley, Sage Swain, Joelynn Carr, Brinley Holstrom, Dana Whitesell, Samantha Easley, Hannah Burgess, Emily Whippo and Destry Anderson.

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Eagle All-star cheerleaders competed on March 11 in Idaho Falls.

The Mini squad placed second, while the Junior squad advanced to Level 4 and placed third.

Individuals who competed in jumps were Dana Whitesell, Sage Swain, Candice Hendry, Emma Stephens and Carli Lutz. Brinley Budd placed first.

Individuals who competed in tumbling were Britni Budd and McKayla Luper. Katie Higley placed first.

Individuals who competed as dancers were Brinley Miller/Hunter Sigel, Candice Hendry/McKayla Luper and Brinli Budd/Katie Higley. Angela Hernandez/Destry Anderson/Henley placed second.

Individuals who competed as cheerleaders were Katie Higgins/Maddie Jenco and McKayla Luper. The stunt group of Paige Hartman, Britni Budd, Shellee Atwood, Candice Hendry and Maddie Jenco placed first.

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James Earl Ray's failed Tennessee prison break inspires ultramarathon

Only six people have completed 100-mile course

By Elizabeth A. Davis
Associated Press writer

WARTBURG, Tenn. — A failed escape into East Tennessee's rugged terrain by convicted assassin James Earl Ray in June 1977 gave Gary Cantrell an idea for a race that has become known as one of the world's hardest ultramarathons.

Set on an unmarked, rugged course through briar-infested woods, the Barkley Marathon is so difficult some runners don't consider it a real race.

Only six people have finished the entire 100-mile journey — five times around a 20-mile loop in Frozen Head State Park — in the allotted time of 60 hours.

Other participants choose the 40-hour, 100-mile set of three loops, in 40 hours. Most people are just happy completing one loop.

Ray, the confessed killer of Martin Luther King Jr., was captured 57 hours after he escaped only 8 miles east of Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary, which is bordered by steep hillsides and the state park.

"In that length of time, I could have made 100 miles," Cantrell, a long-distance runner and hiker, recalls saying back then.

"It turns out it's not that easy."

Run since 1986, the Barkley draws the likes of athletes who hold speed records for the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails and made hobbies of running 100 miles, such as the Western States Endurance Run in California, Hardrock 100 in Colorado and the Badwater Ultramarathon starting in Death Valley.

Even military personnel including Navy SEALs and Army Green Berets have tried it.

And then they find out why the Barkley has become known as "the race that eats its young."

"The whole sport is odd, but within the sport it's even an odd kind of race



Gary Cantrell, organizer of the Barkley Marathon, stands beside license plates from different states of participants of past competitions April 1 at Frozen Head State Park in Wartburg, Tenn.

because of the fact that it seems so difficult," said Don Allison, publisher of Ultrarunning magazine. "Those who do it seem to love it and embrace it. Others kind of look at it as a joke."

An ultra race is considered anything longer than a 26.2-mile marathon. People outside the sport may not even know longer races exist, but there are many variations held on roads and trails that last for days or longer — testing the limits of human endurance.

"We do things that most people think are impossible," said 59-year-old Ed Fortaw, who recently ran his 10th Barkley and was the first person to finish the "fun run" in 1988. "This event needs to exist. Otherwise, people won't know what they can take."

"This year's race began, appropriately enough, on April 1st. Day and again had no 100-mile finishers."

Only two participants of 33 — Nick Graefe from England and Brian Robinson from California — finished the "fun run," but they came in a few minutes over the 40-hour limit and were not allowed to continue for a chance at the 100.

A temperature near 80 on the first day made it difficult for the runners to stay hydrated, and only 22 completed the first loop of the 100.

Four hours and 34 minutes into the race, the first four racers emerged from the woods, crossed a curvy highway and huddled up on a hill beside a small waterfall. Jim Nelson, who completed the 100 in 2004, had bloody cuts all over his legs.

About 30 minutes later, they crossed the road in another place and climbed a steeper embankment overlooking the old prison in Petros, where Ray made his daring escape.

Ray, who died in 1998 while serving a 99-year sentence for King's murder, was found covering under a pile of leaves. The prison's warden was quoted at the time as saying: "You might get over the wall, but you've got to get over a new wall — and that's the terrain."

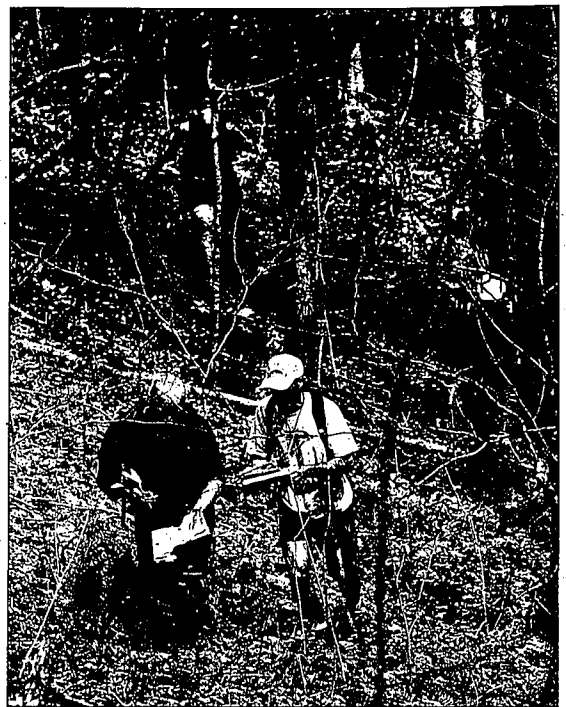
The Barkley course starts in a campground in the park in Wartburg, about 40 miles west of Knoxville in the Cumberland Mountains.

Racers might run in a few spots on the Barkley. Crawling and sliding is acceptable. Much of the course is up and down steep hills.

The entire 100 miles would total 100,000 feet of elevation change, the equivalent of climbing and descending Mount McKinley two and a half times. McKinley, the tallest peak in North America, is 20,320 feet.

"You can't understand unless you've done it," Cantrell said. "There are hills you can actually stick your hand out and touch the ground without bending over."

Cantrell, who declared on this year's



Nick Graefe, in black shirt at lower left, looks at a map with Brian Robinson, with yellow hat, as they traverse the course for the Barkley Marathon on April 1 in Wartburg, Tenn. Todd Holmes, far right, and Jim Nelson, back left, follow. The Barkley is considered one of the toughest ultramarathons in the world.

entry form that "the Barkley will squash you like a bug," said the origin of the marathon's name was rather prosaic — Barkley is the last name of the man who provides chicken for the pre-race meal.

Cantrell signals the start of the race by lighting a cigarette. The racers — only 35 are allowed each year — start making their way with a topography map, compass and detailed instructions to find the intended path, which often is overgrown with briars and downed trees. It gets really tricky in the dark, even with flashlights.

Unlike other ultramarathons, there is no aid except two water drops. If a person quits, he has to walk back to the start, where "laps" is played on a bludge.

People who finish the course sleep very little and eat even less as the hours go by. Those who make it to the fifth loop often have hallucinations, and some have gotten disoriented and forgotten why they were out there.

"It's a slow death," said 16-year-old David Horton, who finished the Barkley in 2001. He was an observer this year after completing the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails last year.

"This is harder to finish than those (trails)," he said.

Despite the incredible difficulty, the participants share a sense of humor about their mission.

"What we're doing is kind of absurd," Fortaw said. "We're crazy, and we know it."

Dubai and Qatar spend \$5 billion on sports oasis in middle of desert

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Coconed inside a concrete tunnel, an artificial ski slope rises into the sands dunes of the Arabian Peninsula.

In a desert where summer temperatures reach 120 degrees, the snow hill at the Mall of the Emirates in Dubai is a gimmick designed to draw customers to the region's largest shopping center.

But while the slope won't be attracting Bode Miller or any other top skiers, there are several serious sports projects around the Persian Gulf — financed by big-oil money — that are attracting world-class events. There are golf courses designed by Eric Fles and Vijay Singh, and soccer facilities are being built in various places, such as Manchester United and Bayern Munich.

Investors hope the projects change the region's image, draw tourists and boost annual golf and tennis events in the area. The \$6 billion Dubai World Cup already is the world's richest horse race, and the defending champion of Dubai's Desert Classic is Tiger Woods.

Separated by a few hundred miles, Dubai — one of seven states of the United Arab Emirates — and Qatar are spending almost \$5 billion between them to build two elaborate sports complexes that would fit nicely in southern California or Australia.

"We are building world-class sporting facilities with the aim of bringing serious, world-class sport," said Englishman Malcolm Thorpe, sitting alongside the 18th fairway at the Emirates Golf Club. "People are very used to going to the States and seeing fantastic sporting facilities anywhere you go. People don't say that about the Middle East."

project to transform a vast, vacant desert into a sprawling, futuristic sports campus.

"It's not just in the Middle East, but in Asia and what is known as the developing world, the culture of sports is going to drive very fast forward," he said.

Qatar's capital, Doha, is looking ahead to the Dec. 1-15 Asian Games, the world's largest multi-sport event, which will take place at its Sports City complex. Qatar is the first Arab country to host the event, and the first in the Middle East since Iran in 1974.

"This will confirm the position of Qatar on the map of sport business," said Abdullah Khalid Al Qatani, director general of the Asian Games Organizing Committee. "Hopefully by the end of the games, we'll be the center of sport excellence in the Middle East and be recognized as a center of excellence in Asia."

Other Persian Gulf states are constructing sports venues with the same ambition: to build the facilities, and world-class events and athletes will follow. The Formula One season began last month in Bahrain at a 2.5-year-old track in Oman, a leisure-based facility called "Blue City" is planned to house sports venues and training academies.

With a population of about 1.5 million, Dubai has broken ground on its Sports City, a \$2 billion project to be completed by the end of the year. The golf course will be ready in 2007, and the whole project should be operating in 2010.

"Dubai is really taking the lead in everything," Al Qatani said. "They should be given credit for the guts they have. I really envy them and their aggressive plans. I would say there's some pride in the whole region to see what they are doing."

Dubai is building five primary sports venues in its complex, a 60,000-seat outdoor stadium, a

25,000-seat cricket stadium, a 10,000-seat indoor arena, 5,000- to 10,000-seat field hockey and track and field venue, and an Els-designed golf course.

Singh also is designing a course in Dubai. "We compete on the golf course, and now we compete on the design level," he said.

"Vijay says his course is going to be the best, and I say mine is going to be the best." Manchester United has opened a soccer academy and Bayern Munich regularly trains in Dubai. The ICC, which governs world cricket, relocated from London last year and is planning a training academy. American "Dutch" Harmon is opening a golf school, and David Lloyd is doing the same in Dubai.

Thorpe, who worked in Hong Kong before moving to Dubai, likened the frantic building in Dubai to China.

"You can compare it to the development of southern China 10, 15 years ago," he said. "You look at the map and there aren't many cities' within a three- or four-hour flight of here which are going to be comparable." Dubai is accustomed to superlatives. The world's tallest skyscraper — Burj Dubai — is going up in this desert boom town. It also claims the Burj Al Arab, billed as the world's first seven-star hotel.

With a population of 850,000 made richer by oil and natural gas, neighboring Qatar has budgeted about \$2.8 billion for the Asian Games, including about \$700 million for its Sports City project. The centerpiece is the 56,000-seat Khalifa stadium, opened in 1976 and recently remodeled. The 15,000-seat Aspire Hall, completed last year, will host many of the Asian Games events.

Organizers also have built a 2,000-seat basketball arena and a neighboring aquatic center.



Younis Al Mulla, general manager of Mall of the Emirates & Ski Dubai (with back to camera), looks over the snow-covered slope at the Ski Dubai complex as the resort prepared in October for the first ski season in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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Study: Killing wolves not a long-term solution

By Mike Stark
Lee Newspapers

BILLINGS, Mont. — Killing wolves that attack cattle or sheep may take care of the immediate problem but doesn't stop conflicts later, according to a new University of Calgary study.

Researchers looked at wolf attacks in Alberta and in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming for more than 15 years to determine the effectiveness of removing wolves that prey on livestock.

Muhsan Musiani, the study's lead author and an assistant

professor at the University of Calgary, said that once a "problem" wolf is killed, others simply move in and take its place, Musiani said.

"This study shows that wolves are being killed as a corrective, punitive measure, not a preventative one," Musiani said in a statement. "People hope that killing individual wolves will rid the population of offenders but this isn't happening."

The study is published in the current issue of the Wildlife Society Bulletin. Musiani is scheduled to discuss his findings today at the North

American Wolf Conference at Chico Hot Springs, an annual gathering of scientists, policy makers and wolf enthusiasts.

Conflicts between livestock and wolves have been a long-running, contentious issue since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park and Idaho in 1985 and 1996.

In recent years, as prime habitat in Yellowstone has filled up, wolves have been spreading into areas outside the park, causing ranchers to fear for their livestock.

Even though coyotes every year kill far more livestock than

wolves, the presence of wolves — especially in new areas — always generates hot debate.

Musiani and other researchers looked over data in Alberta from 1982 to 1996 and in the northern Rocky Mountains from 1987 to 2003.

During that time, there were 219 confirmed reports of cows killed in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, and 602 sheep kills. Most of the attacks occurred between March and October and began with the onset of calving season.

During that time, 120 wolves were killed.

More recently in the Northern Rockies, investigators confirmed that wolves killed 97 cows, 244 sheep, 11 dogs and two horses in 2005. In response, 103 wolves were killed by wildlife managers.

Killing wolves that prey on livestock isn't intended to reduce the overall population but to get rid of offending animals. But Musiani said the results can be short-lived.

"In our study area, even if entire wolf packs are extirpated through control actions, neighboring or dispersing individuals may readily fill home-range vacancies," the study said.

"Instead, it might be more useful to pay attention to when attacks occur over a predictable schedule and take preventive action including lethal and non-lethal methods, such as guard dogs, fencing, wolf repellents and relocating wolves to 'wilder areas,'" the study said.

"We see the greatest promise for reducing wolf depredation by improving animal husbandry, especially in high-risk seasons," it said.

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Plan would tie conservation corps to oil cleanup projects

Some criticize move as cheap labor for energy companies

By Jennifer Byrd
Associated Press writer

CHICHEYNE, Wyo. — Open spaces, snow-capped mountains, beautiful scenery.

Wyoming's attractions draw plenty of young people who want to work outdoors during the summer, especially those who want to participate in conservation corps programs — service groups hired to work on community- and public-land improvement projects.

But most of these young people aren't coming from Wyoming. Conservation corps from Utah, Montana and Colorado have all done projects in Wyoming because Wyoming has no corps of its own.

Students at the University of Wyoming and a state lawmaker want to change that, but their approach has generated some controversy.

UW law student Nicholas Agopian and state Sen. Kit Jennings are leading the effort between the corps and the energy industry, saying the recent

boom provides ample opportunity for reclamation projects the corps could work on. Both say the program could influence the next generation of miners and petroleum engineers on environmental concerns.

But people involved with conservation corps elsewhere have warned against that tie.

John McKinney, executive director of the Montana Conservation Corps, said it's important to think of conservation corps as youth development programs, not cheap labor for energy companies.

"If the energy sector that is supporting this sees it as work force and youth development, that is good," McKinney said. "But if they see it as a cheap way to fix some of their messes, I think it will backfire."

"It's something the corporation is trying to do to escape its responsibility, that's not a good thing," Ferris said. "But if it's something the corporation is trying to do to be responsible and to involve youth by giving them work skills and a sense of accomplishment, then that's a good thing."

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after graduating from the University of Montana, wants to achieve. He said the corps is an excellent tool for instilling a community service ethic in young people.

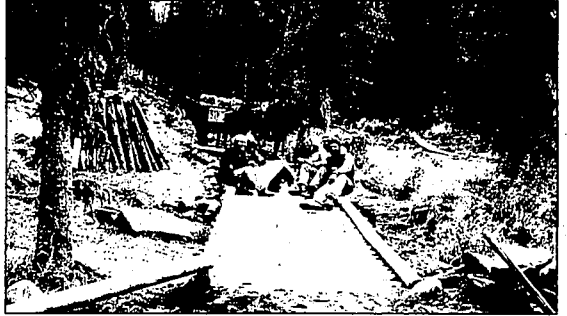
"I'm a great example of this," Agopian said. "I didn't have much experience doing community service work before doing the program. Since then, I've been involved with several other nonprofit organizations, and I'm back wanting to create this program for the state because I think it's such a great program."

Jennings said such a program would put "a streak of green" into future energy industry professionals. He wants to get them thinking about what effect drilling has on the surface of the land.

"Sometimes we get tunnel vision on what our job is, and if your job is to go get that energy out of the ground and make money, sometimes you forget about the guy that lives on the surface," Jennings said.

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Members of a Montana Conservation Corps crew rest last summer after completing a log bridge on a trail in Shoshone National Forest near Cody, Wyo.

the environment, Paulkows said.

"One of the goals for this is for people to come away with a bigger connection to Wyoming and know what it's about to be from Wyoming," Paulkows said. "When you're working hard all day to improve a place, you kind of love it a little more."

Whether in the oil and gas fields or elsewhere, there is a need.

Bill Oliver, trail and wilderness backcountry manager at the Shoshone National Forest, said corps volunteers have been helpful on projects that don't require a lot of movement throughout the forest. He worked with the Montana corps last year and said he thought

there would be enough work statewide to support a new Wyoming corps.

McKinney said the Montana corps has completed several projects in Wyoming, including work in the Shoshone, at Devil's Tower and in Grand Teton National Park. The group has also worked extensively throughout Yellowstone National Park, which is partially in Montana.

After completing the program, Paulkows and Agopian said, students would receive money from the federal government that would help them pay for their education.

And even McKinney said the Wyoming approach of involving energy companies could be an

innovative way to keep the corps going.

"Corps are not cheap programs," McKinney said. "If you get energy industry behind it for the right reasons, I think it could be a sustainable model to keep a corps going."

Ferris said there is a short track record of conservation corps working with corporations nationwide, but it's a trend he would like to see increase.

For now, the program will have to wait. The Legislature rejected Jennings' attempt to provide about \$330,000 in start-up money. Now Agopian is looking at other sources of funding and still hopes to have crews out working by summer 2007.

Previously unknown species of hammerhead shark found

By Susan Cocking
Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Scientists from Nova Southeastern University and the University of South Carolina have discovered a previously unknown species of hammerhead shark in the southeastern Atlantic.

The species — as yet unnamed — so closely resembles the scalloped hammerhead (Sphyrna lewini) that the only ways to tell them apart are to compare DNA and count vertebrae.

Muhammad Shijvi, director of the Guy Harvey Research Institute at the NSU Oceanographic Center in Dania Beach, says the two species share the same waters but do not interbreed. Shijvi adds that the cryptic, or unrecognized species, may be less abundant than the scalloped, making it more susceptible to fishing pressure.

"They're catching these things they don't know they're catching," Shijvi said. "You could wipe out a whole genetic lineage if you are not managing these species separately."

Hammerhead sharks, of which there are believed to be eight species, occur worldwide. In U.S. waters, hammerheads are managed under the umbrella of 11 large coastal shark species — not including those on the federal prohibited species list. Commercial fishing for large coastal sharks is regulated through seasons and quotas.

The practice of finning — cutting off a shark's fins and discarding the carcass — is illegal in the United States but widely practiced around the world because fins are believed to have aphrodisiac and medical benefits. Hammerheads are particularly vulnerable because their fins are worth hundreds of dollars per kilogram at markets in the Far East, while their meat is much less valued. As a result, hammerhead abundance in the western Atlantic is believed to have declined by 89 percent

since the mid-1980s, according to a study by researchers at Canada's Dalhousie University published in the journal Science in 2003.

Trailblazers

Shijvi and his NSU colleagues are at the forefront of using genetics to identify sharks exploited in the international fin trade, which is how they stumbled on the previously unknown species of Sphyrna lewini. In the process, they developed a DNA forensic marker for scalloped hammerheads; they collected 143 samples of Sphyrna lewini from around the world. They were puzzled to find that the test worked on all the sharks except for three, which were caught by recreational anglers off Fort Lauderdale.

At first, the scientists thought something was wrong with their forensic marker. But more extensive testing on the three South Florida sharks showed their DNA was completely different from all other scalloped hammerheads caught locally and around the world, suggesting a separate species.

"The genetic difference is greater between the new cryptic species and the scalloped hammerhead than between the geographically separate populations of the scalloped hammerhead," Shijvi said.

Similar results

The startling discovery didn't create much of a stir at first. But coincidentally, scientists at the University of South Carolina came to the same conclusion, using genetic testing to separate eight anomalous sharks caught in their coastal waters. In a paper published online last December, they suggested that hays in their state serve as nurseries for the cryptic species, and should be protected. Intense fishing pressure, they warned, could imperil both the scalloped hammerhead and the new species.

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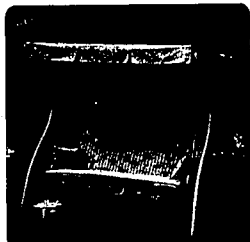
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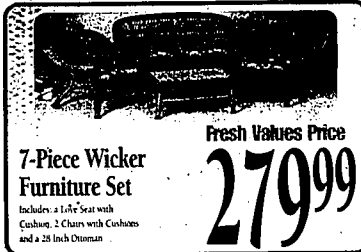
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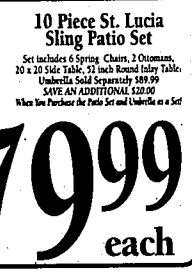
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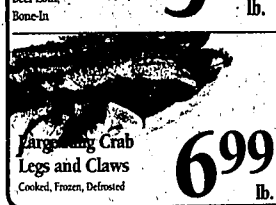
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Milestone to boost Bellevue renovation

Milestone Builders and Developers, a Twin Falls-based construction firm, plans to build a 7,000-square-foot commercial building in the city of Bellevue. It will contain a new 3,000-square-foot retail store with two other 2,000-square-foot spaces adjoining it. The project's proposed location is on the corner of Main Street and Cottonwood Street. The architecture and materials being reminiscent of Bellevue's historic past.

MONEY BEAT
Chris Baldus

"It will be the first commercial construction in recent years in the historic district of Bellevue," said Jon Caton, Milestone's project manager. The building is owned by P.B. Property Management LLC.

Mercia Neace and her husband, Blake, are opening Mercia's Natural Foods in June in Twin Falls. It will be a grocery store that sells only all-natural and organic products. They plan for some of their stock to come from area farmers and are trying to make contacts with local vendors for things like deli items. Interested vendors can contact them at 490-1580 or mercia@merciasnaturalfoods.com.

Standlee Hay in Eden is having a Grower Appreciation Luncheon tomorrow at 1 p.m. The company produces animal feed and is a major supplier to local dairies. It also ships product throughout the nation.

I've told you that to tell you this: Between 300 and 500 people are expected at the luncheon, said Greg Rogers, regional economist at the Twin Falls office of Idaho Labor and Commerce. The company has become a major player in our local economy and is also at the heart of efforts to get railroads to expand their freight service to the area, he said.

The city of Twin Falls has launched a business retention program. What this means is city council members and Economic Development Director David McAlindin intend to meet with local businesses to talk about pros and cons of doing business in the city and what the city can do to make things better. Businesses interested in having a visit can call McAlindin at 735-7240 or e-mail him at dmcalind@tfdid.org.

Svenson's grocery at the corner of Addison and Washington will get a new neighbor this summer. William Manker, Jr., is seeking a special-use permit for a commercial greenhouse on at the corner of Adams Street and Addison Avenue. Manker's request is on the agenda for Tuesday's Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Also on the agenda for that meeting is J&J Enterprises' request for a special use permit allowing it to sell "sporting vehicles" at 1704 Addison Ave. E. Radio Rondevoe in historic downtown Twin Falls is having its windows remodeled. According to the building permit issued by the city, it's a \$2,500 project.

A demolition permit has been issued to allow the gutting of Chasers Sports Bar at 1559 Filmore St.

The Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant of Blue Lakes Boulevard is getting some restoration work to the tune of \$6,000, according to the building permit issued by the city. The work is to repair the building because it was hit by a car, the permit says.

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Trains back on track

By Greg Burns
Knight Rider News Service

CHICAGO — As a 1.5-mile-long freight train rumbled past a towering stack of green containers marked "China Shipping" last month, Nell Doyle, aboard his CenterPoint Properties helicopter, swooped in for a closer look.

"That line right there is L.A. to Chicago," he told a pair of Wal-Mart executives riding with him

just above one of the world's busiest train yards in far south-west suburban Elwood, Ill.

After generations of job cuts, consolidation and retrenchment, an old industry growing anew. Railroads have become hot properties, hauling not only the familiar cargo of coal, grain and domestic products but also the mountain of goods pouring into California ports from Asian factories.

Huge investments in tracks,

locomotives, electronic switches and sprawling facilities like the Elwood hub at the former Joliet Arsenal in Illinois suddenly make good sense as demand surges and road stocks soar.

Chicago stands to reap benefits. Railroads practically created the city in its early days, and it remains the point where east meets west and all six major freight lines come together before heading off again.

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— Genille Steiner, of the Southern Idaho Mycological Association.



Mushroom hobbyist Genille Steiner, of the Southern Idaho Mycological Association, searches for mushrooms under a levee and reads next to the Boise River near downtown Boise on March 23 where she sometimes goes to find mushrooms growing along the river's edge.

Lack of fire stifles mushroom harvest

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Last year's mild wildfire season in the Northwest may be bad news for commercial mushroom hunters, but hobbyists are already salivating at the thought of springing morels. More than 8.2 million acres of state and federal lands nationwide burned during the 2005 wildfire season, and mushrooms typically thrive the year after wildfires. But many of last year's fires were in grass and rangeland instead of forests, where the mushrooms are most often found.

"Commercial hunters follow the burns, because at peak season they can make \$1,000 a day," said Orson Miller Jr., a prominent mycologist who lives in McCall, Idaho. "They'll probably be in other states this year."

However, pothunters — hobbyists who collect enough of the wild-mushrooms for dinner and perhaps some extras for drying — will likely be in luck, Miller said.

"This year looks particularly good because we got quite a bit of moisture in the soil before the freeze up last fall, and that really gives the morels a chance to grow," Miller said. Morels are an aromatic fun-

gus with a distinctive cap that looks a bit like a pencil tip or pinecone. They are highly prized by gourmet cooks and fine restaurants, and can fetch \$30 a pound or more for pickers.

The high prices have led to a competitive commercial picking industry, largely made up of traveling outfits that go from burn site to burn site. For pothunters, nothing is more frustrating than arriving at a favorite mushroom site only to find it's already been picked clean by a commercial outfit.

"For mushroom hunting in general, this should be a good year because the commercial picking may be concentrated to a few very small burn areas," said Genille Steiner with the Southern Idaho Mycological Association.

Marlie Millard, owner of Millard Family Mushrooms in Waldport, Ore., used to travel to burn sites throughout the Northwest to ensure a good spring haul. But these days she spends most of her time picking in her home state.

"Last year it was Alaska; they had a ton of wildfires up there. People I've talked to this year plan on staying closer to home, maybe in Oregon or Washington," Millard said.

Lesi Curtis, a resident mycologist at Washington State University in Pullman, said wild-fire mushroom gatherings can find morels even without the forest fires. They just have to know what to look for.

"We can find morels coming up when there's been construction, or on campus here at WSU in the spring when they put new planting beds around a building or shrubs and woodchips," she said. The mushrooms also occur naturally, without disruption. Finding those fungus flushes is just a matter of timing, she said.

"I always look for trilliums or calypso orchids in bloom. For the most part, we want the snow to be gone," she said. "When the trilliums start to turn pink and purple, that's the end of the morels in that spot."



In this photo provided by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, freight train travels through N.M. in North 2005. After a quarter-century of decline, freight railroads are enjoying a revival as a rising economy and a surge of imports from China has meant more goods than ever riding on the rails.

At least two of every three Americans use wireless phones

By Terry Maxon
The Dallas Morning News

LAS VEGAS — More than two out of every three Americans is a wireless phone user, with more than 200 million subscribers in the nation, an industry group said Thursday.

CTIA-The Wireless Association said that wireless operators signed up 25.7 million more subscribers in 2005, the largest one-year growth in the industry's history. The total as of Dec. 31 was 207.9 million subscribers, based on the organization's semiannual survey of members.

"Considering that 10 years ago, there were only 38 million subscribers in America, this is one amazing feat," said CTIA president Steve Largent, speaking at the group's annual convention in Las Vegas.

Half of those subscribers use either Cingular Wireless, with 54.1 million customers as of Dec. 31, 2005, or Verizon Wireless, with 51.3 million. Both are expected to show healthy increases when they report first-quarter earnings.

Earlier this week, the Federal Communications Commission reported that the United States had 191 million wireless customers in June 2005, compared with 178 million switched access lines.

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CTIA said U.S. subscribers were increasing their use of text messages and short messages used, with those users growing faster than the number of subscribers.

In the last half of 2005, U.S. users sent 48.7 billion text messages, nearly double the 24.7 billion sent in the second half of 2004.

Customers used 1.5 trillion wireless minutes last year, up nearly 36 percent from the 1.1 trillion minutes used in 2004.

Data use, which brings operators additional money beyond that spent for voice

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Frontier Flying Service Agent Dennis Simok, left, hands over a couple of pizzas from Airport Pizza to Willa Seaton at the Shishmaref, Alaska Airport on April 6.

Alaska pizza joint delivers via plane

By Jeannette J. Lee
Associated Press writer

NOME, Alaska — Last Christmas, residents of the Yupik Eskimo village of Savoonga added a special dish to their everyday fare of whale, walrus, reindeer and berries — fresh pizza flown in from Nome, 170 miles away.

A tiny delivery joint, Airport Pizza, had opened several months earlier just steps from Nome's busy runways, and many of Savoonga's 700 residents were eager to try more than conventional pepperoni and plain cheese.

"Nome's first and only pizza delivery service does a robust business in the western Alaska town of 3,500. But it really stands out for its free deliveries via 'commuter' plane to more than a dozen other remote subarctic villages spread

over a region about the size of Washington state.

The village council in Savoonga, on St. Lawrence Island in the icy Bering Sea, wanted a special holiday treat for young families in the village. It ordered 50 pizzas, half topped with chicken and ranch dressing and the other half with Canadian bacon and pineapple.

Julia Noongwook, 41, swapped some of her bacon and pineapple for a slice of chicken ranch from a relative. Noongwook said it was the first time she had tasted the popular chicken ranch pie, which also comes with bacon, red onions, tomatoes and mozzarella and cheddar cheese. "It was good," she said. "I like chicken."

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Banner Bank

TWIN FALLS — Banner Bank announced staff members at their new branch on Lake Lakes Boulevard. The retail banking team includes:



Adeanna Jenkins, retail branch manager, will manage the Twin Falls branch. She has over ten years of banking experience with Banner Bank, Washington Mutual and West One/US Bancorp.

Jenkins is a graduate of Boise State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance and has lived in Twin Falls for seven years.



Bland grew up in Twin Falls and attended the College of Southern Idaho.

Katrina Prince, personal banker, is a Twin Falls resident with more than five years of banking experience, two of which are with Banner Bank.



Julie Burk, Teller, is joining the Twin Falls branch

from the Shoshone Street U.S. Bank branch. Burk has 10 years of banking experience and is a long-time Twin Falls resident.

Alma Moreno, teller, is joining the Twin Falls branch from the Addison Avenue Wells Fargo branch. Moreno has more than 12 years of experience in the banking industry and is a Twin Falls resident.

Manuel Vela

TWIN FALLS — Manuel Vela, assistant manager of retail with

Verizon Wireless has earned membership in Verizon Wireless President's Cabinet. This honor is given to employees who rank in the top two percent nationally in sales. This recognition places him as one of the company's top performers among more than 15,000 sales representatives across the U.S.



Dr. John Roberts TWIN FALLS — Dr. John Roberts of Roberts and Hill Dentistry has returned from a hands-on sinus lift and implant placement course in Las Vegas, Nev.

Roberts learned a recently developed surgical technique which has greatly decreased post-operative complications with dental implants placed in the patients' sinuses. Surgeries are reporting less to no post-operative bruising with the implants placed in the same surgery reducing the patients' exposure to the usual second surgery.

Robert Harper

TWIN FALLS — Robert Harper of the U.S. Forest Service participated in the fourth annual Arizona Wildlife Academy in Prescott, Ariz.

The Arizona Wildlife Academy hosted 960 participants. Forty-five different classes were conducted, including fire operations in the wildland urban

interface, map and compass, and sand table exercise. The training courses ranged from entry-level to advanced.



Truck drivers

TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy announced that Bernardo Juarez and Ramon Juarez graduated March 24 with Class A commercial driver's licenses with endorsements.

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Jensen Jewelers thanked by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Jensen Jewelers of Twin Falls was recently recognized by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for having reached the Gold Medal level of giving by donating jewelry to local and national Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquets. Jensen Jewelers has contributed more than \$177,415 to the foundation's conservation efforts.



The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is the dominant conservation organization in the United States, dedicated to wildlife conservation, elk ecology, elk hunting and elk habitat. John Jensen, president of Jensen Jewelers, said, "Giving back to our local communities is a critical part of the culture of Jensen Jewelers, and our employees really believe in the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's mission of conservation."

MILESTONES

Koelean Lytle



Thomas R. Kunz, president and chief executive officer of Century 21, announced that Koelean Lytle and the Century 21 Greater Valley Properties office in Twin Falls has been awarded the 2005 Century 21 Gold Medal award. Lytle is the broker/owner of Century 21 Greater Valley Properties.

They will be attending the International Convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

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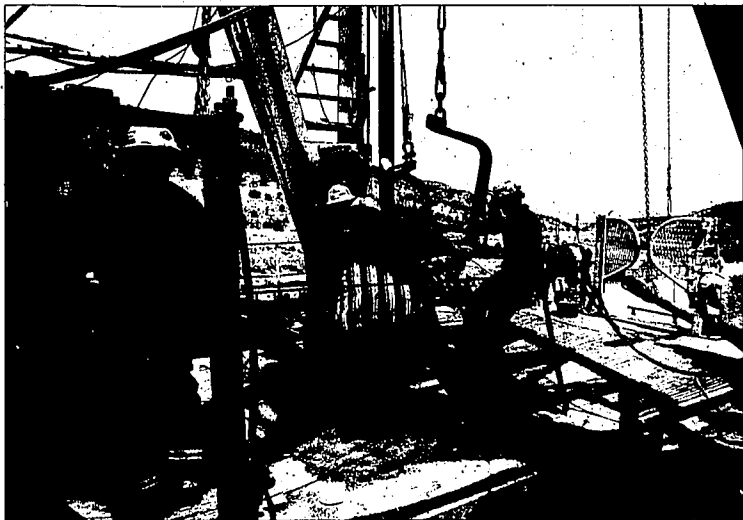
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A crew works on a drilling rig near Rifle, Colo., in July 2005. A shortage of drilling rigs is hampering the energy boom throughout the industry. Manufacturers are ramping up the production of the multimillion-dollar rigs at a pace not seen for decades.

Rig manufacturers scramble to keep up with energy boom

By Sandy Shore
Associated Press writer

STERLING, Colo. — On the prairie of northeast Colorado, Roger Stumpff stands in a muddy lot and looks at the pieces of a giant blue-and-white drilling rig that have become the heart of his business.

Decades ago, Stumpff's Industrial Welding & Supply spent most of its time building parts for the surrounding farming community today. It's nearly all oil-and-gas work, as much as the small company can handle.

Stumpff has nearly doubled his work force to 77 employees, and crews work long hours piling up overtime building mud tanks and other parts for drilling contractor Ensign USA. Still, he says, "We're not nearly big enough to do everything."

The energy business is booming, particularly in the Rockies, but there is a shortage of rigs. Companies are looking abroad for contractors are scrambling to build new rigs by salvaging parts from scrapped, aging equipment. And for the first time in decades, they are building new rigs to bore deep into the earth.

It is a gamble for those who can invest upward of \$20 million in a single rig, keeping an eye on natural gas prices as they work to line up multiyear leases. Many recall the oil bust of the 1980s when their useless rigs were stacked across the country.

"For most of the '80s and all of the '90s and the first part of 2000s, the industry economical by could not afford to make this type of investment," said Richard Mason, publisher of The Land Rig Newsletter in Lubbock, Texas. "We've entered a new era here. This is the first major retooling effort in 30 years."

In Gillette, Wyo., Patrick Hladky of Cyclone Drilling Inc. said he can't keep up with the demand for his 25 rigs, fielding calls from as many as seven different companies in one day.

"It doesn't matter where you're at, it's need rigs," he said. "Everywhere there's a drilling rig standing, there's one that's needed."

With its fortunes tied to the energy price roller-coaster, the U.S. rig manufacturing industry long dominated the global market after World War II. It reached a U.S. high of 4,530 rigs in service in December 1981 during the height of a boom, according to Houston-based Baker Hughes, an oil field services company that has kept track of the count since 1944.

When prices fell and production plummeted, demand dried up and left contractors with thousands of rigs that were stored or sold for parts or scrap as many companies went bankrupt. The U.S. rig count dropped to its lowest point of 488 on April 23, 1999, Baker Hughes said.

"Lots of people went out of business, rigs got cut up, consolidation took place," said Tom Schledwitz, operations director for Ensign USA in Denver, a subsidiary of Ensign Energy Services Inc. in Calgary, Canada, one of the largest drilling contractors in North America.

"It was a bust and a lot of people lost their jobs, lost their houses and all those kinds of things," Schledwitz said.

The bust began a 25-year downturn from which the industry just recently has begun to emerge. It finds itself in short supply not only of parts for rigs but of experienced crews to operate them.

Rigs are made up of components built by different manufacturers to create a self-contained portable system that generates its own power and can be easily moved in rugged locations. Typically, a contractor leases a rig to a producer and supplies a crew to operate it, moving it from field to field as needed.

Many newer rigs are being used to tap so-called nontraditional resources such as coal-bed methane or shale, where producers hunt across a broad expanse of land and then fracture the rock to free up oil or gas. Newer versions are being adapted with more power to pump pressure in the ground and to have the capacity to drill both vertically and horizontally, Mason said.

On site, a rig is staffed 24 hours a day with a five-person crew working 12 hours on and 12 hours off.

"It's hard work," says Jim Wildemann of SST Energy Corp. in Denver and Casper, Wyo., which has 13 rigs in the Rockies. "It could be snowing at midnight and you could be out working in it."

The rigs are expensive: They can cost anywhere from \$8 million to a high-tech device that will be more than \$20 million, take as much as 12 to 14 months to build and take three years to recoup the investment, contractors said.

From 1987 to 2005, rig counts in the Rockies have nearly tripled from 134 to 312 led by New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, Baker Hughes said.

"We are having to scramble to catch up," Mason said. "This is a demand-driven scenario, and that's the first time in the last

100 years ultimately that we've had to face this type of situation."

Mason expects 400 rigs — about half refurbished and about half newly built — to be added to the market by the end of 2007.

The short supply also means producers pay more to lease the rigs. Mason said a ballpark national average is about \$13,500 a day, nearly triple the \$5,000 a day in 1995.

Meantime, the contractors are just trying to keep up as they watch the fluctuating energy prices and try to guess how long this boom will last.

-PRODUCT RECALLS-

By The Associated Press

The following recalls have been announced:

- About 170,000 Tecumseh engines used in various two-stage snow throwers, ice augers, generators, lawn mowers, weed trimmers, log splitters and fun-karts, manufactured by Tecumseh Power Co. because the fuel lines on these engines can become loose or disconnected, resulting in a fuel leak. This can pose a fire hazard.

Tecumseh has received 235 reports of disconnected fuel lines, including two reports of fires. There have been no reports of injury. The firm has received 39 reports of minor damage, totaling about \$44,000.

The recalled engines have a date of manufacture code that starts with 05241 to 05286. The label on the engine reads "Tecumseh Power Company" and lists the spec number needed for identification. The recall includes power equipment with Tecumseh engines listed below:

- Two-stage snow throwers with brand names Ariens, Craftsman, Cub Cadet, Huskee, Husqvarna, MTD Gold Series, Murray, Troy, Poulan Pro, Troy-Bilt, White Outdoor, Yard Machines and Yard Man.
- Log splitters with brand name Yard Machines.
- Ice augers and heat hole generators with brand names Jiffy, Eskimo, Earthquake, Hoffco and MEPCO.
- Fun-karts with brand names Carter Brothers and Ken Bar.
- Generators with brand names Coleman Powermate and NorthStar.
- Lawn vacs/chippers with brand name Agri-Fab.
- Lawn mowers with brand name Toro.
- String trimmers with brand name Ariens.

The products were sold at home and hardware stores and equipment dealers nationwide from September 2005 through January 2006.

Consumers should stop using the equipment until they receive a free inspection and repair if necessary. For more information, call Tecumseh at 888-271-0408 or visit www.tecumsehpower.com or www.cpsc.gov.

- About 35,500 Foldable Massaging Bed Rests with Heat, manufactured by Brookstone Company Inc. because electrical circuits within the bed rests can over-heat, posing a fire and burn hazard.

Brookstone has received two reports of overheating, melting and charring, resulting in minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

"Imported by Brookstone Company" is printed on a tag attached to the bed rest. On some of the bed rests, "SKU NO: 431254" is printed on a round metal plate near the cord. "Brookstone" is printed on a plug-in transformer that attaches to the cord.

Consumers should stop using the bed rest and contact Brookstone for a free replacement. For more information, call 888-318-7455, e-mail bedrest-recall@brookstone.com or visit www.brookstone.com or www.cpsc.gov.

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1. "The Automatic Millionaire Homeowner," by David Bach; Broadway Books
2. "The Ultimate Question: Driving Good Profits and True Growth," by Fred Reichheld; Harvard Business School Press
3. "The Power to Predict: How Real Time Businesses Anticipate Customer Needs, Create Opportunities, and Beat the Competition," by Vivek Ranadive; McGraw-Hill
4. "I've Seen A Lot of Famous People Naked, And They've Got Nothing on You!," by Jake Steinfield, Steven Spielberg (Foreword); AMACOM
5. "Satisfaction: How Every Great Company Listens to the Voice of the Customer," by J.D. Power & Co.; Harvard Business School Press
6. "Dealing with Darwin: How Great Companies Innovate at the Edge of Their Evolution," by Geoffrey Moore; Portfolio
7. "Rule 1: The Simple Strategy for Successful Investing in Only 15 Minutes a Week!," by Phil Town; Crown
8. "Life After the 30-Second Spot," by Joseph Jaffe; John Wiley & Sons
9. "Buzzmarketing: Get People to Talk About Your Stuff!," by Mark Hughes; Portfolio
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16. "Secrets of Great Rainmakers: The Keys to Success and Wealth," by Jeffrey J. Fox; Hyperion
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18. "The Likeability Factor," by Tim Sanders; Crown Business
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20. "Purple Cow," by Seth Godin; Portfolio
21. "One Billion Customers: Lessons from the Front Lines of Doing Business in China," by James McGregor; Free Press
22. "Grapevine," by Dave Balter, John Butman; Portfolio
23. "Blue Ocean Strategy: How to Create Uncontested Market Space and Make Competition Irrelevant," by W. Chan Kim, Renee Mauborgne; Harvard Business School Press
24. "When Generations Collide," by Lynne C. Lancaster, David Stillman; HarperBusiness
25. "It's Your Ship," by D. Michael Abrashoff; Warner Business Books

Trains

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An estimated one-third of U.S. rail cargo, from corn to clothing, flows through the tangle of track that covers the map of Chicago and its collar counties like spaghetti — creating notorious traffic jams along the way. Trains that take two days to arrive from California might take another two to go a few miles through the Chicago bottleneck.

The industry's boom underscores the need for better infrastructure, but it also raises questions about how much taxpayers should chip in. An ambitious public-private plan that targets the east and west coast, train-track entanglements got only a fraction of the federal funding its boosters expected in last year's pork-laden transportation bill.

At the Joliet Arsenal facility run by BNSF Railway Co., which includes the old Burlington Northern and Santa Fe lines, expansion continues on a vast scale.

Last month, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez toured the facility, telling a hometown crowd, "You've got a great advantage." He also voiced confidence in the economy despite the loss of manufacturing jobs in the face of overseas competition.

"This is the future," said Gutierrez, former chief executive of cereal-maker Kellogg Co. "It's all about trading with the rest of the world. This is the best example I can think of."

Outside the warehouse where

he spoke, construction hummed at a 3.4 million-square-foot Wal-Mart distribution center slated to open this summer. At the rail yard surrounding it, BNSF expects to handle 600,000 containers this year, up from 275,000 in 2004. It might do a million next year, said John Clement Jr., the railroad's senior manager of hub operations.

"We are ahead of the growth," he said. "We know what's coming. We're going to spend the money so we can be there for ourselves and our customers."

The Association of American Railroads expects that this year the major freight lines will invest a record \$8.2 billion in new track, buying equipment and improving infrastructure, up more than 20 percent from a strong 2005.

It's a historic shift after many decades when railroads couldn't make enough money to cover their cost of borrowing, it, which discouraged capital spending in one of the more capital-intensive businesses.

"My railroad for the first time in more than half a century will earn its cost of capital," noted Chicagoan Robert Krebs, retired chief executive of BNSF. "It's a vibrant company now."

Though some believe the current railroad boom represents the peak of an economic cycle, others see a longer-term change. After 90 years, the railroads finally have run out of excess capacity. That in turn has restored their ability to raise rates, according to James Valen-

te, a research analyst for Wall Street giant Morgan Stanley.

"These positive trends in pricing and better returns are likely to continue for years for many decades," Valentine said. "Because all roads lead to Chicago," he added, the region will get a generous slice: "It should receive a disproportionate benefit from the railroads' resurgence."

To a degree, the industry owes today's recovery to a drastic deregulation plan implemented a quarter-century ago.

The 1980 Staggers Rail Act came in the midst of severe financial troubles for the industry. The government had prevented railroads from setting their rates, closing unprofitable tracks and consolidating networks. Service was terrible, and long-haul trucking gained market share.

Deregulation went hand in hand with additional consolidation. Major freight lines once numbering in the dozens came into the mere half-dozen left today. Employment plunged from 455,000 when Congress approved Staggers to 165,000 as of 2005.

That difficult period left scars, including strained relations with workers and ultra-cautious management.

Over time, the railroads have increased efficiency by adopting so-called intermodal systems, which allow freight to move from point of origin to distribution destination without being removed from a trailer or giant container. It is

FARM BEAT

Potato co-op reaches deal with ConAgra and Heinz

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative has reached a negotiated settlement with ConAgra foods. It came on the heels of a virtual smooch down of Simplot's final contract offer.

Dan Hargraves, executive director for SIPC, said both ConAgra and Heinz saw successful negotiations between growers and processors this spring. Unlike Simplot, Hargraves said, ConAgra and Heinz were willing to negotiate.

Hargraves did not disclose the contract details with ConAgra. Growers approved the contract at votes in American Falls and Magic Valley, he said.

However, growers are still going to struggle to break even for the 2006 season, he said. SIPC originally asked for an increase in contract prices to enable growers to offset a recent energy increase.

"This is still a bare bones deal for the farmers," Hargraves said. Simplot refused to negotiate, Hargraves said.

Now Simplot is going to fields, taking the contract to individual growers.

Wet weather in state stems irrigation demand

TWIN FALLS — Wet weather is keeping farmers out of their fields and irrigation demand off canal banks across the Magic Valley.

North Side Canal Company in Jerome had planned to start delivering irrigation water on April 3, but rains again this week put an end to that. Ted Diehl, NSCC manager, said farmers in the Wendell area that have already planted potatoes and sugar beets in sandy ground had placed orders for ir-

rigation water, but the rain was filling those requests. Diehl said he anticipates NSCC will start delivering water the week of April 10. Of course, that depends on the weather.

Lynn Harmon, manager of American Falls Reservoir District no. 2 in Shoshone, is also watching the weather and hoping to finish three last small projects so the district can begin delivering water on April 10.

Harmon is also manager of the Big Wood Canal Co., which is making small releases from Magic Reservoir for flood control. Big Wood probably won't begin delivering water until around May 1 — the company's historical start date.

Grain acres likely to decrease

TWIN FALLS — Grain producers looked at the markets and some decided to leave their grain drills planned this spring.

While wheat acreage in Idaho and across the United States is relatively unchanged from a year ago, barley acres are expected to be down significantly, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's March 31 plantings intention report.

It's a report that doesn't surprise University of Idaho extension grain economist Paul Patterson. Fundamentally, the wheat market is in good shape worldwide, and that is reflected in hard red winter and hard red spring prices that have been above both last year's prices and the 10-year average, he said.

Phones

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minutes, climbed to nearly \$8.6 billion for the U.S. wireless industry, compared with \$4.6 billion in 2004.

Speaking at a later CTIA event sponsored by Texas Instruments, TI president and chief executive Rich Templeton said he expects the number of wireless subscribers worldwide to keep growing quickly.

"As large as the wireless market is today, I believe, we underestimate the opportunity that's in front of us," he said.

Templeton said that it took 125 years for traditional telephone systems to reach 1.2 billion wired telephone lines. In about 20 years, the wireless industry has attracted about 2 billion mobile phone users around the world.

"What's staggering is that most people estimate that the number of subscribers could actually grow to 4 billion over the next five years," he said.

The industry expects the next billion subscribers will come largely from India, China, Russia and Brazil, he said. India, which has about 80 million mobile phone subscribers, may reach 300 million by 2010 and 500 million to 600 million subscribers by 2015.

In January 2006 alone, India added another 5 million subscribers, he said.

What's next?

The industry expects the next billion subscribers will come largely from India, China, Russia and Brazil, says Rich Templeton, Texas Instruments president.

more reliable and cheaper transport over long stretches of highway.

Demand for the coal used to fuel power plants grew as well, and grain shipments remained a steady and important

of railroad profits.

One emerging threat: Re-regulation. Some coal and chemical shippers, feeling burned as the railroads flex their newfound power to raise freight rates, have started complaining

to Congress.

It's a struggle that has flared on and off for more than 150 years, and it could flare anew as these old companies continue shifting into a higher gear.

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Pizza

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Frontier Flying Service, an intrastate airline, volunteered last year to fly the pizzas at no charge to every village on its regular flight schedule out of Nome, a Bering Sea town settled in 1899 during a massive gold rush.

Craig Kenmonth, general manager of Frontier, said the free delivery service helps the carrier market itself in a way that benefits customers in the largely Yupik and Inupiat Eskimo villages.

"Our success is directly tied to the success of the communities we serve," Kenmonth said. "And it's a fun thing to do."

The savings can be enormous for Nome's largely impoverished satellite communities, which pay some of the highest fuel prices in the nation. In White Mountain, gas cost \$3.39 a gallon at the beginning of April, according to Dorothy Burr, travel coordinator for the village.

Delivery of three or four pizzas would normally cost a village about \$25, said Matt Tomter, Airport Pizza's manager. Tomter's wife, Jeri Ann, owns the business. Freight is charged 40 to 60 cents per pound, depending on the village's distance from Nome, with a \$10 minimum.

"They fly the pizzas for nothing, which is huge for people on the holiday," said Tomter, who quit his job as a pilot at Frontier to run the thriving pizza joint.

The Christmas pizza order cost Savoonga away after a snowstorm grounded Frontier, said Neongwook, who handled the order as the city's gaming manager.

Only 25 of the pizzas made it out on Frontier before the weather closed in. The council wanted to make sure no one felt left out by getting late pizzas on the holiday, so it paid freight charges of almost \$100 to have another airline fly them in when the weather cleared later in the day.

About 40 percent of Airport Pizza's business comes from villages that get their supplies by plane through Nome, the regional hub city, Tomter said.

The Savoonga order was one of Airport Pizza's largest, but it isn't rare to get calls for bundles of 10 or 20 pizzas from villages away 200 miles away. Tomter said an order for six reindeer sausage pizzas once came in from the Arctic Ocean town of Barrow, the northernmost com-

Pie in the sky with pepperoni

Free pizza delivery to small villages by airplane has helped

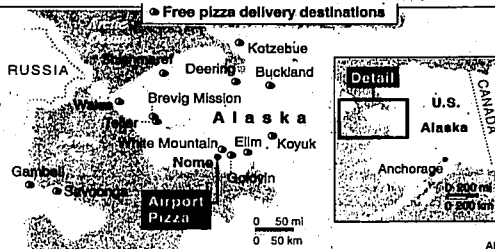
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munity in the U.S., 500 miles to the northeast.

"Anytime they bring a lot of people into the village it's an easy way to feed everybody," Tomter said. Most big orders have come from Native organizations or schools hosting regional basketball tournaments.

High shipping costs into Nome already push Airport Pizza's prices above those charged by pizzarias in less remote spots. They range from \$16 for a 15-inch cheese pizza to \$32 for a 19-inch specialty pie, such as chicken Rockefeller or gyro.

Meat-lovers, pepperoni, bacon-pineapple and chicken-ranch are among the most popular flavors, said Jeri Ann Tomter, who is Inupiat.

The pizzas are assembled and baked in a former airport terminal where the Tomters first laid eyes on each other. Jeri Ann was a customer service agent and Matt was a pilot for Cape Smythe Air Service, which Frontier bought in August.

"We met right here, where we're making the pizzas," Matt Tomter said.

The one-room business is all kitchen, with a 2,500-pound dough mixer salvaged from a bakery that went out of business, and a cavernous hand-me-down oven from a pizzeria turned Chinese restaurant.

Along a spottish steel counter sit about two dozen small bins filled with colorful ingredients that are rare in this faraway re-

gion — garlic, red and green peppers, sun-dried tomatoes, feta cheese and chorizo.

Five staffers show up each day to wrap more than 50 types of pizzas, including Polynesian barbecue chicken, Mexican enchilada, and Mediterranean.

"We tried pizzas from all over, in Washington and Anchorage, and found some we liked, and made some up ourselves," Tomter said.

After wrapping the pizzas in foil and securing the boxes with tape, an employee carries them about 80 feet to Frontier's terminal.

Nearly all the 11,000 village residents in Airport Pizza's service area consume Alaska Native subsistence foods, such as whale, walrus, seal and caribou, but laws bar Airport Pizza from using those meats on its pizzas, and there doesn't seem to be much demand.

"I think that would be a little strange," said Savoonga Mayor Jane Kava.

Reindeer sausage is legal because the animals are raised domestically.

"The Tomters wouldn't disclose numbers, but said Airport Pizza has been profitable since it opened in August.

"We're not going away," Matt Tomter said. "I think we're just going to keep growing."

He can count on more orders from Savoonga.

"I was thinking of doing it for Mother's Day refreshments," Neongwook said. "I'll probably look through the menu and try to taste different flavors."

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TECH REVIEW

Reference library for kids gets an A-plus

By Noah Matthews
Knight Rider News Service

The 2006 version of Encyclopedi@ Britannica Student Library is about as complete a reference tool as you'll find on one CD. It's designed for ages 7 to 14 and is divided into sections for grades 1 to 5 and grades 5 to 9. The disc has more than 17,000 articles (2,000 for younger users), a dictionary with more than 200,000 entries, timelines, atlases, and tons of illustrations, video clips and links to Internet sites.

I decided to research Abbott and Costello, the comedy team that used to break me up when I was a 7- to 14-year-old. The encyclopedia gave me some basic information, then offered to take me to safe Internet sites. The first was Abbott and Costello's official website, which features photos, biographies and lists of their movies, along with descriptions of their TV and radio shows. After that, I visited their fan club website. If I were writing a school paper, I would have accumulated more than enough information.

Since I haven't written a school paper in many years, I checked out the homework helper, which showed me how to write a research paper and how to give an oral report. There also are games for math, science, social science and language arts that should appeal to younger users.

The program has easily-understood buttons for features such as the atlas, dictionary and timelines. An alphabetical list of everything the encyclopedia has to offer can be narrowed to subject matter, such as geology, math and science and a third button that takes you to narrated video clips. Click on "erosion," and you get a birds-eye tour of the Colorado River, with the narrator explaining how the river has shaped the land.

As students gear for their information they need for the

homework assignments, they can print articles from the encyclopedia, and bookmark them for later reference. Unlike some disc-based encyclopedias, which frankly have more bells and whistles, this one is geared for the student who needs to gather a lot of information quickly and organize it into an

interesting report. Britannica Student Library 2006 will run on Windows X1: 2000 and 98SE and Macintosh computers running System 10.3 or 10.4. To order, send \$20, plus \$6 for shipping, to Washington, D.C., Box 351531, Los Angeles, CA 90035. Or online at www.washingtoned.net.

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TRAVEL

Louisville puts out its best during Derby season

By Elizabeth Dunbar
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The famous twin spires at Churchill Downs glisten in the sunlight, towering above an empty track that will soon be trampled by some of the world's best athletes.

The paddock's brown grass will be green by then and colorful flower landscapes will surround the contenders as they are saddled and paraded around in an atmosphere fit for a king.

It's here where an elite group of horses get the chance of a lifetime — crossing the finish line first in the Kentucky Derby. "They know what it's about," said Gene Logan, a tour guide at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

He's counting down the days until the first Saturday in May, which falls on May 6 this year — commonly dubbed the "greatest two minutes" in sports.

"Derby Day in Louisville — there's nothing like it," Logan said, walking out into the area where horse owners — men in suits and women wearing flamboyant hats — will next month admire 3-year-old thoroughbreds before the race.

Visitors to the museum and the famous racetrack can sense what the place would be like, beginning with a film that surrounds them with the sights and sounds of the Kentucky Derby projected onto a race-track-shaped screen.

Outside the theater, a model horse representing last year's Derby winner, Giacomo, and his jockey, Mike Smith, display a garland of some 360 artificial roses. The real version is given to the winner of the "Run for the Roses" each year.

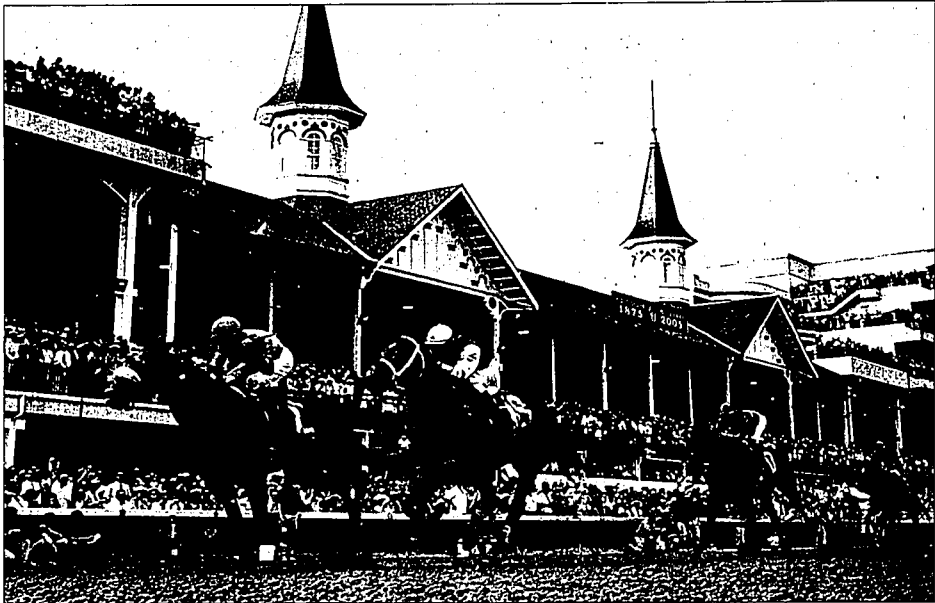
The museum's exhibits cover nearly every aspect of the Kentucky Derby and the people who make it happen — owners, trainers, jockeys, veterinarians and breeders, to name a few.

You can watch past Kentucky Derby races or sit atop a fake horse while following video of a race filmed by someone in the saddle. Step on the scale to see if you meet the 126-pound weight limit for jockeys and their gear.

For an additional fee, the museum also offers tours of the stables, the area where jockeys prepare for races, the press box and halls where the rich and famous roam at Churchill Downs on Derby Day.

Visiting Louisville during Derby week — or any other time of year — should include a dose of horse racing and Kentucky Derby history, and the museum is a way to get it.

Tickets to next month's Derby, one of the world's premiere sporting events, are nearly impossible to find. Most ticket



Giacomo, left, with jockey Mike Smith up, wins the 131st Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 7, 2005. file photo in Louisville, Ky.

holders have connections to horse racing, and those lucky enough to have a seat on Derby Day pay \$65 for a bleacher seat on the track's inside or as much as \$600 for a premium seat overlooking the track.

You can still get into Churchill Downs on Derby Day with a \$40 general admission ticket, but don't expect to see much of the race. The track's infield becomes a giant party, popular with young people.

If you're not set on sharing your Derby Day with 150,000 other people at Churchill Downs, there are plenty of other ways to see the horses and race track.

Down at the Downs offers early risers a free opportunity to watch horses, including Derby contenders, exercise on the track Monday-Thursday the week of Derby.

Live races for the spring meet are held at Churchill Downs April 29 through July 16. Racing also resumes for a fall session. Adult general admission for most of the races is only \$2.

"It's a completely authentic

experience: the beauty of the horses, the smell of the dirt, the sound of hooves on the track. If it's a gorgeous Kentucky day, there's nothing else like it," said Stacey Yates, spokeswoman for Louisville's convention and visitors bureau.

But if horse racing isn't your thing, make plans to attend one of dozens of events planned during Louisville's Kentucky Derby Festival, which starts two weeks before the race and is in full stride in the days approaching Derby.

Now in its 51st year, the main part of the festival kicks off April 22 with a gigantic fireworks show that claims to be the biggest in the country. Hundreds of thousands of people converge on downtown Louisville for the half-hour show that has fireworks shooting off from barges on the Ohio River and others cascading from a downtown bridge. An air show with military and civilian aircraft fills the afternoon hours leading to the fireworks.

In the 1970s, the festival started adding more racing-themed

events. There are hot-air balloons, beds, marathon runners and servers carrying wine glasses during official festival races. And don't forget "the slowest

two hours in sports" — the stambout race on the Ohio River.

"It's special because it brings the whole community together," said Almee Boyd, a Derby festival spokeswoman. "Everything is coming to life. It's spring, the flowers are blooming and it's an exciting time of year."

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Matt McGovern of Hughesville, Penn., tries the Riders' Up exhibit at the Kentucky Derby Museum on Thursday, March 30, Louisville, Ky.

watch hundreds of horses exercise on the Churchill Downs racetrack. You can also arrange to have breakfast there: <http://www.churchilldowns.com/events/May/>.



The Pegasus balloon moves down Broadway during the Kentucky Derby Parade on April 29, 2004, in Louisville, Ky.

DERBY MUSEUM: At Churchill Downs, 700 Central Ave., gate 1: <http://www.derbymuseum.org> or (502) 637-1111. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 6-5 p.m. Closed Derby day. Adults, \$9; children \$4.1, \$5. Track tours, \$5 or \$10, offered throughout the day. Reservations required for 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. tours, which include a look at the horses exercising.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotel rooms are hard to find in Derby week, so book well in advance. The city's convention and visitor's bureau offers package deals and can help book rooms; <http://www.golouisville.com> or (502) 584-2121.

DOWN AT THE DOWNS: Held Monday-Thursday mornings of Derby week (May 1-5), visitors get in free to

THE FESTIVAL: Highlights include Thunder Over Louisville air and fireworks show April 22, the Great Steamboat Race May 3, and the Pegasus Parade May 4; <http://www.kdf.org>.

FOOD AND DRINK: A visit to Louisville isn't complete without a Hot Bronn (an open-faced carved turkey sandwich with bacon, tomato and cheese invented in 1920s by the chef at the historic Brown Hotel) and Derby Pie (a trademarked dessert with chocolate chips and walnuts.) Finish it off with a mint julep, a sweet mixed drink with Kentucky bourbon and fresh mint that's become the Derby's official drink.

TRAVEL

Tulsa, Soul of the Southwest

By Gary Lee
The Washington Post

TULSA, Okla. — When I first ventured into downtown Tulsa more than three decades ago, I was sure that's how Paris looked. Don't laugh. A cluster of art deco buildings — a rush of terra-cotta facades, ornate sheaves, boldly geometric doorways and corridors covered in travertine marble — covers all over the city center. To a 10-year-old who had never traveled beyond St. Louis, it seemed to be a fine replica of European grandeur.

It still does.
Tulsa is a city of period pieces. The Gilcrease Museum, with its dazzling portraits of Indian tribal leaders and bronco-riding cowboys in bronze, takes you back to the Old West. Tee's Barber Shop, as much a hangout for African-Americans as a place to get a haircut, is the reminder of the rich and raucous black life that once reigned here. Cain's Ballroom, the gargantuan rock music performance hall where locals once paid 10 cents for square dances, is a throwback to an era before high-tech clubs. These are a few of the monuments left by the oil bars, displaced Indians, wild entrepreneurs and motley pioneers who built Tulsa. Together they make this one of the most intriguing urban enclaves in the Southwest.

OK, a city that is perhaps best known as the old home base of televangelist Oral Roberts isn't everybody's idea of a get-there-quick destination. As a native son and fourth-generation Oklahoman, I know its sore spots all too well. Although it's the second-largest city in the state and has a population of 387,000, it has the up- and-downside of a small town.

The house where I grew up (and still own) is a short walk from the scene of a 1921 race riot, a bloody rampage that left more than 300 dead, almost all of them African-Americans. For all its splendor, downtown can be downright funeral at night. On a recent weekend evening, I took a walk through the ruins of a Union Pacific freight train and saw no one but a drifter in cowboy boots hugging a fifth of Jim Beam.

Tulsa city is also a nondriver's bad dream. Spread across just under 182 square miles — around three times the area of Washington — it's a place where locals think little of spending an hour wheeling around just to get a burger.

But there is no better-kept example of Southern western frontier culture. Even road-trippers in a hurry along



Tulsa's architecture is a mix of period pieces such as the art deco design of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church. DON BILLET/The Washington Post

Route 66, which runs through the city would be foolish not to stop at one of the vintage eateries. Take, for instance, the Coney Island, a beloved downtown lunch spot that Greek immigrant Christ Economou opened in the mid-1920s and where you can still get your fix of the house special, a trio of hot dogs topped by a small forest of chili, onions and mustard. For bigger appetites, there's the White River Fish Market, for seven decades the purveyor of heating platters of buffalo and catfish, fist-size shrimp and every other kind of seafood.

Nancy K. Owens, a feature writer for the Greater Tulsa Reporter, a monthly community newspaper, thinks the eclectic conglomeration of venues around Tulsa makes it seem more a collection of small villages than a city. "You can get caught up in one scene here," she said, "and forget that there are many others equally as interesting all across town." The Gilcrease Museum, a 10-minute drive northwest of downtown, is one of the best-known repositories of American

West art — and a great way to get a feel for what Tulsa is all about. Even after a dozen visits to this place, I always discover something new.

This time I noted that the museum — with more than 10,000 paintings, sculptures and drawings, including one of the world's largest collection of Thomas Moran paintings and Frederic Remington bronzes — reaches far beyond western art. One special exhibit was devoted to photographs of the ruins at Machu Picchu. An impressive collection of Mexican paintings, including a couple of brilliant works by Diego Rivera, is on permanent display.

But it's the western landscapes that grabbed my full attention. Thomas Moran's 1900 "Shoshone Falls on the Snake River," so realistic that if you look long enough you can feel the water spraying down the falls, is probably the most celebrated piece in the place. Albert Bierstadt's "Sierra Nevada Morning," an 1870 painting that portrays the start of a new day in the daunting mountain range, is another standout.

No one leaves without making a ritual stop in the Vista Room, a large saloon with a view of the countryside. A picture window looks out onto a panorama of pines, redwoods, dogwoods and evergreens bathing in the brilliant Oklahoma sunsets. It's a scene that always sends a shiver down my spine.

From there, I headed to another familiar area, Greenwood Avenue, until the 1960s the center of Tulsa's black community. As a kid, my pals and I used to hang in these streets. We'd buy orange snow cones and catch a horror film at the Rex Theater, grab slabs of barbecue at Betty's Chat 'N Chew, drop into Cannon's Drygoods Store for lemon dogwood. All black-owned businesses, they have long since been razed. Tiny middle-class homes with neat lawns and fences have replaced them.

Thankfully a bit of the hood's old flavor still hangs in the air. At Tee's, the black barbershop at the end of the street, a crowd of regulars was sitting around trading basketball scores and gossip.

Farther along is the Greenwood Cultural Center, a small building that organizes occasional black-oriented arts events. A gallery explains the history of Tulsa's "Black Wall Street" and has photos of local African-American celebrities outside on a small monument and plaque dedicated to the victims of the 1921 race riots. Although the scattering of buildings was a scrawny skeleton of the former Greenwood, I'm glad that some semblance of the area's glory has been retained.

Still, change has brought an unexpected hipness to the city. Before nostalgia overtook me, I decided to explore the city's more happening haunts. Richard Florida, a nationally known public policy expert, gives Tulsa big points for its lively creative class. Using his "creativity index," he ranks Tulsa 10th among medium-size cities (right after Little Rock and Birmingham). That's thanks mostly to the strong contingent of students, artists, musicians, designers, gay men and lesbians, and other free-spirited

souls who call the city home. But where to find that scene? Brookside, a boulevard lined with trendy bars, clubs and boutiques in the city's south end, was one option. Too easy, instead, I headed for Cherry Street, a mix of honeycafs, antiques stores and restaurants about a mile south of downtown.

One step inside the Peace of Mind Bookstore, a favorite hangout for former hippies, and I was back in the era when cool people were listening to the Grateful Dead and reading Carlos Castaneda. Most of the shelves were stocked with books on the occult, metaphysics and new-age trends. One corner featured herbs, scented candles, tarot cards and incense.

A few blocks away, I encountered a part of Tulsa's chattering class, which gathers at Buena Bread. Owens, the newspaper reporter, had set up shop with her laptop and late in one corner, Jeff Van Halen, a local documentary filmmaker, was devouring a croissant in another.

In front of the fireplace were members of the Panera Parliament, a coffee group that meets daily to debate political issues. One of the things that makes it different from most other places I know is the pace of life," he said. "People are happy to let the rest of the world wait."

While parts of Tulsa are clearly trendy, for the most part it clings dearly to its boomtown past. This is especially true of the downtown art deco district. For that reason, whenever I'm in town, I work in a walk through the area. A dozen or so worthy historical structures remain, mostly in a 12-square-block area centering on South Boston Avenue. Most were built during the oil boom of the 1920s, when the city was the home base for one of the major international oil companies.

The Boston Avenue Methodist Church, for example, at Boston Avenue and 13th Street, is surfaced in Bedford limestone blocks and adorned with finely chiseled terra-cotta sculptures and a 225-foot spire. It is a visual statement. But after years of consideration, I've come to this conclusion: It doesn't resemble anything I have seen in Paris, a city I now know intimately.

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YOU NEVER KNOW
SWF, 26, 5'17", blonde/blue, mother, enjoys the outdoors, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, movies, relaxing at home, cuddling. Looking for a good-hearted guy to share simple fun, and friendship first. Hollister 72923359

SEEKS FUN AND MORE
SWF, 51, outdoorsy-type, likes dining out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Albon 7310168 @ DebFwyhobop

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
SWF, 66, Libra, part-time school cafeteria worker, N/S, loves country drives and walks, movies, dining out. Seeking WM, 60-70. Hollister 7346212

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
SF, 20, 5'11", light brown eyes, employed, sociable, outgoing, likes horror films, most music, hanging with friends. Looking for a cool, fun guy to hang with. Wendot 72936019

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!
SW PF, 60, 4'10", medical profession, HWT? I enjoy yard work, walks, relaxing at home, animals, etc. Seeking a SWM, 55-67, to share special times together, friendship and more. Hollister 73193531

HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU
SF, 21, 5'2", short brown/dark brown 150lbs, looking for someone child-friendly, outgoing, honest man to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Hollister 7374280

WAITING 4 THE PERFECT GUY
Fun SWF, long blonde hair, big green eyes, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing. Looking to meet a SWM, 28-38, who's sexy and fun, to share good times, possible LTR. Hollister 72769014 @ bacardi0529

SEEKING COMPANION

DF 40, 5'2", brown/blue, great smile. Enjoys fishing, slow dancing, romantic evenings and more. Looking for a SM, 38-43, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, funny and outgoing. Burley 72979925

NEEDS SOME SUGAR
SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SWHM, 38-54, Hollister 73424421 @ SemISuito

WHY WAIT?
SWF enjoys fishing, camping, walks, dancing, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, 21-50, to share interest with and get to know. Kimberly 7285784

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and love again. WF, 34, mother of two boys, loves the outdoors, long conversations, cuddling and more. Looking for an understanding, honest, good man, 34-45. Finley 7283542 @ Kamstar

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Romantic, fun SWF enjoys family life, movies, dancing, horseback riding, gardening, cooking, and fishing. Seeking a tall SWM, N/S, 40-60, who wants to share a good friend and possible LTR. Twin Falls 7388961

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
45-year-old SWF, mother of two, CNA. I love camping, mountains, long rides, etc. ISO a S/DW/M, 35-65, who has similar interest. Burley 7307501

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF 18, 4'11", enjoys horror and comedy films, pizza, hanging with friends, music, more. Seeking respectable, loving SM, 18-25, to share talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister 7316173

HI
SWF, 21, very outgoing, Cancer. N/S, enjoys shopping and meeting new people. Seeking WM, 19-27, for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Hollister 7316306

NOT AFRAID TO GET MY...
hands dirty. SWF, 19, 5', dishwasher/hazmat, Aquarius, N/S, enjoys dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 19-30, N/S, to chat with. Burley 72918228

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

PRETTY OPEN
Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley 72843856

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN
Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, N/S, likes camping, fishing, traveling, dining out. Seeking active SWF, 40-60, N/S, looks important, must be honest, caring and true. Friendship first, maybe LTR. Twin Falls 72616440

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SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 40-58, standing for friendship maybe more. 7261937

WHY NOT CALL?
SWM, 36, 6'2", 180lbs, light red/blue, looking for an intelligent, kind-hearted, open-minded BWB, not afraid to be herself, to share friendship and fun that could lead to lasting love. Hollister 7300633

STILL LOOKING
SWM, 22, Italian, majoring in culinary arts, likes paint ball, rock climbing, movies, jump out of planes. Seeking SF, 18-23, for friendship and more. Hollister 7340562 @ davidursino11c

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
Sociable, honest SWM, 21, 5'9", 160lbs, looking for a nice, outgoing, honest, level-headed SF to get to know, share some fun and more. Gooding 7292674

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SWM, 42, 5'6", 185lbs, light brown/blue-green, truck driver, enjoys yard work, walks, hunting, fishing, camping, country drives, simple times. ISO honest, commitment-minded lady to share the special times in life. Appleton 7336240

MAKE IT HAPPEN
SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, N/S, 19-30, N/S, just as a friend. Curry 7276992

SHY FLOW BOY
SWM, 23, grew up on a farm, enjoys motor sports, outdoors, family activities, seeks female, 18-27, with similar interests, for possible romance. Murtaugh 72926979 @ SHYFLOWBOY

JUST AN ORDINARY GUY
HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, very hard-working, seeks a woman, 25-45, to connect with. Hollister 72899654 @ pokerpro

OUTGOING KINDA GUY
SWM, 41, 6'1", employed, fun to be with, enjoys hunting, fishing, hanging out and more. Seeking a SF, 26-54, who enjoys life to the fullest. Acquia 72940814

SEEKS PRETTY GF
WM, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty, Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls 7285069

LOOKING TOO
SWM, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding the way home, seeks SF, 35-55, to get to know each other. Paul 727531 @ helmbak

FLEXIBLE FELLOW
SBM, 18, Scorpio, N/S, works at a cheese factory, loves rollercoasters, motorcycles, camping, and fishing. Seeking nice, caring, loving BF, 18-25, N/S. Burley 7330844

LET'S HANG OUT
SWM, 29, 5'9", 145lbs, brown/brown, Pisces, smoker, loves Smoking Pumpkins. Seeking woman, 23-35, for friendship, possible romance. Hollister 7321113

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THE SMILE IN YOUR EYES
WM, 45, 5'2", 180lbs, dog owner, father, retired police officer, ISO outgoing, like-minded sweet lady to share my life with. I enjoy camping, fishing, dancing, quiet evenings, romance. Kimberly 7293373

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
SM, 32, hard-working, active, enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking similar child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfeld 724251

HOW ABOUT ME?
SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship/relationship. Murtaugh 7244399

LET'S TALK
SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, out gang, fun, works construction, likes dining, walks, camping, more. ISO active SF who enjoys life. Hollister 7293445

HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 30, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, N/D, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister 7250460

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SWM, 28, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton 7281341

CALL ME
WM, 5'9", 175lbs, brown/hazel, likes country music, good movies and spending time on the couch. Seeking SF, 30-49, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. Wendell 72859500

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HELLO LADIES!!!
SWM, 57, 160lbs, single parent. Enjoys outdoors, skiing, dancing and socializing. Would like to meet a SBWF, 40-55, for a LTR. Hollister 7297904

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SWM, 48, 6'3", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoors, dining, sports, and more. Seeking SF, 36-46, for friendship, and dating. Twin Falls 72913296

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SWM, 28, looking to meet a single female, 18-30. Someone who knows how to have a good time. If this sounds like you, contact me. Holt 72913536

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LOST Shih Tzu, 1 year
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For questions, call Terry Machala, 208-733-5963 or Kathryn Egbert, 208-737-5451.
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MEDICAL
Nurse Teacher, two positions available. Minimum of 2 yr ARRT (ID) and 2 yrs BSN. GE experience desired. You must exhibit excellent teaching abilities. Work on state-of-the-art equipment. No call. Some travel with previous MRI experience. Send Resume and Cover Letter to:
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Seeking a strong individual with dogs and cats a plus. EOE.
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Wait Staff
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PROFESSIONAL
Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist
30-35 hours per week. Flexible hours/pay/week.
DOE. Must hold at least a Bachelor's Degree from a nationally accredited university or college with a minimum of 2 years work experience in human relations field such as psychology, social work, special education, counseling and psycho-social rehabilitation. State of Idaho license is required for clinical work. Please call 208-733-2872.
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Cook wanted.
Graveyard line cook needed. 32 to 40 hrs. 401K, life insurance, vacation. Apply at Travelers Oasis 184 exit 182

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Golden Corral is looking for energetic, self-motivated and personable Servers and Food Preparation Staff.
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Requires LPN license and WA training certificate. Prefer 1 yr medical office exp. Bilingual English / Spanish preferred. Send resume to or apply at:
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Spec.
211 16th Ave. N.
P.O. Box 9
Nampa, ID 83653
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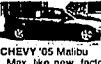

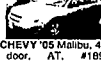
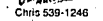
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LeAnne SasserCollins demonstrates the sign for 'thank you' as her 3-year-old daughter, Alissa, gives a hug. Alissa began to sign at 8 months old and by 2 years old had mastered 30 signs.



BOOK

Both hands, palms together. Then open the hands as if the pinkies are a hinge. This sign should resemble the opening of a book. Children use this sign when they want to be read to. Parents use it to ask children if they'd like to hear a story.

Know your signs



BABY

Arms together in a rocking motion. This sign should mimic the way parents cradle children.

Older siblings enjoy this sign.



MOM/DAD

Mom: With palm open and fingers extended, poke the chin with the thumb several times.

Dad: Same gesture, just at the forehead.



THANK YOU

Hand open, fingertips at chin. Then wave hand from chin outward.

This concept may be beyond an infant, but it's a good one to get in the habit of practicing.

Looking for a sign

PARENTS TEACH BABIES SIGN LANGUAGE

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ten-month-old Elijah SasserCollins can't yet walk or talk, but he can tell his dad he'd like another bite of rice cereal.

Elijah is learning sign language from his parents, LeAnne and Jeremy SasserCollins of Twin Falls, and his 3-year-old sister, Alissa.

Sign language allows babies — even those without disabilities — to communicate before they've developed language skills. And that can be a lifesaver for parents wondering why their baby won't stop crying.

An increasing number of Magic Valley parents are introducing their infants to sign language, said Janice Finch of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind and recent teacher of a baby sign course through St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

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FAMILY LIFE

A wealth of knowledge

There's no lack of advice for new parents

By Jessica Kowal
Special to Newsday

Pacifiers.
Potty training.

Advice on these two parenting predicaments — from doctors, authors, parents, friends... even complete strangers — could fill a library.

And controversial ideas about both hot-button issues have been in the news lately, leaving many parents of young children wincing their hands in confusion.

On the pacifier front, the American Academy of Pediatrics recently recommended that, for safety reasons, babies should go to sleep with a pacifier for naps and at bedtime until they turn 1.

New parents, already bombarded with information, might find it hard to assess which

ideas are right for them and their children. Many moms, in particular, worry that making the wrong parenting choices will dole them as bad mothers. So even if infant potty training could potentially save thousands of dollars in un-bought Pampers, are you a bad mother if you'd prefer reliable diapers to "elimination communication"?

And everyone knows about the pacifier's value — but limiting the ability to gratify an infant's sucking reflex, get fussy 1-year-olds into bed and soothe tantrum-throwing toddlers, but are you a bad mother if you focus on other SIDS-reducing tactics — such as putting an infant to sleep on his back — if you don't want to deal with a pacifier for years to come?

Of course not, says Jan Faulk, who has written several parenting-advice books. "There is not one right way to do anything," Faulk says. Keeping different approaches in mind, "parents can read their baby's cues, and then decide what's right for you, your baby and your family."

Advocates of infant potty training point out that babies in many countries don't wear disposable diapers, and it's natural for their mothers, who often carry them around in slings, to hold them over the ground to go to the bathroom.

Laurie Boucke, who has written

ten two books about "IT," says on her Web site that it enhances parent-child "bonding through closeness, natural communication and loving care."

While potty training is a matter of opinion, the pacifier issue has broad implications for children's health. In a 2005 SIDS study, claims an estimated one out of 2,000 live American births, according to 2002 statistics.

In a November 2005 article in the *Journal Pediatrics*, Dr. Fern R. Hauck, a family physician at University of Virginia Health Systems, concluded there was a "striking decrease in SIDS when babies suck on pacifiers as they go to sleep."

The American Academy of Pediatrics' broad conclusions and simultaneous advice parents that infants should sleep in a separate crib instead of "co-sleeping" in the parents' bed has drawn harsh criticism by advocates of breast-feeding who say that pacifiers can cause "nipple confusion" and that moms find it

easier to nurse when their baby sleeps with them.

Hauck says she was "surprised" by the opposition to her findings but doesn't doubt her conclusions. "We make these public health recommendations because we're trying to eliminate all the deaths we can," she says.

Still, many mothers remain hesitant to offer pacifiers to their children.

About half of all infants take a pacifier and about 15 percent of children older than 3 continue to use them, says Mark L. Brenner, author of "Pacifiers, Blankets, Bottles and Thumbies: What Every Parent Should Know About Starting and Stopping" (Fireside, \$12).

He explains that pacifiers are one of many transitional objects babies and children use when they feel anxious, but explains that it's useful to get rid of blankets (and bottles) before children reach 18 months.

"Most parents give children pacifiers for one reason: They enjoy the silence," Brenner says. "Parents know intuitively that they should break that habit, but they prolong it because it gives them greater peace and quiet when the child is about to go into a tantrum."

He suggests giving toddlers three days' notice, with repeated reminders, before parent and child together toss the pacifiers into the trash.

Teen co-ed slumber party qualifies as dumbest parenting



PARENTING
John Rosemond

A journalist recently asked me to name some of the dumbest things I'd ever heard concerning teenagers and their parents. I immediately thought of "the supervised" co-ed teenage slumber party. No, really, I'm not kidding. According to a recent report, the co-ed sex — Oopssy! I meant slumber party is the latest way for parents of teens to demonstrate how understanding, trusting and cool they are. Typically, a particular neighborhood slumber party will host a so-called slumber party on the night of a high school dance or game. Afterward, kids meet at the hosts' home, bringing sleep-aid and "appropriate" sleep wear.

As the festivities begin, each of the invitees slips into something comfortable. A floor or area of the house is designated for teens only, and the parents promise not to "intrude unless they hear something going on."

They obviously imagine 90,000 sometimes in boy-girl pairs, under blankets or inside sleeping bags that have been zipped together. But nothing goes on. The parents are safe.

One parent was quoted in the story as saying, "After all, they're not going to have sex in front of each other, much less right under our noses."

Are today's parents really so stupid? Apparently, some of them are. The second dumbest thing was a report from the federally funded (that's a euphemism for you and me paid for by 10 National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health which surveys some 90,000 students in grades seven through 12. The primary finding: Teens who have strong emotional attachments to their parents are much less likely to

use drugs and alcohol, attempt suicide, engage in violent behavior or become sexually active.

My reaction to this revelation was THEY'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING! In other words, the con artists — oops, I mean researchers — in question spent \$25 million of our hard-earned money to tell us what we already know: to wit, if you demonstrate unconditional love to a child — even if he/she does act like a jerk sometimes — the youngster is less likely to develop serious problems than a child whose parents are unaffectionate, critical and rejecting.

Here's another absolutely astonishing finding, from the same study: The presence of a parent in the home when a child uses drugs or alcohol reduces the likelihood of the child will use drugs or alcohol. Translate: Adult supervision is good. Remember, folks, you and I paid \$25 million for these absolutely eye-popping revelations!

Here's yet another startling revelation, one that no one could have possibly figured out on their own: Teens who have repented a grade in school are more likely to have later problems of one sort or another than teens who have done reasonably well in school. Translate: Teens with a history of problems are likely to develop even more.

As today's teenager might say, "Well, duh!"

And where you have it: Dumb and dumber.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

How to introduce youngsters to technology

By Armin Brott
Knight-Ridder News Service

Question: My husband recently bought a computer for our 18-month-old daughter. I think he's nuts, but he says that it's never too early to get kids computer literate. Is he right or should we wait?

Answer: You and your husband have stumbled into one of the 21st century's parenting hot spots. A lot of parents have some legitimate questions about how to introduce their white-candy (and even how dangerous it is to start kids on computers and/or computerized toys at such an early age. Unfortunately, making the right decision — assuming there is such a thing — is nearly impossible, given the heated debate among academics, software designers and advisers.

On one side, there are the psychologists and other experts who agree with your husband and who say that it's almost never too early to get children comfortable with using technology. They feel that the world is becoming more and more digital every day and that children who don't have superior computer skills will be at a disadvantage as they grow up.

On the other side, people who equally insist on the opposite, that introducing children to technology too early can be

dangerous. They feel that children who spend time with computers don't learn basic social skills, and that young kids need to be interacting with their parents, not a computer.

So will exposing your child to computers make her antisocial or make her spend all her time in front of the screen instead of doing other things? Unlikely. Initially, the novelty of the computer may suck her away from other activities, but that's not all that different from what happens with any new toy. Your child needs a wide variety of things to play with and learn from. So as long as you don't try to make a computer replace all your child's other toys, it will be just another toy on her shelf.

After investigating the pros and cons, I came to the conclusion that introducing kids to technology is worth a try, but only if you stick to the following guidelines:

- Your child must be ready. She should have a firm grasp of cause-and-effect relationships (I push the Enter key and something happens on the screen).
- She must be interested. One way to increase the chances she'll be interested is to let her watch you work on your computer; another is to let her bang around on an old keyboard.
- If you don't have one, you can probably buy a used one at a flea market for about \$5).

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- Never use the computer as an electronic babysitter. You must be willing to be on hand for your child sitting on your lap, every time she plays on the computer. When she's a little older she can graduate to sitting next to you.
- Keep it interactive. Talk about what you're seeing on the screen, why your child is making the choices she is, and so on. Just as you would if you were reading a story or playing a game.
- Have fun: At this age, the goal of exposing your tot to technology isn't to teach her anything and it's not to boost her IQ or get her into an Ivy League school before she's out of diapers. It should really be just another way of the two of you can play together. As with any other activity, pay attention to your child's cues. If she's bored or isn't interested, shut down the computer and go for a walk or pick up a book.
- Don't put a computer in your child's room.
- Make sure you select good software. Childrensoftware.com (fee based) and Superkids.com (free) both do reviews and make recommendations of software and hardware for kids.
- Limit screen time. Computer games should be part of a well-balanced diet of fun activities. Chances are your child will be interested in playing on the computer for more than five minutes at a stretch. But if she's easily mesmerized, cut her off at 10-15 minutes per day.

Armin Brott is the author of many best-selling books on fatherhood.

Introducing the young to art

Knight-Ridder News Service

Question: My wife and I are graphic designers and we'd like to start teaching our 18-month-old son about art. What's the best way to start?

Answer: The first thing you have to do is to let go of the idea that you're teaching. At this point — and for the next few years — all you need to do is encourage and support your son. That said, here are some tips that will make doing art with your child fun for both of you.

- Don't give too many choices. Asking "Do you want red or green?" is OK. Asking "What colors do you want?" is an invitation to a power struggle.
- Stay away from coloring books and don't encourage tracing or copying.

Your child is drawing or painting because it's fun. The idea that he can create something that looks like something else won't occur to him until he's at least 5.

Pay attention. Your child's attention span ranges from about three seconds to 15 minutes. If you notice any indication of boredom, such as walking away, crying or eating the supplies, offer another related activity or shut things down for the day.

- Don't interfere. Showing your baby once or twice how to use a brush, pencil or marker is OK. But telling him which colors to use or making any kind of correction is inappropriate.

Sign

Continued from E1

"Sign language is in," Finch said. "Babies can't talk, so signing is a way to meet their needs."

And that, she said, is good for babies and parents. Infants fuss less, parents get fewer headache.

Last week, Elijah made his first sign. By pumping his fist in a sort of cow-milking motion, he told his parents that he wanted to be breast-fed. The SasserCollines call this sign "nummies."

At just a few months old, babies can express a lot of concepts. I'd like more milk. I'm hungry. I'm tired. I need my diaper changed.

And they pick it up quickly. Aissa started learning to sign when she was still a few months old. By the time she shifted to verbal communication early last summer, she knew about 30 signs. Aissa could tell her parents by stringing signs together in simple sentences — that she wanted to read a story, eat a banana, use the toilet or drink water from a cup.

"It really makes a difference," Jeremy said. "My favorite is diaper change."

Signing is also handy in situations when speaking isn't appropriate. Letting your son communicate with Aissa while she is on the phone or when the family is in church.

Want to teach your baby to sign?

Contact the College of Southern Idaho, 732-2211, for information about sign language courses for newborn parents. The college offers no-credit and one-credit courses for beginners.

Or call St. Benedict's College, 732-3241, ext. 3361, for information about the hospital's "Baby and Me" program. The hospital expects to offer a baby sign language class in the coming months.

from American Sign Language, Finch said. "It's not the needs of babies with limited motor skills. And each family develops its own style, similar to dialects, colloquialisms or accents in spoken language. Finch said.

For example, the ASL sign for water — forming a W with three fingers and waving the sign outward from the mouth — can be made by waving the fingers by placing an open hand to the face.

The SasserCollines' diaper-change sign (touching the hip) is their own, Jeremy said.

At the time, the SasserCollines' daughter, Aissa, was 18 months old. Her mother of two children under 3, said her family developed some of its own signs, too. Six-year-old daughter, Bailey, made a unique sign for "cheerios." Stout and the SasserCollines

learned to sign from books. But signing classes are available through the College of Southern Idaho and through St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. The program is free for parents who need some instruction.

Signing makes for a more peaceful household, Stout said. "It's not only the benefit. Stout said. "It allows you to be a better parent," she said. "The relationship between you and the child changes because there's more respect in the relationship. It puts the child on the same level as the parent."

Finch agrees. She says research shows that children who learn sign language are better, more expressive communicators later in life.

A recent University of California study shows that children who learn to sign also score higher on IQ tests.

Critics of baby sign language have said that it inhibits language development. But research is not true, Finch said, and a mid-'90s study backs her up. Sign language can make children better verbal communicators at earlier ages.

That is because baby sign language is meant to be practiced in conjunction with verbal communication. When your child is to go to bed, for time for bed, he also speaks that message. That way, the baby learns to associate signs with words.

Aissa, who is building her

Use these basic gestures to begin communicating with your baby today

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

MILK

TWIN FALLS — Sign language supporters say babies who sign are better communicators and, perhaps, grow to be more intelligent than non-signing children.

Parents who use the technique say babies who sign fuss less and are happier.

Infants can comprehend concepts like hunger, thirst, happiness and anger at just a few months old, and sign language can help babies express their needs.

Keep it simple at first. For example, choose one sign for food and stick to it until your baby masters the sign. Then move on to specifics such as banana or cereal.

Here are a few simple, easy-to-form gestures that can make your life — and your baby's — a little easier:

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

MILK

Clench and unclench the fist while raising the hand up and down. The hand should mimic someone milking a cow.

Some babies, especially young ones with undeveloped motor skills, may simply pump their fists to make this sign.

Many parents use this sign to communicate a variety of things: milk, food, breast-feeding, hunger.

BED

Place palms together at the side of the face. This sign should resemble someone yawning or stretching.

For this gesture, babies may simply place their hands together to indicate they're tired. Parents use this sign to com-

municate that it's time for a nap or to ask if they are sleepy.

MORE

Thumbs tucked and fingers extended, touch fingertips together several times.

This gesture is often the first one a baby learns. It means a baby may clap to indicate this sign or make fists and touch the knuckles instead of the fingertips.

STOP

Left hand flat with palm up. Right hand in a downward, chopping motion perpendicular to palm of left hand.

Parents and babies sometimes use this sign to indicate anything negative.

already coaching her baby brother.

But is sign language for every family?

"Well, it's not my place to decide that," says Finch. "But I would

say yes. Everyone can communicate better with sign language.

Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 732-3243 or matt.christensen@lec.net.

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Thursday: Lasagna, spring vegetables, garden salad, french bread, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: AARP tax assistance, 9 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Fruit clinic
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

Menu:
Tuesday: Sausage gravy over biscuits, corn, Mandarin oranges and bananas, cookie bread
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans, fruit

Activities:
Monday: Skateland, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Exercise
Board meeting, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Taxes, 8 to 11 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Exercise

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Coming up in the Times-News

Kid shuttle

New business aims to cater to divorced parents.

Next week in Family Life

Menu:
Monday: Chicken a la king over potatoes, carrots, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Barbecue ribs, potato wedges, broccoli, fruit medley, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Potato bar, Jell-O with fruit, pudding
Thursday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, green salad, bread pudding with lemon sauce
Friday: Ham, raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, fruit, salad, applesauce cake

Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Bowling
Tuesday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Sons of Norway, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Pinocchio, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic
Blood pressure
Friday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Easter dinner melodeons

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

Menu:
Monday: Pizza, peas, salad, cake
Wednesday: Porcupine meatballs, baked potatoes, green salad, corn, hot bread, fruit cobbler
Friday: Fish, french fries, salad, green beans, hot bread, fruit, cookie

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon, 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Tax aid, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1:15 p.m.
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menu:
Monday: Pizza, salad, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken rice soup, fruit salad, biscuits, french bread
Wednesday: Swedish meatballs, noodles, corn, coleslaw, blueberry muffins
Thursday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, green beans, penny carrot salad, pineapple upside-down cake, rolls
Friday: Leftovers

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocchio, 12:30 p.m.
Wild One, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Activity party, 6 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Birthday dinner, noon
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocchio, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays;

lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for others; adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Fajita salad, fruit salad, cottage cheese, broccoli salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
Friday: Potato soup, tuna and egg salad sandwiches, fruit salad, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesday are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Menu:
Tuesday: Baked cheese sandwich, tomato soup, salad, fruit, cookies
Thursday: Sausage patty, boiled potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, fruit

Activities:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Menu:
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, biscuits, zucchini, Waldorf salad, chocolate pudding parfait
Friday: Ham or fish, au gratin potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, green salad, deviled eggs, carrot cake

Activities:
Monday: Shopping in Twin Falls, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Red haters, 11 a.m.
SHIBA, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Jackpot, 7:45 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Hearing counselors, 11 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center
—492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Potluck
Tuesday: Polish sausage with sauerkraut, sliced carrots, three-bean salad, hot dog bun
Thursday: Oven baked chicken, cheese potatoes, beans, carrot/raisin salad, bread

Activities:
Monday: Tax aid
Potluck, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday party, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Business meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Appreciation
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Saturday: Taxes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

Menu:
Tuesday: Lasagna, tossed salad, fruit, baked cookies
Wednesday: Stroganoff, tossed salad, fruit, bread, pudding
Friday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Milnokka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menu:
Monday: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green salads, applesauce
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, Texas toast, salads, cookies
Wednesday: Pork pot roast with potatoes, vegetables, rolls, pie
Thursday: Taco salad, Texas toast, fruit salad, sherbet
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon.
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHIBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menu:
Monday: Spanish rice, mixed vegetables, cornbread, peas, cottage cheese, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Barbecue rib sandwiches, potato soup, orange Jell-O, brownies
Wednesday: Birthday anniversary dinner
Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, bread, apricot crisp
Friday: Crab salad sandwiches, clam chowder, carrot salad, rainbow cake

Activities:
Monday: All play pool
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure
Tax assistance by appointment
Tuesday: All play pool
Wednesday: Pool class, 8:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Bus boom

Senior travel industry just keeps rolling along with new upgrades

By Korly Vann
Special To The Hartford Courant

If your image of senior bus travel is jostling around on an old yellow school van, check again. Millions of older adults have discovered that modern motor coaches — with laptop hookups, seatback television screens, comfortable seats and more leg room — aren't the hell-on-wheels travel experiences of times past.

"Bus manufacturers and motor coach companies are doing their best to keep pace with what current travelers want. And what they want is more amenities," says Lori Harrison, spokeswoman for the American Bus Association. "The vast majority of newer coaches feature such things as TVs, VCRs, satellite hookups, bigger windows, roomier seats and tray tables. It's a similar set of amenities to what you'd find on an airplane, but in many ways more comfortable and more convenient."

The upgrades are paying off. Industry statistics show that long-distance motor coaches move hundreds of millions of passengers each year — more than airlines and Amtrak combined. And if you're a solo mature traveler, Harrison says, charter-bus tours will provide a built-in group of peers to share the experience. About 10 percent of coach travelers are individuals over 55 who enjoy such popular charter-tour activities as sightseeing, gaming, shopping and taking in new cities.

Ned Skinnon, director of the West Hartford Senior Center in West Hartford, Conn., — which offers an ongoing schedule of charter tours — says bus trips offer seniors a comfortable and economical method of travel. Costs usually include transportation, some meals, lodging, tips, baggage handling and admission to events and attractions.

"A lot of folks don't like to drive into congested areas or deal with the hassle of getting from the airport or the train station on their own," Skinnon says. "On a bus trip, you park your car, get on the bus and from there on door-to-door service. Often there's a group leader who makes sure everything goes smoothly, straightens out any problems and handles tickets and reservations."

Skinnon says more and more "younger seniors" are joining older travelers. "In the past, you wouldn't find 'younger' individuals signing up for senior-center trips. But boomers here and at other senior centers are discovering it's an affordable and surprisingly pleasant way of traveling," says Skinnon, 56.

But to entice greater numbers of boomers to get on the bus, tour operators will have to redesign the group vacation

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packages as well the coaches themselves. Hank Phillips, president of the National Tour Association, says trips known in the business as "stop, stand and stare" tours are being replaced by more experiential opportunities.

Even with all the advantages, travel experts caution that group motor coach trips aren't for everyone. While you won't experience the stress of planning and organizing a vacation, you won't have much control over where you go, when and with whom. The group experience is best suited to those who enjoy meeting new people.

"Boomers are looking for more options, more flexibility, more customization, more activity and more adventure," Phillips says. "In response, companies and groups are developing unique trips built around special interests. They're building in a sense of discovery. Instead of the standard trip to a national park, for example, you might find a trip to a national park combined with the opportunity to do some volunteer work when you get there."

To make bus travel more comfortable, bring a copy of your medical history and physicians' phone numbers, as well as the name and number of someone to call in case of an emergency. Keep all medications, credit cards, photo identification and glasses in your carry-on bag. Wear comfortable clothes. Buses are air-conditioned, so keep a sweater or light jacket with you. A small neck pillow can make riding more comfortable.

Ask about scheduled rest stops and whether snacks are provided. If meals are provided and you have special dietary needs, make arrangements before the trip begins. If you don't have a cell phone, consider purchasing a prepaid phone card. To avoid unexpected expenses, check on hidden fees, such as tips for drivers and guides, uncovered side trips and uncovered admission costs.

Are there any Sunday drivers in your family?

The Times-News

The Times-News is looking for families who load everyone into the car for short Sunday drives. Maybe for a picnic, a short sightseeing trip, or just an hour or two of time together.

Perhaps your family used to take Sunday drives but doesn't anymore. Either way, we'd like to hear your story. Please contact features writer Matt Christensen at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@tcn.net.

SINUSITIS or COLD?

Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

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Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thick, whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
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Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	Yes	Yes

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"Real Estate Corner"
TALL TALES

by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/Max American Dream Realty

Uncle Ralph's farm, acquired for \$250 an acre years ago, was just sold to a shopping center developer for \$4,000 an acre. Aunt Nellie, who owned the property has just sold it 10 times its purchase price to a subdivision.

Share like this abound. But why do you hear the details of hard work, risk and sacrifice involved. Did anyone mention the real estate professional who found the buyer, handled negotiations and arranged financing?

If income or appreciation is your goal, don't rely on luck. Start with an analysis by the person who knows the market here and now — an experienced, qualified, local real estate broker. ☺

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FAMILY LIFE

Man who wants to come back to his marriage should be told to go away

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Larry," walked out on me 13 months ago for "Crystal," a woman who had slept with one of our sons as well as my niece's husband. I was devastated. I begged him to come back, but he said no. So I filed for divorce. It became final in January.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Crystal thinks he'll continue to come and see her.

Now Larry says he made a big mistake and wants me back. So I told him to call Crystal on the phone in front of me and repeat to her what he had just told me — that he was with her only to spite me. He refused. He said he never talked bad about me to her, and he always told her he wanted to come back to me. I don't believe it. I think Larry wants to come home only because Crystal's husband drove up unannounced on Thanksgiving and caught him at her house. I think he realizes it's over for them because Crystal's husband isn't about to leave her alone.

Should I drop this man after more than 27 years of marriage? Is it too much to ask him to confront her? Because, as it stands,

ages 5 and 10. I have no children of my own, so it has been a blessed, but sometimes bumpy road, accepting them into my life.

For the most part, the girls and I get along well, but there is one issue that really bothers me. When we have the girls, the 10-year-old, "Kelsey," frequently parades around in her underwear, or attempts to sleep only in her underwear. I feel she's too old to be doing this. I bought her several sets of pajamas to sleep in, thinking it would solve the problem.

Last night I caught her in only her underwear again. I told Dan it bothers me, and his response was, "She's only 10." Abby, Kelsey is old enough to be going through puberty, so to me she's too old to go around without proper clothing. And even though she is an undeveloped 10-year-old, I explained to Dan that I want his daughters to grow up respecting themselves and their bodies. (I have also told this to Kelsey.)

I fear that Kelsey does this at her mother's and other relatives'

homes. Their mother isn't the most respectable person and, said to respect, was raised to be "trashy." I am trying to be positive — influence in these children's lives. I would like them to turn into proper young ladies with good morals and values. Am I wrong?

—UNOFFICIAL STEPMOM IN TEXAS
DEAR UNOFFICIAL STEPMOM: Yes, although well-intended, I think you are. Kelsey sleeps in her underwear because that's the way she's used to sleeping and she's comforted that way. It will have no effect on the degree to which she respects herself and her body unless you turn it into a power struggle.

Because you feel she's too old to be walking around in her underwear, you're within your rights to ask her to put on a robe. But if you want to teach the children good morals and values, the way to do it is to teach, set a good example, and refrain from making nasty comments about their "trashy" mother.

Lavish parties have gone to the dogs

Last year in the U.S., more than 700,000 pets enjoyed being the life of a party thrown in their honor.

Sweet Sixteen and Bachelor Bachelors are no yesterday's news. In America, lavish parties have gone to the dogs. Instead of being a wedding crasher, if you really want to party like an animal, find a favored feline or pampered pooch enjoying their special day, bring the fur-family and join in toasting the furry guest of honor.

Labrador retriever owner Tyler Hurd, 26, of Phoenix got the idea to throw a party for his pet after visiting a neighbor's son's first birthday party. "I don't have a child yet. My family pretty much consists of 'Tiny Toons' (the dog) and I," says Hurd. "I didn't want to miss out on all the fun stuff so I decided to have a birthday party for him."

"Dogs aren't the only ones having fun. Dog parties unleash the true party animal in everyone," says Arden Moore, pet expert and author of "Dog Fables: How to Party With Your Pup." "Whether if you will, *deep down inside, you know that you would rather attend a dog party than a boring candle party.*

At dog parties, you don't have to worry about wearing the right clothes or making the right social calls. Dogs take center stage and you get to revel in the moment."

Parties for people who have been throwing clandestine pet parties for years to come out of the shadows and bathe in the spotlight. Pampering pets, including throwing parties on their behalf, is not just socially acceptable, it's avant-garde, cool, de rigueur.

Pets aren't the only ones getting into the partying den. Pet product manufacturers with double-digit increases in sales are smiling, too.

If you host a pet party, check out this product from Paws For A Treat, www.poodyparty.com. They offer a Poodi Party Pack with a bevy of party delights: invitations, name scavenger hunt, balloons and paw print balloons. No party is complete without the



THE BOND
Marty Becker

"Birthday Dog" do-on scavens and co-coordinating hats for dogs and humans.

Guests are set up to host their own pet party with clever hints with savings like, "Come to get your dog's birthday party. Get it with a plush toy birthday present or party favor that is included in the party pack."

Moore offers these tips from her book to ensure a successful bow-wow bash:

- **Pick the right place.** You can host a small party inside your home if you have dog-proofed the area with a plastic toy birthday present or party favor that is included in the party pack.

- **Select the right party guests.** You don't want a canine bully at your party. If your best friend has a dog-aggressive dog, then invite her, not her dog. Let her know it's for the safety of all guests, but make sure that you give her some party treats and gifts to bring home to her dog.

- **Set a time limit.** The best dog parties have a definite start and end time, and generally do not last more than two hours. It is important that owners are present for the party and keep their dogs on leashes until the host instructs them.

- **Offer safe treats and prizes.** Contact guests in advance and ask if their dogs have any food allergies. You can make your own treats or order canine-friendly cakes and other goodies at doggy bakeries. Make sure every canine guest receives partying gifts.

Farmer Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a veterinary contributor to "Good Morning America."

Aries: Be careful, walking on eggshells

IF APRIL 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your year to come might not be a bed of roses but it could be exciting. Your life could take a turn for the better if you accept a kindness or an opportunity in July. Learn how to schedule your time and remain above reproach so that you can earn more free time in the early fall. You may have a yen to break with convention or stand on your own two feet between September and January. Because you are more friendly and outgoing, you are likely to meet stimulating people and become a minor star within your own circle as well. Don't count on a new romance because a steady thing unless it endures until next summer.

GENIUS (March 21-April 19): Walk on eggshells. With powerful Pluto opposing your sign ruler, Mars, this isn't the time to blow your top or engage in a costly argument. Your significant other's ardor may cool quickly.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraline Saunders

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep it under your hat. Too much criticism may land someone in the doghouse. Work hard to remain above reproach. Clean out the pantry and alphabetize the soup labels for fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Every path has its pothole. Avoid those nasty places along your travels today. Ignore challenges from others and strive to maintain your composure. Watch your pet and q's in public places.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are a social animal. To please someone else you may go places and do things outside the ordinary. It might be necessary to watch what you say and do to obtain approval from others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Power-

ful pairings pull weight. Make friends with the high and mighty or try something new to get a key relationship out of a rut. If you are on the right track things will fall in place by the 16th.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get in step with others. As the moon lies through your sign, you could feel a tad more sociable than usual — so find excuses to get out of the house. You can't please everyone all the time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Business before pleasure. If you go out on a first date it may seem like you are being interviewed for a job instead of having simple fun. It is more professional to put efforts into your professional life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Might doesn't necessarily make right. With Mars and Pluto doing an astrological face of it is easy to be provoked by a challenge. A headstrong spat

can turn a relationship frigid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pushy people can be provocative. Cooperate with others — even if it means sacrificing your own desires. There will be plenty of time for fun and games later in the week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Perform necessary rituals. You must go through the motions. A dry sense of humor is like dry white wine; it might not be sweet, but goes well with an array of situations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make headway by making symbolic offerings. Don't get distracted. Idealism is a powerful anchor that can keep you from drifting away from the most important subjects of your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't be so hard on yourself. With Venus scurrying through your sign, you may be more concerned with appearances than usual. Take note of what makes you uncomfortable.

Baby you can drive my car

New Web site takes finding love to the highways

By Akeya Dickson
The Washington Post

Flirtingintraffic.com, an Internet dating site of a different sort, aims to unite you with the cute in the car next to you.

How does it work? Compared with other dating sites, getting started can be a bit of a process. You create a profile, and then receive a sticker for your car with a member ID on it. The next time someone catches your eye while you're in bumper-to-bumper traffic in a metro area, you look for their sticker (assuming they have one), then scribble down their ID number and send them a note on the site.

Founder Ben Phillips, a 35-year-old Web developer, came up with the idea after chatting

up an attractive girl in the lane next to him.

"We made small talk at the light. The light turned green, and I never saw her again," he says. "I drove around for about a week trying to think of how I can make it so I can meet girls in traffic."

Phillips soon realized that the concept of organized flirting could work for just about anyone, from the shy guy to the girl who doesn't like to give out her number, and the site launched this winter.

"The whole point is to reduce the fear of rejection," he says. "Help shy people meet other people. And make flirting in general a little more fun." So far, there are more than

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3,000 registered members nationwide, with many of the sites in Pennsylvania, where the site first launched. There are more than 400 members in the Washington, D.C., area. Rural folks might be out of luck for now.

"Right now, I think the concept works more around cities



like D.C., since there's a lot of traffic and congestion," Phillips says. Careless? Don't fret: Flirtingintraffic.com is free and running, and Phillips has planned the launch of Flirting on Campus, Flirting at the Beach and simply Flirting Around in the next year.

Checking out the full moon's bright spots

Astronomers have a look for guests. You don't want a canine bully at your party. If your best friend has a dog-aggressive dog, then invite her, not her dog. Let her know it's for the safety of all guests, but make sure that you give her some party treats and gifts to bring home to her dog.



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

"Looked over, then overlooked. No more so than when the moon is full, when our night falls nearly straight down onto the lunar surface, rendering topography flat and featureless. With the moon reaching full this week, what to see?

Rather than zoom in for a close look with a telescope, this is the time to check out the big picture, including lunar features that span large amounts of lunar real estate. One of these pan-lunar features is the splash of radial lines, known as rays, which emanate from the bright lunar crater, Tycho. Tycho is centrally located in the lunar highlands, the lighter colored area that dominates the moon's southern hemisphere. Look for it as a bright spot near the lower part of the moon's face when the moon is at its highest, due south (which occurs at 11:20 p.m. today) and about 40 minutes later each night this week.

Tycho is a little over 50 miles wide, which from 240,000 miles away is a minuscule speck. But its rays covers most of the moon's face. These rays resulted when the impact that formed Tycho 108 million years ago dredged up brighter subsurface rock and splattered it across the moon. In some cases the rays resulted not from the initial impact, but from secondary impacts that occurred when boulders blasted out from Tycho, crashed back onto the moon and made their own splash marks.

Sky calendar through Saturday

- **Planets:** One hour before sunrise: Venus: ESE, very low
Jupiter: SW, low
One hour after sunset: Mars: W, high
Saturn: SSW, very high
• **Moon:** Full moon 10:40 a.m. Thursday. Below Jupiter late Fri./early Saturday.

With a little careful scrutiny, other less prominent bright craters can be spotted. A pair of small craters — Stevius A and Farnierus A — appear as a bright patch past the ends of the "lunar lines" that extend from the "Man in the Moon's" left eye (at the moon's lower right). Copernicus is the bright spot left of the moon's center, and Aristarchus is a light splash amidst the dark maria at upper left.

Next week: Kids and astronomy.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herriot Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Plan carefully for life after yourself

By Kay Harver
Knight Ridder News Service

Some people hang on to a hope they'll never die. Others face reality and prepare the necessary documents but then haphazardly stuff them in messy dresser drawers or grocery bags in the basement.

Either way, they're setting their survivors up for unnecessary grief and stress, says financial adviser David

Herbeck. "A lot of difficult situations can be avoided with a little planning," he says.

At a meeting of meeting with spouses or family members after a loved one's death, he has seen too many examples of not planning carefully enough. But an Internet search for helpful books came up empty. "It was all written for after the fact," he says.

His book, "An Act of Love: Preparing Your Spouse for Life

Without You," drives home the importance of planning ahead. His suggestions also apply for people whose earthly goods will go to children or other family members or friends.

The best inspiration for putting a plan in place is knowing what can happen when people don't, he says. "I tell people if they don't have a will, it may turn out the people who they want to get their property aren't going to get it."

That's one of several undesirable scenarios. Without a will, designating a guardian for minor children, for example, a court may award custody to people other than those you would choose. And without documenting one's choice of a durable power of attorney — a person designated to take over decisions for someone incapable of making them — the same thing can happen. The court may appoint someone other than he or she has in mind.

Hemingway's Happy Hounds

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ENGAGEMENTS

GASSER - REESE



Brooklyn Gasser and John Reese
LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Ballroom in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS — Jim and Denise Gasser of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooklyn Danielle Gasser, to John Thomas Reese, son of Cindy Brown of Paul and Victor Reese of Logan, Utah.
Gasser is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Idaho State University, studying cosmology.
Reese is a 2003 graduate of Minico High School and attends ISU.
The wedding is planned for Friday, April 14, in the Salt Lake

MILLER - HOLLAND



Brooke Miller and Troy Holland
An open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Holland residence. The couple will reside in West Palm Beach, Fla.

BURLEY — Troy and Jan Miller of Logan, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Lee Miller, to Troy James Holland, son of Mary and Jari Holland of Burley.
Miller is a graduate of Logan High School. She is employed by Saunders Inc. in Logan.
Holland is a graduate of Burley High School and Utah State University. He is employed by Saunders.
The wedding is planned for Friday, April 14. A reception to honor the couple will be held that evening in Logan.

HUNSAKER - PIERSON



Misty Hunsaker and Tyler Pierson
The wedding is planned for Friday, April 14, at the Salt Lake

RUPERT — Glenn and Susan Hunsaker of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Michelle Hunsaker, to Tyler Pierson, son of Rick and Patty Pierson of Heyburn.
Hunsaker is a graduate of Minico High School.
Pierson is also a graduate of Minico High and a graduate from the College of Southern Idaho's diesel mechanic technical program.
The wedding is planned for Friday, April 14. A reception to

VELASQUEZ - SMITH



Justin Smith and Teresa Velasquez
Boise State University. He owns a construction company in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 15.

BURLEY — Teresa and Suzanne Velasquez of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Velasquez, to Justin Smith, son of Lyle and Linda Smith of Burley.
Velasquez attended Burley High School and Idaho State University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
Smith attended Burley High and received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from

WALTER - MCNEELY



Rebecca Walter and Eric McNeely
University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He's employed by CK Development in Brentwood, Tenn.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 22, at the Franklin Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tenn. A reception will follow at Green's Grocery in Leipers Fork, Tenn.
After a honeymoon trip to Tahiti, the couple will reside in Nashville.

TWIN FALLS — Rebecca Diane Walter and Eric Matthew McNeely, both of Nashville, Tenn., announce their engagement.
The bride is the daughter of James H. Walter Jr. and Jennifer Walter of Indianapolis, Iowa, and Georgia Walter of Twin Falls. She is a graduate of Broomfield High School in Broomfield, Colo., and Front Range Community College in Westminster, Colo., where she earned an associate's degree. She is a graphic artist with McNeely Pigott & Fox Public Relations in Nashville.
McNeely is the son of Mark and Janis McNeely and Pat and John Phillips, all of Nashville. He is a graduate of Hillwood High School and holds a masters degree in civil engineering from the

BARCELLOS - SCOTT



Amanda Barcellos and Barry Scott
room in Twin Falls. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. April 29 at The Ballroom.

GOODING — Sandra Silva of Gooding announces the engagement of her daughter, Amanda C. Barcellos, to Barry J. Scott, son of Lamar and Nancy Scott of Jerome.
Barcellos is a graduate of Gooding High School and is employed at Glanbia in Gooding.
Scott is a graduate of Jerome High School and is also employed at Glanbia in Gooding.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 29, at The Ball-

HAGA - THOMPSON



Alexander Thompson and Jessica Haga
Thursday, May 25, in the Nauvoo Temple in Nauvoo, Ill.

ORION, Ill. — Jessica Haga, formerly of Mountain Home and Twin Falls, and Alexander Thompson of Twin Falls, Ill., announce their engagement.
Haga is the daughter of Steve and Maecan Haga of Orion, Ill. She is employed at Target in Orion.
Thompson is the son of Allen and Cris Thompson of Walcott. He is a contractor in Orion.
The wedding is planned for

DALTON - HOSTETTER



Warren Hostetter and Sandra Dalton
Alamosa, Colo.

GOODING — Ilex and Elaine Dalton of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Elaine Dalton, to Warren Graham Hostetter, son of Gary and Elise Hostetter of La Jara, Colo.
Dalton is a 2003 graduate of Gooding High School and a 2005 graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is an intern at Jones, France, Basterrechea & Brush in Gooding.
Hostetter is a 2002 graduate of Centauri High School and a 2006 graduate of BYU-Idaho. He served in the Arizona Temple Spanish-speaking Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed at Allphase Title in

Unusual reptiles are at home as pets

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post



Jack Starr, Jr., helps feed and care for his Chinese water dragon, Leo, at his Bethesda, Md., home. There are plenty of families who want an interesting or unusual pet, but wild pets can be hard to care for.

Jack Starr, of Bethesda, Md., thinks his Chinese water dragon is "the coolest pet on Earth."
But his mom has taken a little longer to get used to this foot-long green reptile, even though she gave it to him.
Just a year old, Leo's new pet looks like a tiny dinosaur, with bulging eyeballs and big, frog-like legs. Sitting perfectly still on Jack's shoulder, he's even kind of cute. But Leo is a lot more work than the typical dog or cat.
"I didn't really do enough research before I got him," said Jack's mother, Judy Holland. "But it's OK. We figured it out. We all help, and it's very educational."
There are plenty of families who want an interesting or unusual pet. But the main thing that families have to know about wild pets is that there can be hard to care for. Frequently, the whole family has to be involved, said Meredith Davis, the head vet at Eastern Exotic Veterinary Center in Fairfax, Va.
They might buy a pet for a holiday or on an impulse, and then realize there's more to it than what you might find at the pet store," Davis said. "It's definitely good to do some research beforehand."
But an unusual pet can be rewarding, too, said Davis, who sees a lot of unusual patients. One family has a sugar glider, a squirrel-size marsupial — an animal with a tiny pouch for carrying its young. Another family has a pet hedgehog, who balls up like a spiky softball in front of new people (including

About Chinese water dragons

Water dragons will spend hours in a dish of shallow water. The perfect air temperature for them is about 85 degrees — like a hot summer day. They are found in Southeast Asia, including Cambodia, Vietnam, southern China and Malaysia. Newborns are 6 inches long (mostly tail); adults can reach 3 feet. They can live 15 years.
Most eat crickets and worms, but some will eat grass fruits and vegetables, too.
Water dragons go to the bathroom in water, so privately they often pop right after you've got fresh water in their soaking bowl. Thanks a lot!
When they're on land, water dragons run on their hind legs, with their tails dragging.
lamps. A water-misting machine keeps the humidity in Leo's tank just right.
Jack, who is 7, does a lot of the work for Leo by himself. For example, he makes sure Leo's warning lights are on when they're supposed to be, he checks that Leo's little swimming pool is always full of clean water — bottled water. If you please — and feeds Leo crickets.
He eats about five or six at a time, but only every three days. Jack said. He puts a few live crickets in a cardboard box and sprays the bugs with a special calcium powder and vitamin solution so they're more nutritious. Once in the box, Leo grabs the crickets one by one and swallows them in one gulp.

ANNIVERSARY

THE KODESHS



Verna and Jim Kodesh
by their children and family members.

BUIH — Jim and Verna Kodesh of Buih will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Moose Hall, 1101 Main St., Buih.
Jim Kodesh and Verna Burgess were married Jan. 1, 1956, in Shoshone.
They have two children, Jim Kodesh Jr. of Buih and David (Susan) Kodesh of Casper, Wyo.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
The event will be hosted

WEDDINGS

NISLY - LAYNE



Melanie Faith Nisly and Tyler James Layne
and Jake Perry, friends of the groom, Duris Nisly, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.
The bride and groom will graduate from Northwest Nazarene University in May.
A reception to honor the couple will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N.

HEROME — Melanie Faith Nisly and Tyler James Layne were married March 27 in Lolo, Mont., at King's Christian Church.
The bride is the daughter of Wilbur and Grace Nisly of Corvallis, Mont.
The groom is the son of Dale and Carol Layne of Jerome.
The ceremony was officiated by pastor Tim Bunn, friend of the family.
Heather Nisly, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Alicia Nisly, sister of the bride, and Lindsey Graham, friend of the bride. Heidi Nisly, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.
Andy Peters, friend of the groom, was best man. Groomsman were Tim Keller

RUFFING - HODGE



Mike and Magan Hodge
tended CSI. He is employed by Leonard Petroleum Equipment.
A reception is planned for Saturday, June 3, at The Risk in Jerome.

TWIN FALLS — Magan Ruffing and Mike Hodge were married Feb. 10 in Ketchikan. The bride is the daughter of Gloria and Rod Weir and William Ruffing.
The groom is the son of Mike and Marie Hodge and Cindy and Roger Blankmeyer.
The bride is a graduate of Wendell High School and received a bachelor's degree in business administration at accountability from Boise State University. She is employed by the College of Southern Idaho.
The groom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and al-

TAKEHARA - WILLS



Aya and Alexander Wills
performed by Shane Horner and Omega Okello, alumni of the groom. Casey Scholer and Kathy Fox attended the cake table.
Special guests included parents of the bride, brother of the bride Yu Takehara, and cousin of the bride Maki Takaguchi, all of Kagawa, Japan.
The groom is the son of Greg and Sue Wills of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS — Aya Takehara and Alexander Brent Wills were married June 7 in an afternoon ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.
The bride is the daughter of Masateru and Aitsuko Takehara of Kagawa, Japan.
The groom is the son of Greg and Sue Wills of Twin Falls.
The Rev. John Sander officiated. The bride was maid of honor. Omega Okello, college friend of the groom, sang a solo.
Maki Takaguchi, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kara Marie Wills, sister-in-law of the groom, and Mariah Scholer, cousin of the groom. Hannah Horner, daughter of a friend of the groom, was flower girl.
Hank Andrew Wills and Jase Gregory Wills, brothers of the groom, were best men. Groomsman was Ryan Fox, cousin of the groom, of Boise. Ushers were Virgil Horner and Shane Horner, friends of the groom. Addison Alexander Ford, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.
The guest book was attended by Delana Wells, cousin of the groom, and friend Vienne Diblasi. Gift attendants were Mack Fox, cousin of the groom, and Jason Hendrickson, friend of the groom.
A reception was held after the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. Music was

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COMMUNITY

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STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Xander Wilbert Lopez, son of Brandee Jo and Joe Desouza Lopez Jr. of Shoshone, was born Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Emily Alexa Sanchez Malagon, daughter Alana Malagon Servin and Francisco Sanchez Pineda of Jackpot, Nev., was born Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Morgan Arlene Ollieu, daughter of Lisa Anne Valentine and Eric Thos Ollieu of Shoshone, was born Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Jocelyn Gomez-Melchor, daughter of Alma Rose Melchor and Isaacs Gomez of Wendell, was born Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Rylee Madelyn Robbins, daughter of Shanna Luane and Christopher Lyn Robbins of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Noah Manuel Leon Vela, son of Cindy Dawn and Jesus Manuel Vela Jr. of Paul, was born Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Holton Patrick Wentworth, son of Betty Ann and James Paul Wentworth of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Hegan Elena Pearson, daughter of Heather Elena and Sheridan Franklin Pearson of Wendell, was born Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Jace Cooper Ward, son of Kristen Elizabeth and Sidney Jay Ward of Richfield, was born Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Holden Stanton Foster, son of Brodie Kate Layray of Buhl, was born Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

Oakley Love Burkhardt, daughter of Cassandra Marie McDaniel of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Randy Joe Holler III, son of Katie Nicole Sutton and Randy Joe Holler Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 25, 2006.

Lilya Dawn Armstrong, daughter of Tonya Marie and Kristopher Raymond Armstrong of Kimberly, was born Friday, March 31, 2006.

Cale Elizabeth Carlin, daughter of Stacey Lee and Brandon Mark Carlin of Jerome, was born Friday, March 31, 2006.

Makayla Jayden Egersdorf, daughter of Melody Ann Egersdorf and Brian Earl Merrill of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Tiffany Renee Humphreys, daughter of Mendi Renee and Todd Jon Humphreys of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 26, 2006.

Avery James Hurtado, son of Heidi Marie and Alejandro Hurtado of Jerome, was born Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Kyler Craig Kelly, son of Kayla Ilee and Craig Michael Kelly of Buhl, was born Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

McCoy Hay Klundt, son of Megan McCall and Travis Shane Klundt of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Parla Gholfinejad, daughter of Parisa Seddigh and Farhad Gholfinejad of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Gabriella Rose Masic, daughter of Ana and Beki A. Masic of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 31, 2006.

Kyler John Peterson, son of Kristen Nicole and Mark Warren Peterson of Kimberly, was born Friday, March 31, 2006.

Laina Dawn Schmidt, daughter of Amanda Irene and William Robert Schmidt of Kimberly, was born Friday, March 31, 2006.

Adrian Michael Victorine, son of Samantha Suzanne and Devon Douglas Victorine of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 3, 2006.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Xavier Daniel Villacana, son of Jennifer and Juan Villacana of Rupert, was born Friday, March 31, 2006.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Natalie Grace Nielson, daughter of Chad and Destiny Nielson of Jerome, was born Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Johnny Tan, son of Aikui and Jianhua Tan of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 27, 2006.

Jayden Cameron Sill, son of Chuck and Echo Sill of Jerome, was born Saturday, March 25, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Cedar Caroline Shepard, daughter of Sandra Nieting-Shepard and Michael Shepard of Halley, was born Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Dmitri Truong Duong, son of Sammi Truong and Dru Duong of San Jose, Calif., was born Friday, March 17, 2006.

Aulika McKenzie Nelson, daughter of Nicole Bourgeois of Halley, was born Friday, March 17, 2006.

Nathalie Noemy Zavala-Pina, daughter of Danica Zavala and Andres Pina Aguilar of Halley, was born Friday, March 17, 2006.

Azel Xavier Molina, son of Laura and Juan Molina of Halley, was born Saturday, March 18, 2006.

McKenzie Hope Sullivan, daughter of Jennifer and Brett Sullivan of Bellevue, was born Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Finn Tobias Wolff, son of Marit and Craig Wolff of Halley, was born Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Lillian Bauwers Mahoney, daughter of Carrie and Matthew Mahoney of Bellevue, was born Friday, March 10, 2006.

Hayden Michael Sisk, son of Shannon and Rodney Sisk of Halley, was born Friday, March 10, 2006.

Hannah Lee Gill, daughter of Lisa Mankin and Casey Gill of Shoshone, was born Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

Tyson James Tupper, son of Chelsea and Robble Tupper of Halley, was born Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

Finn Kilpatrick Heckin, son of Jennifer and Peter Heckin of Halley, was born Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

Lecland Joseph Widdison, son of Meghan Darlene and Tracy Widdison of Halley, was born Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Shelby Adele Jones, daughter of Lauren and Casey Jones of Shoshone, was born Monday, March 20, 2006.

MISS KIMBERLY WINNERS



On March 11, Kara Lundy, middle, was named the 2006 Miss Kimberly. She was awarded a \$700 scholarship to any school she chooses and a presidential scholarship to the College of Southern Idaho. Lundy also won the interview section of the pageant and was awarded the \$250 Lion's Club Community Split Award for Community Service. First runner up was Morgan Price, right, who won a \$500 scholarship to her school of choice and the CSI presidential scholarship. Second runner-up was Jessica Sutherland, left, who won a \$300 scholarship to her school of choice and the CSI presidential scholarship. Lacey Raye won the talent portion of the contest. She was named Miss Congeniality and won a \$450 scholarship.

VOLUNTEER



Marjorie Albertson was selected as Volunteer of the Month for March at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital volunteers' monthly meeting on March 23 in the fireplace room at the hospital. President Betty Stopp welcomed volunteers and conducted the business meeting. These present discussed possible fundraisers for the year and activities and service the volunteers perform for the hospital.

Cassia honors 'Friends of 4-H'

BURLEY — Carol Wells, Connie and Al Lowe and Mary Lynne Bristol were chosen as this year's "Friends of 4-H" by the Cassia 4-H Leaders Council and presented with engraved clocks during the annual 4-H Leaders Banquet when they were honored. A brief biography about each was read.

Wells from Oakley was honored because she is a longtime 4-H leader and advocate for the 4-H program. "Through the years she has taught a wide variety of projects and the members of her club have always excelled. She also taught her students responsibility in the club offices they held, giving proper demonstrations and finishing what they started. "Sometimes this was a battle," Otley said.

The Lowses, also from Oakley, were recognized for their many years of service to the Cassia 4-H program. Al became involved in 4-H when his older daughter, GheyAnne, started "pig 4-H." A supporter of his wife and daughter in the 4-H home economics program, he found a spot for himself with the raising of pigs. He eventually became the swine superintendent for the Cassia County Fair, which was sometimes a difficult task to fulfill because he worked the graveyard shift at this job. As the superintendent, he saw the need to add to the pig facilities at the fairgrounds. He took a lot of pride in the appearance of the pig barn, making sure the members cleaned the stalls for a good public showing.

Connie became a leader herself even helping to walk the pigs. Her



From left, Connie and Al Lowe, Mary Lynne Bristol and Carol Wells.

daughter recalled that she was very particular about how the project turned out whether it was the record books, project items or style review. Even though Connie doesn't have children in 4-H now and is no longer a leader, she still looks forward to seeing the different projects in the 4-H building at the fair each year, strolling through the pig barn aisle and reminiscing. Connie is a second-grade teacher at Oakley

Elementary School. Bristol, of Albion, was honored for her many years of the service to the local 4-H program and some years of service to the district leaders' association. She is a recipient of the local Distinguished Service Award and is involved in many other volunteer service organizations and is the Public Information Officer for the Cassia School District.

before that for a number of years. Bristol was also a county representative to district meetings and served a secretary for the district leaders association. She is a recipient of the local Distinguished Service Award and is involved in many other volunteer service organizations and is the Public Information Officer for the Cassia School District.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Twin Falls' Clarabel Moore to celebrate 90th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Clarabel Moore Niven will celebrate her 90th birthday Tuesday. A celebration will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the great room of Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd. She married Robert Niven Feb. 4, 1937, in Bedford, Iowa. They moved to Twin Falls the same year and farmed for several years. She enjoys gardening, sewing and cooking.

She has one daughter, K.L. Niven Graham, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her family is hosting the event.

The family request no gifts, but cards are welcome.

Cassia County holds parade theme contest

BURLEY — The Cassia County Parade theme contest is under way. Theme entries need to be related to the general topic "Community, Neighbors and Friends."

The deadline for entries is Saturday. The winner will receive \$50.

Entries may be sent to: Kim Razez, 177 S. 250 E., Burley, ID 83318.

Twin Falls' Edna Tilley to celebrate 90th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Edna Tilley will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 667 Harrison St. The Dale Platt orchestra will perform and dancing will be included.

Tilley requests no gifts be given.

M.V. Rose Society meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Rose Society will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Valley Christian Church, located at Hayburn and Maurice streets.

Pruning, planting and a rose care seminar will be included with demonstrations. The upcoming pruning workshop will be discussed.

For more information, call Vicki at 733-4696.

Free Spanish tobacco cessation class begins

JEROME — The South Central District Health office is offering the American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start" program in Spanish. The free class will held at 5:30 p.m. Thurs-

days until May 4 at Catholic Charities of Idaho, 125 First Ave. E.

Spanish-speaking participants can register by calling Elvia Caldera at 737-5988.

Veteran's History Project to be displayed at T.F. museum

TWIN FALLS — The Library of Congress, Idaho State Historical Society and Archives and the Twin Falls County Museum is presenting the Veteran's History Project.

Photos, memories, accounts and documents of veterans from World War I, World War II and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars are being collected for the Twin Falls County Museum's military display.

For more information or to donate materials, call Jack Hinger at 732-5351 or Sharon Kelley at 734-9455.

Seniors can sign up for drug coverage

RUPERT — Area senior citizens can sign up for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage at one of the Idaho Department of Insurance enrollment fairs which will be held before the May 15 deadline.

Those attending will need to bring a list of their prescription drugs, the dosage and quantity and their Medicare card. Thama Stricker and Nora Wells from the Idaho Department of Insurance SHBA Program will be available to answer

questions and enroll Medicare beneficiaries in a Medicare Prescription Drug Program at the following locations:

April 17: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Health and Welfare Building, 126 N. Adams.

April 21: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rupert Senior Center, 702 11th.

April 24: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hagerman Senior Center, 140 East Lake.

April 27: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.

May 4: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Buhl Senior Center, 1010 Main St.

May 5: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shoshone Senior Center, 218 N. Rialt St. W.

May 8: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 8 at the district library in Rupert.

For more information, call Thama Stricker or Nora Wells at the Idaho Department of Insurance SHBA Program at 735-4713 or (800) 468-5731.

Buhl High School class of 1986 plans reunion

BUHL — The Buhl High School class of 1986 is planning for its 20th reunion to be held June 30 through July 2. Information will be mailed soon.

Classmates should call Darl at 735-5921 or Peggy at 543-5114 with contact information.