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"For members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a temple is the most sacred place on Earth."

— Neil L. Andersen, member of the Presidency of Seventy



John King, of the Twin Falls LDS church, serves as usher as the choir prepares to sing Saturday during the temple groundbreaking ceremonies at the site of the new temple in Twin Falls.

Building a temple

LDS breaks ground in T.F.

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Mormons have something to celebrate today in addition to Easter. Leaders of the LDS church ceremoniously

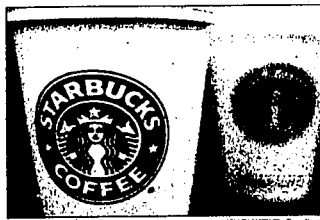
began construction of a new temple in Twin Falls Saturday when they plunged golden shovels into a stretch of land along Eastland Drive. About a thousand Mormons — mostly stake, presidents and their families — gathered to

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Twin Falls temple by the numbers

- 4.9 Acres the temple will occupy along Eastland Drive
- 29,679 Total square feet of the temple
- 14 Stakes will use this temple
- 2.8 Acres of landscaping that will encircle the temple
- 44.5 Feet from the temple's base to the parapet's top
- 17 Months until the temple is expected to open
- 42,000 People from the Wood River and Magic Valleys will use the temple

'I sip, therefore I am'



Scholar looks for life's meaning ...

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press writer

LONDON — A cup of coffee is just a drink. But a frappuccino is an experience. So believes Bryant Simon, a historian who is searching for the meaning of modern life amid the round tables and comfy sofas of Starbucks coffee shops. Simon, who teaches at Philadelphia's Temple University, thinks that by spending time at Starbucks — observing the teenage couples and soli-

tary laptop-users, the hurried office workers and busy baristas — he can learn what it means to live and consume in the age of globalization.

"What are we drinking, and what does it say about who we are?" Simon asked during a recent research trip to London.

His research has taken him to 300 Starbucks in six countries for a caffeine-fueled opus titled "Consuming Starbucks" that's due for publication in 2008. He is one of several academics studying a type of 21st century cafe culture — Italian coffee in an American package — that has spread rapidly around the world.

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— Bryant Simon, Temple University professor

Magic Valley Voices

Elise Mink
Twin Falls

Favorite drink: Mocha Malt Frappuccino
Coffee thoughts: When she was growing up, Mink said her grandmother used to save a little bit of coffee in his cup and would let her finish it. She said her grandmother didn't like him doing so, and that she blames her coffee addiction on him. Mink said her grandmother used to tell her that coffee would "stunt her growth."



Sharon Johnson
Hazelton

Favorite drink: Java Chocolate Chip Mint Frappuccino.
"I have one at least twice a week because they taste so good and because I like the colors blue and green."
Coffee thoughts: "I have become a caffeine addict, even though I didn't start drinking coffee until I was 50 years old."

— Bob Kirkpatrick, Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy to overcast skies with rain showers likely. Highs in the middle 50s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Lows in the middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Cooler with a low rain and snow showers possibly. Highs in the upper 40s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Clouds skip with rain showers. Breezy to windy at times. Highs in the low 50s.
Tonight: Cloudy with scattered showers. Lows in the middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Cooler and windy with the chance of rain showers continuing. Highs in the middle 40s

IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. The threat of maelstrom showers and mountain snow showers will continue for today and tomorrow.
BOISE Today Highs: 58 to 64. Tonight's Lows: 25 to 30.
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Weather by the State: Coolest: 60 at Burley. Low: 20 at Ovid.
Wettest: 1.5 at Boise. Warmest: 64 at Twin Falls.
Mostly cloudy: 60 at Burley. Partly cloudy: 60 at Boise. Snow: 0 at Burley.

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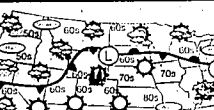
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A Magic Valley Voice

J.B. Rogers Twin Falls
Favorite drink: Cappuccino.

Coffee thoughts: I have one 3 to 4 times a week depending on how work is going or how stressed I am.
He has been drinking Starbucks coffee for five years, and likes the bitter tangy taste and the caffeine keeping him awake.

I am

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Started in Seattle in 1971, Starbucks Corp. now has 11,000 outlets in 37 countries, including 500 in Tokyo. There is a Starbucks in Beijing's Forbidden City. Starbucks coffee is green logo adorns the streets of Edinburgh and the boulevards of Paris.
The company expects to open 100 new stores this year and aims eventually to have 30,000 outlets, half of them outside the United States.
British historian Jonathan Mee has written a book about Starbucks that even in Britain — a stalwart bastion of tea drinking where there are now almost 500 Starbucks stores — the chain has become entrenched in daily life.
While British coffee consumption lags far behind most other European nations, sales of Starbucks coffee drinks like lattes and cappuccinos are on the rise.
"Isn't it sure how much Starbucks is American any more for British customers," said Murray, a University of Hertfordshire professor who is leading a research project called "The Cappuccino Conquest" about the global spread of Italian coffee.
Simon, whose last book, "Boardwalk of Dreams," was a study of Atlantic City, N.J., estimates he has spent 12 hours a week in coffee shops for more than a year.
"I try to limit myself to two to three coffees a day," he said over a "full" — that is, small — filter coffee at a Starbucks outlet in London's bustling Islington neighborhood.
Starbucks and other coffee houses, he believes, fill "some kind of deep desire for connection with other people."
But unlike the coffee houses

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of 18th century London or the hazy mists of urban settings? New York, "Starbucks makes sure you can be alone when you're out if you really need to be," he said. "You get feeling you're out in public, but you don't need to talk to anyone."
Simon's research has made him finely attuned to the many varieties of the Starbucks roamer, from the twenty-something female friends at a nearby table to the middle-aged man hunched over his laptop computer.
"This kind of guy is renting space," said Simon, a boyish 44-year-old who visited 25 Starbucks outlets in four days in the British capital. "He bought a cup of coffee in order to have some space. These two women in front of us — where else can women meet in urban settings?"
"I was at a Starbucks up the street, and there were kids downstairs making out."
Starbucks' chairman, Howard Schultz, told shareholders at their annual meeting Feb. 8 that the company is focusing on "the Starbucks effect" — that is, putting a bigger emphasis on music sales, movie marketing and other non-coffee products.
Simon believes Starbucks succeeds by "selling comfort" in an anonymous, often disorienting world. He says he has lost track of the number of times people have told him that when they traveled to a strange country, "the first thing I did when I got off the plane was go to Starbucks."
"There's a deep sense of unpredictability in the modern world, and what Starbucks provides a lot of people is predictability," he said.
However, there are regional variations. Starbucks introduced green tea frappuccinos in Taiwan and Singapore in 2001. They proved so popular, they're now on the U.S. menu.
Simon notes one big difference between British Starbucks and their American counterparts.
"Starbucks is dirty here," he said, gesturing to a mess of used lids and stir sticks on a stained tabletop. "Americans have been taught to do most of the labor, and they clean up after themselves. In the U.S., part of Starbucks' appeal is its cleanliness."

Legislature

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and his healthcare reform.
Here's a look at issues the 2006 Legislature considered that impact Magic Valley.

Education

Redesign of high school curriculum: The State Board of Education said the Legislature deny its efforts to increase the number of math and science courses required for high school graduation.
Public schools: For the first time in the state's history, the Legislature broke the billion dollar mark in approving the budget for kindergarten through high school at public schools.
Community colleges: Several different proposals for a statewide community college system came up and went during the 93 days of the session. Yet, the \$5 million that Kemphorne requested went unallocated — despite increasing pressure from Oregon-based Treasure Valley Community College to locate in the Boise area.
Although some counties opposed the last bill put forward, Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogers, saw it as a win for Magic Valley with college officials lending their support.

Government

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Health

Medicaid reform: The Legislature adopted the governor's proposal to rework the state's Medicaid government healthcare program. Rep. Sharon Block, R-Jerome, says the program will provide better services to a larger number of recipients based on which of three categories the person falls into.
The Legislature appropriated \$1.25 billion for the program.
"That is the largest single Medicaid reform of any of the states," Kemphorne said.

Energy and environment

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Legislators batted different ideas for providing property tax relief this session — including removing the portion of property tax that pays for public school maintenance and operation and replacing those funds with an increase in sales tax.
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Crime

Sexual offenders: The Legislature tightened its sex offender registration policies, giving offenders a shorter amount of time to notify authorities when they locate in a new area and increasing penalties for non-compliance.
Additionally, lawmakers showed some leniency toward young people convicted of statutory rape after having consensual sex with a minor.
The laws set up a provision for courts to exempt young men — those under the age of 21 at the time of the crime — from registering as a sex offender if his partner was no more than 3 years younger at the time.
Legislators, like Sen. Denton Darrington, R-DeLo, felt it was unfair to put the sex offender label on individuals who engaged in consensual, non forced, sex.

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"Wow, high ideals here," said Stephanie Dubois, the deputy superintendent of Glacier. "We know how to provide top-quality service. It's a very difficult decision every time you take a step backward from what you've been doing."
In the future, Glacier officials are considering raising backcountry and campground fees. Dubois said that at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, one of the park's six visitor centers was closed and two water stations were closed as a result of the initiative.
Kyle Patterson, a park spokeswoman, said the decisions prompted "soul-searching" but that one of the park's most popular visitor centers was able to stay open another four hours a day thanks to the money saved by closing a less-used one. No one's complaining about the closures, she said.
President Bush is proposing to cut another \$100.5 million from the national park \$2.1 billion budget next year. According to a report this month by the Government Accountability Office, the closures are an estimated \$5 billion maintenance backlog, and even be-

Parks

fore the cost-cutting began, many of them had moved from slashing back-office operations to trimming visitor services.

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Leaders of the LDS church, as well as Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow, break ground Saturday at the site of the future temple in Twin Falls.

Temple

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 hear Elder Neil L. Andersen, a member of the Presidency of Seventy, preside over the invitation-only groundbreaking ceremony.

Excited LDS leaders said the new temple will serve nearly 50,000 area Mormons, as well as the non-LDS population of Twin Falls.

"For members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a temple is the most sacred place on Earth," Andersen said at the home of Twin Falls stake president Randy Hansen after the ceremony.

Temples are cherished buildings where Mormons in good standing participate in religious ceremonies, such as weddings and vicarious baptisms for the dead. They are not open to the general public.

Andersen said the average Mormon might visit the temple several times a month.

The Twin Falls temple will be Idaho's fourth. There are temples in Boise and Idaho Falls. Another is under construction in Rexburg. The church operates 122 temples worldwide.

In the past — and until the Twin Falls project is finished — the nearest temples are in Boise and Logan, Utah.

Plans for the Twin Falls temple were announced a little more than a year ago, shortly after the leader of the LDS church, Gordon B. Hinckley, visited Twin Falls.

Hinckley, who Mormons believe is a prophet, decides when and where temples get built.

In November, the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission approved a special-use permit and variance for the temple, which will allow the structure to exceed the city's 35-foot height limit for buildings in town.

Hansen said the community has shown outstanding support for the project.

The temple will stand 159.5 feet high, topped by a spire and gilded statue of the angel Moroni. It will be the tallest building in Twin Falls.

After prayer and song that concluded Saturday's ceremony, the LDS leaders drove 14 gold-painted shovels into the

ground where the celestial room of the temple will soon stand. Then, their wives took a turn in the dirt. Guests were also invited to shovel a spadeful. Children rushed for the tools. Parents swarmed with cameras.

After the ceremony, many of the leaders gathered for a meal at Hansen's Twin Falls home two blocks from the temple site, where they celebrated plans for the new building.

There, Andersen explained that the temple would benefit not just Mormons but the non-LDS population of Twin Falls.

"First, the temple will be very beautiful," he said. "I'm not afraid to say it will be the best constructed building here."

Also, local builders will make up the labor force on the estimated 2-year construction project.

The temple is expected to open in September of 2007.

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What's a temple?

A Latter-day Saints temple is a place where LDS members conduct sacred ceremonies called ordinances. In the temple, members of the church in good standing can marry, meditate and participate in vicarious baptisms for the dead. Because of the sacred nature of ordinances, they are not discussed in detail outside the temple.

Temples are different than LDS meeting houses. Members of the church gather at meeting houses on Sundays to worship, study and conduct church business. Anyone is welcome at a meeting house.

Temples are for special occasions and are generally not open Sundays. Only members of the LDS church in good standing may enter a temple after it has been dedicated.

Members of the general public will be invited to tour the Twin Falls temple after its dedication in the fall of 2007. The temple will be open to the public for two or three weeks. Then, after the dedication, its doors will be closed to nonmembers.

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NATION

Police: Murder suspect fantasized about eating someone

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press writer

PURCELL, Okla. — A slain 10-year-old girl's body, found in her downstairs neighbor's apartment, had deep saw marks on the neck, authorities said Saturday, alleging that her killer had planned to dismember her and eat the flesh.

The family of Jamie Rose Bolin was in shock, not only with the news of her slaying but with the fact that she apparently died so close to home.

Kevin Ray Underwood, 26, was arrested Friday after investigators found Jamie's body in

the closet of a bedroom in his apartment, authorities said. The girl's unclothed body was inside a large plastic tub, along with a towel used to soak up blood, officials said.

Purcell police Chief David Tompkins said investigators think the killer hit her several times with a wooden cutting board, then placed his hand and duct tape over her mouth to suffocate her. She was sexually assaulted after she died, officials said.

Tompkins and McClain County District Attorney Tim Kuykendall released the gruesome details about the final

moments of Jamie's life and what they alleged were Underwood's plans for her body, but they would not say whether Underwood had confessed to the slaying.

Kuykendall said Underwood said he began fantasizing about eating someone a year ago. The prosecutor added that authorities believe "that while she was ultimately chosen to be the victim of this horrific crime, that other people had been targeted and considered," including a woman and a 5-year-old boy.

A preliminary autopsy report said the girl died from blunt

force trauma to the head and asphyxiation.

"This appears to have been part of a plan to kidnap a person, rape them, torture them, kill them, cut off their head, drain the body of blood, rape the corpse, eat the corpse, then dispose of the organs and bones," the police chief said.

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agents seized a decorative dagger, a truck saw, duct tape, meat tenderizer, barbecue skewers, a duffel bag, the cutting board, a computer, and a videotape about a serial killer, Tompkins said.

Police think Jamie died

Wednesday, the day she was last seen at the library in Purcell, 20 miles south of Oklahoma City.

"Jamie was in the apartment below us the whole time," said Rose Fox, Jamie's grandmother. "The only reason that he couldn't move the body and hide it was because somebody was out there the whole time."

Authorities said they became suspicious of Underwood when he pulled up to a checkpoint near the apartment complex two days after the girl was reported missing.

"He just wasn't acting right," said Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Kern Phillippi.

Underwood was being held Saturday in the McClain County jail, a jail official said. The district attorney said he planned to file first-degree murder charges against Underwood on Monday and would seek the death penalty.

"This does not appear to be a spur-of-the-moment crime of opportunity but a well-thought-out, premeditated act with months of planning," Kuykendall said.

Tompkins said Underwood had no apparent criminal record. It was not immediately known whether Underwood had a lawyer.

GOT 'EM, MAYBE



Tommy Bald, 4, of Chicago tries to hold onto as many plastic eggs as possible at the underwater Easter egg hunt at the Peoria RiverPlex in Peoria, Ill., on Saturday. Hundreds of plastic eggs, some submerged, were dropped in the water for the young egg hunters.

National influenza response plan near approval

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush is expected to approve soon a national pandemic influenza response plan that identifies more than 300 specific tasks for federal agencies, from determining which front-line workers should be the first vaccinated to expanding Internet capacity to handle what would likely be a flood of people working from their home computers.

The Treasury Department is poised to sign agreements with other nations to produce currency if U.S. mints cannot operate. The Pentagon, anticipating difficulties acquiring supplies from the Far East, is considering stockpiling millions of latex gloves. And the Department of Veterans Affairs has developed a drive-through medical exam to quickly assess patients who suspect they have been infected.

The document is the first attempt to spell out in some detail how the government would detect and respond to an outbreak

and continue functioning through what could be an 18-month crisis, which in a worst-case scenario could kill 1.9 million Americans. Bush was briefed on a draft of the implementation plan on March 17, and he is expected to approve it within the week, but it continues to evolve, said several administration officials who have been working on it.

After the intellectual response to Hurricane Katrina, the White House is eager to show it can manage the medical, security and economic fallout of a major outbreak. In response to questions posed to several federal agencies, White House officials offered a briefing on the near-final version of its 240-page plan. When it is issued, officials intend to announce several vaccine manufacturing contracts to jump-start an industry that has declined in the past few decades.

The background briefing and on-the-record interviews with experts in and out of government reveal that some agencies are far along in preparing for a

deadly outbreak. Others have yet to resolve basic questions, such as who is designated an essential employee and how the agency would cope if that person were out of commission.

"Most of the federal government right now is as ill-prepared as any part of society," said Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. Osterholm said the administration has made progress but is nowhere near prepared for what he compared to a worldwide "12- to 18-month blizzard."

Many critical decisions remain to be made. Administration scientists are debating how much vaccine would be needed to immunize against a new strain of avian influenza, and they are weighing data that might alter their strategy on who should have priority for antiviral drugs such as Tamiflu and Relenza.

The new analysis, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggests

that instead of giving medicine to first responders and health care workers, as currently planned, it might be wiser to give the drugs to every person with symptoms and others in the same household, said one senior administration official.

The approach offers "some real hope for communities to put a dent in the amount of illness and death, if we go with that strategy," a White House official said.

Each year, about 36,000 Americans die from seasonal influenza. A worldwide outbreak, or pandemic, occurs when a potent new, highly contagious strain of the virus emerges. It is a far greater threat than annual flu because everyone is susceptible, and it would take up to six months to develop a vaccine. The 1918 pandemic flu, the worst of the 20th century, is estimated to have killed more than 50 million people worldwide.

Poll says we think income tax is unfair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxes rise and fall from one administration to the next, but the unpopularity of the income tax system is constant.

An Ipsos Poll finds that almost six of 10 people say the system is unfair, a percentage virtually unchanged from two decades ago.

The perception of unfairness is spread fairly evenly across income groups — though their reasons may differ. More than half of those who make less than \$50,000 a year said it's unfair, and more than six in 10 of those who make more than \$50,000 felt the same way.

In fact, unhappiness with the tax system was spread fairly evenly across income groups, age groups and education levels.

A majority of people said the middle class, the self-employed and small businesses

pay too much in taxes, the poll found. And they think those with high incomes and big businesses don't pay enough.

The survey was conducted in the days before the mid-April deadline for filing income tax returns.

Some complain the income tax burden remains unfairly placed on those with high incomes — saying the top 5 percent pay an inordinate share. And some grouse about the wealthy getting too many tax breaks.

When the government held hearings almost a year ago on how to make the tax code simpler and more fair, complaints ranged from overly complicated laws to inequitable tax breaks to undue influence of lobbyists.

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Thousands enjoy a brief Easter respite from LA's Skid Row

By John Rogers
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Just about the last thing Richard Ramirez expected when he ducked in out of the rain for an early Easter dinner and a new pair of shoes was to have his feet washed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

"No, I didn't expect that all," laughed Ramirez as he prepared to head back into the rain that was pelting Skid Row, driving thousands of its homeless into doorways and under awnings on its gritty streets.

The brief respite, Friday was provided by the Los Angeles Mission's annual Easter holiday dinner, in which celebrities and corporate executives stood side-by-side with mission volunteers dishing up baked ham and trimmings, sodas and pumpkin pie to some 3,000 homeless men, women and children.

The holiday ritual not only symbolizes the Biblical story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, but also gives shelter personnel a chance to check for disease and recommend people for treatment, said Marshall McNot, the mission's president.

Homelessness has been a long-standing concern in Los Angeles County, where more than 82,000 were homeless on any given night in 2005, including about 48,000 within Los Angeles' city limits, according to survey by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. It is of particular concern on Skid Row, a ranslucckie area downtown.

This year's dinner came as homeless advocates cheered a Friday federal appeals court decision that said the city cannot arrest homeless people for sleeping on the sidewalks until it provides enough beds for thousands who lack shelter each night. The city had been using an ordinance banning sleeping, lying or sitting on public sidewalks to deal with

the homeless. In a 2-1 majority, the panel said the ordinance violates the Constitution's Eighth Amendment against cruel and unusual punishment, prohibiting the city from punishing people for breaking the law when they have nowhere else to go.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California had sued in February 2003. A federal judge had dismissed the case, prompting the appeal. It was unclear whether the city would appeal the ruling.

Over in the Los Angeles Mission's sprawling dining hall, actor-director Forest Whitaker and other celebrities were dishing up meals as fast as they could.

Whitaker was accompanied by his wife and three daughters, ages 7, 9 and 14.

"They're growing up in an environment so different than what I grew up in," said Whitaker, shaking his head. "I think they're beginning to see how blessed they are. They'll be coming back from now on, I think."

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa washes the feet of Nallah Robinson, 11, whose family is currently homeless, at the Union Rescue Mission in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles on Good Friday, April 14, 2006. The modern foot-washing ceremony is symbolic of the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples shortly before he was crucified. Today the homeless received new shoes after the foot-washing.

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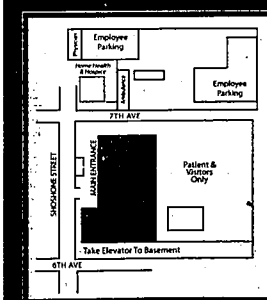
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NATION

Robot birth simulator gaining in popularity

By Paul Elias
Associated Press writer

VALLIJO, Calif. — She's given birth in Afghanistan, California and dozens of points in between.

Her name is Noelle and she's a lifelike pregnant robot used in increasing numbers of medical schools and hospital maternity wards.

Noelle is in demand because medicine is rapidly moving away from centuries-old training methods that use patients as guinea pigs and turning instead to high-tech simulations. It's better to make a mistake on a \$20,000 robot than a live patient.

The Institute of Medicine estimates that as many as 38,000 U.S. patients die annually from preventable medical errors.

"We're trying to engineer out some of the errors," said Dr. Paul Preston, an anesthesiologist at Kaiser Permanente and architect of the hospital chain's 4-year-old pregnancy-care training program, in which Noelle plays a starring role. "We steal shamelessly from everywhere and everywhere that has good training programs."

Noelle is used in most of Kaiser's 30 hospitals nationwide and other hospitals are putting in orders.

The Northwest Physicians Insurance Co. is sponsoring similar training programs in 22 hospitals in Oregon and Idaho, rolling out Noelle initially at five hospitals.

She can be programmed for a variety of complications and ultimately gives birth to a plastic doll that can change colors, from a healthy pink glow to the deadly blue of oxygen deficiency. The baby mannequin is wired to flash vital signs when hooked up to monitors.

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Dr. Paul Preston, rear, gives instructions to students Eric Lopez and Anne Gerbach as they treat a pregnant robot "patient" who is giving birth at Kaiser Permanente in Vallejo, Calif., on March 29.

one of two Florida companies making so-called "patient simulators." Sarasota-based Medical Education Technologies Inc. sells a \$68,000 robot called "Stan" — short for "standard man" — for training paramedics.

Noelle models run from \$3,200 for a basic, non-computerized model, to a \$20,000

computerized Noelle that best approximates a live birth.

The computerized mannequins omit realistic pulse rates, can urinate and breathe.

"If she is bleeding, there will be ample blood in evidence everywhere," Preston said one rainy day last month as he put Noelle through her paces at

Kaiser Permanente's Vacaville hospital for about 50 doctors, nurses and others involved in caring for pregnant women.

The training session started in a hospital room, where Noelle was hooked up to monitoring machines and tended to by nurses and doctors.

David Isaza, an engineer with Gaumard, sat in a corner of the room, with a laptop sending wireless signals to Noelle. With a keystroke, he can inflict all sorts of complications. Noelle can labor for hours and produce a beach baby or unexpectedly give birth in a matter of minutes.

In Vacaville, Noelle's heart rate increased, prompting the nurse to examine her under the sheets. An umbilical cord was visible — not a good thing. Immediately, the nurse called a "code 777." Several more medical personnel burst into the room and wheeled Noelle off to the operating room where she gave birth to twins after a frenzied 20-minute operation.

Then it was time for the debriefing back in a conference room.

"We wheeled her through the hallway with her gown open," complained one nurse.

"It was too loud," another said of the chaotic scene that include more than 30 people jammed into a small operating room.

And so it went for another 30 minutes until it was a second group's turn with Noelle.

"The mannequins are cool," Preston said. "But it is only one training tool."

Nobody knows this better than Robbie Prepas, a Laguna Beach midwife who is a consultant to Gaumard.

In 2004, Prepas was working for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a \$1 million Gates Foundation grant

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to train Afghan medical personnel in the care of women and children. Afghanistan has the highest death rate among pregnant women and newborns, and doctors and nurses had little training during the Taliban years.

Prepas and her colleagues hauled three different models of Noelle, including one that

worked by hand crank, for medical training at the only women's hospital in Kabul. But while the Noelle mannequins were helpful, power failures and other technological glitches hindered the mannequins' effectiveness.

Still, Prepas said Noelle is becoming standard issue in the United States.

"It's a really effective way to teach people how to take care of patients without harming actual patients," said Prepas, a Laguna Beach midwife who is a consultant with Gaumard. It is used in every medical school and nursing school and more hospitals are buying Noelle."

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NEW YORK (AP) — Molly the cat is finally free.

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At the end of the ordeal, the black cat emerged from the building lying in a metal cage, calm and docile as cameras flashed and onlookers cooed.

"I think you'll all agree that she is in great shape," said Peter Myers, who owns the delicatessen housed in the building

and kept Molly in his store to catch mice.

Her first meal? Nibbles of roasted pork sardines in oil and water, Myers said.

Hearty fare, but perhaps not surprising for a feline who spends her time in Myers of Kewick, a deli specializing in meat pies, clotted cream and other British food specialties.

Molly's ordeal became international news this week as reporters and onlookers gathered to hear her distressed meows. Rescuers drilled and hammered out bricks in the cellar of the 157-year-old building and tried everything from special cameras to traps to get her.

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Adapting to obesity

Car seats, doors, even caskets grow for expanding Americans

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — From the cradle to the grave and most points in between, obesity has found its niche in American marketing. Making that a wide berth.

Baby seats, doorways and caskets are but a few examples from a long list of life's accoutrements that are getting much bigger to accommodate much bigger people. There are also vacation resorts for those embarrassed to be seen in a bathing suit.

"At Freedom Paradise on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, the chairs are wider and without arms, to prevent getting stuck; beds are king-sized and reinforced, to prevent collapsing; and the beach is private and secured, to prevent gawking and staring."

"You should not be embarrassed by how big you are," said William Fabrey, whose online business "Amplifit" offers bigger versions of everyday things from umbrellas to football seats. "You can't just yell at someone and tell them to lose weight. You're already dealing with people who think they're worth it."

"They still have to sit down on a chair that doesn't collapse," he said.

For others in this small but growing group of businesses, Fabrey started his company after discussions with an overweight friend. "She was a big woman, and she said there's got to be an easier way to get through the day."

To make living large a little easier, Fabrey sells lotion applicators and sponges attached to handles — enabling the user to reach all parts of the body; handbooks on hygiene with tips on dealing with odor problems, chafing and irritations caused by skin folds. His business also provides links to physicians and medical services.

"We don't take any position on whether someone should lose weight," Fabrey said. "That's up to the person."

Seemingly every day, another study appears that shows the United States is becoming a country of fat people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 71 percent of men weigh too much, along with about 61 percent of women and 33 percent of children.

As Americans grow in weight, their life expectancy becomes shorter — by as much as five years, according to the latest national statistics — more than the impacts of heart disease and cancer. Obesity is fast approaching tobacco as the No. 1 cause of preventable death.

The price tag to taxpayers, according to the CDC, is a whopping \$117 billion a year, a figure that some health experts dispute, claiming the government numbers are based on faulty data. Not disputed, according to obesity specialists, is the amount Americans spend trying to get thinner — \$35 billion a year.

U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona sounded a dire warning last month, telling university students in South Carolina "obesity is the terror within," and that unless people start getting thinner, "the magnitude of the dilemma will dwarf 9-11 or any other terrorist attempt."

Such pronouncements help fuel criticism that catering to bigger people really means throwing wide the door to death by overeating.

But for those who are overweight, who know full well how



Keith Davis of Golphath Casket Co. poses with the company's largest stock size of casket, 52 inches wide, at the company's shop in Lynn, Ind., on Tuesday. Caskets are normally about 27 inches wide. The company has produced caskets up to 7 feet square.

it feels to be sneered at, laughed at, pitied and scorned, having a simple tool such as a sponge on a stick, or a sturdy footstool that can bear up to 500 pounds, makes one feel a little more human. And a little less demoralized.

Joan Borgos weighed 350 pounds for 28 years, until she had gastric bypass surgery and lost 200 pounds. She began putting out LargeDirectory.com because there was nothing available "that didn't look like a man's rump from Lane Bryant's," she said.

From her home in Massachusetts, she lists clothing catalogs, bridal shops (for gowns up to size 32), plus-size dating services, counseling services, seat belt extenders and lingerie. She recently added listings for teens,

after desperate mothers told her they couldn't find stylish clothes for their overweight adolescents.

Even toddlers have joined the overweight ranks, with car seat manufacturers offering the "Tusky," which is 10 pounds heavier and four inches wider than the standard size.

"There are all kinds of theories that abound about why people are getting heavier," said Borgos. "People are more sedentary, people eat more junk food and get less exercise. I don't know what it is."

"But it's a constant level of stress to live as an overweight person. You're always scoping out the environment, wondering if you're going to be able to fit."

Kelly Bliss, a self-described "clubby chick" in suburban Philadelphia offers "plus-size fitness and lifestyle coaching."

Which means, she says, encouraging overweight clients to exercise as best they can, to eat healthily and to not focus on losing pounds.

"People cannot just stop being fat," she says. "It's prejudicial when you say a fat person does not need things to make them comfortable," she says. "People crumble when you given them even more pressure on top of a life that's already not working."

"To make caring for the overweight ill easier, and to make patients more comfortable, there also are specialized medical products for an ever-growing clientele:

Treating the obese is called bariatric care, from Greek root meaning weight. Providing it means hospitals are paying for wider beds, wider wheelchairs, wider doorways, stanch machines and bigger CT scan needles, as well as larger gowns and extra-size slippers.

And for the end of life's road, coffin makers have introduced new lines with higher-gauge steel and widths of up to 28 inches, from the standard 24.

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Authorities try to catch bear that mauled family, killing child

BENTON, Tenn. (AP) — A black bear that killed a 6-year-old girl and maimed her mother and 2-year-old brother may never be found in the rugged Cherokee National Forest, authorities said.

Officials have used trained dogs to find the animal's scent, to no avail. Now state wildlife agents and hunters are waiting, hoping the bear will be drawn to the honey buns and doughnuts they used as bait in traps set Friday.

"We may never find it," said Dan Hicks, spokesman for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. "It may be on the top of another mountain by now." Wildlife agents want to kill it and have veterinarians determine if an illness or injury led it to kill Thursday. Complicated matters, the bear — possibly wounded after a rescuer said he shot at it — could go into hiding, said Lynn Rogers of the North American Bear Center in Ely, Minn.



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Texans worry about crackdown on drunks

Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — In a state where politicians have measured not in miles but in 12-packs, a systematic crackdown on public drunkenness in Texas has turned into a Texas headache.

For months, undercover agents with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission have been scouting bars and arresting — or issuing citations to people who were full-down drunk. The program, designed to cut down on drunk driving, was little noticed until March when — during a sweep of Dallas-area bars — two people were arrested for public intoxication at their hotel.

The well-publicized incident spurred scores of Texans to ask state legislators why a person might be jailed for drinking in a licensed bar if he or she has no plans to drive. Convention

boards and chambers of commerce, alarmed the program could drive away tourists and hurt the economy, prepared to do battle. Editorial writers commented on the unsettling impact of state agents sneaking into lounges to monitor a person's drinking habits.

As criticism mounted, the commission refused to halt the surveillance. But on Wednesday it suspended the program, at least until a state legislative committee hearing on the matter Monday.

"Some of us feel this reaction has been driven by economic concerns," said state Sen. John Whitmore, who chairs the senate criminal justice committee. "I personally think it's a good tool to prevent DWIs. But if you have selective or poor judgment on the part of law enforcement, we won't stand for it. The hearing will let everyone express their concerns."

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NATION

Many Mexican migrants secure jobs in U.S. before crossing

By Julie Watson
Associate Press writer

SASABE, Mexico — When 17-year-old Vazquez crossed illegally into the United States last week, he was not heading north to look for a job. He already had one.

His father, an employer even paid \$1,000 for a smuggler to help Vazquez make his way from the central Mexican city of Puebla to Aspen, Colo., where he was going to Colorado to work in carpentry because he has a friend who was going to give us a job," Vazquez said.

Vazquez, 17, was interviewed about the Arizona border after being deported twice by the U.S. Border Patrol. He said he would keep trying until he got to Aspen.

His story is not unusual. A growing number of U.S. employers and migrants are tapping into an underground network of recruiters that matches one with the other, often before the migrants leave home.

It continues to become clear who controls immigration: It's not governments, but rather the market," said Jorge Sambrano, director of the Tijuana-based think tank Colegio de la Frontera Norte.

As debate over immigration heats up in the United States, more and more U.S. companies are in need of cheap labor, turning to undocumented employees to recruit friends and relatives back home, and to smugglers to find job seekers.

Darcy Trombador, of the nonprofit law project Nebraska Appleseed, said companies in need of workers rely on the networks to "pass along the information more effectively than billboards."

"It started out more explicitly, where [hustling] companies used to have buyers to transport people to come up, and they would advertise directly in Mexico," she said. "Now I think that happens more naturally."

At the same time, it has become less risky for companies to recruit illegal migrants. Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, U.S. protection of employers who hire such workers has dwindled to a trickle as the government puts its resources toward national security.

The few cases that are prosecuted, however, highlight how lucrative a business recruiting undocumented workers has become. In one case, a single smuggler allegedly earned \$900,000 over 15 months placing 6,000 migrants in jobs at Chinese restaurants across the upper Midwest.

Shan Wei Yu, a 51-year-old Chinese-American, was sentenced in December to nine years in federal prison on charges involving the transportation of 40 of those migrants. Investigations involving the others continue.

Nick Hilzendager, special agent for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Grand Forks, N.D., said Yu connected 6,000 migrants from Latin America with jobs in Chinese restaurants in Illinois, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Based in Yu's home in McKinney, Texas, the Great Texas Employment Agency placed ads in Chinese-language newspapers in the Chicago area offering education for Latin America, investigators said.

Yu sent a recruiter with Spanish interpreters to find migrants in Dallas willing to be fry cooks and dish washers, Hilzendager said. A team made up mostly of illegal Chinese immigrants rented cars and drove them up.

Yu allegedly charged a \$150 finder's fee for each migrant while the drivers earned \$300 per worker. Restaurant owners deducted the \$450 from workers' first-month paychecks of \$1,000.

"It was just so easy," Hilzendager said.

Nick Chase, assistant U.S. attorney in North Dakota, said Yu even offered to replace workers free of charge if one left within two weeks of starting.

"It was a 2-for-1 special — like a pizza," Chase said. "Every time about it was tight."

The employees, housed in cramped apartments provided by employers, worked 14-hour days and had little outside contact. The case broke open in August 2004 after two Mexican migrants working at the Buffet House in Grand Forks fled poor conditions and were picked up along a highway by Border Patrol agents.

Many of the drivers involved in the scheme were deported to China, Ivo North Dakota restaurant owners were sentenced to four months each for harboring illegal immigrants.

But many migrants, and many employers, say the recruiters provide a valuable service. Sergio Sosa, who organizes Nebraska meatpackers, said many are seen as heroes in the Mexican towns where the workers come from.

Sosa, speaking by telephone from Omaha, said that in the 1990s companies based migrants from the U.S.-Mexico border, paying them room and board plus salaries of \$100 a week. But after a government crackdown, they began to rely more on their workers to recruit friends and family back in Mexico.

"One of the meatpacking supervisors is from Michoacan, and most of the people working for him come from his town," Sosa said. "There's no official recruiting — it's more internal through family."

Migrants setting out along the border confirmed his account. Guadalupe Mendez, 26, said her sister found her work as a seamstress in Los Angeles. Lorenzo Garcia Ruiz, 38, said friends arranged a gardening job for him in Kentucky.

"To make a real dent in this network, the U.S. government would need to go after employers or make them pay the costs of legalizing workers, migration activists say.

But an August 2005 report of the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of



Mexican migrants rest at a migrant shelter in the border city of Nogales, Mexico, after they were caught in Phoenix, Ariz., and deported to Mexico on April 5. A growing number of U.S. employers and migrants are tapping into an underground employment network that matches one with the other, often before the migrants leave home.

Congress, indicates the opposite is happening. After Sept. 11 attacks, work-site inspections by U.S. Immigration officials plummeted as they focused on national security cases.

From 1999 to 2004, the number of businesses that faced fines dropped from 417 to three, the GAO said. Data after 2004 could not be compared because the government changed the way it records data.

Investigators say fake documents makes it difficult to prove an employer has knowingly hired an undocumented worker. The business community argues that employers aren't equipped to spot fraud and warns that more investigations could lead to workplace discrimination.

Chase said businesses must be kept in check. "There are employers out there who are always going to be tempted by the bottom line," he said.

Associated Press writer Julie Watson reported this story from Mexico City and AP writer Olga R. Rodriguez reported from Sasabe, Mexico.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Doctor loses bid to clear record

BURLEY — A former Burley doctor has lost yet another bout in Idaho courts, after trying to get a six-year-old drug conviction off his record.

Charles Wesley Suits, 54, was convicted of possession of methamphetamines in February 2000, after he traded a prescription drug for meth to an undercover Idaho State Police narcotics officer. He was given a suspended sentence and ordered to serve three years of supervised probation. The court allowed him to transfer his probation to Texas, where he moved shortly after his conviction.

In his latest effort to absolve himself of the charges, Suits asked for the Cassia District Court to grant him post-conviction relief based on inadequate counsel. Suits alleged that his trial counsel acted in not providing a jury instruction on entrapment.

Judge Monte Carlson ruled against Suits. The Idaho Court of Appeals has upheld that decision.

Police await autopsy results in two deaths

BURLEY — Local law enforcement officials are awaiting results of autopsies in two deaths, including the report on a woman who died while in police custody before making their findings public.

The death of Martha Montoya, 36, of Burley, who died March 31 while in custody of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center, is being investigated by the Gooding County Sheriff's Department, according to Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins.

"I'm being brought in by the detectives as they have nothing new to report concerning the death of 10-month-old Johnny Ramirez, who died in Salt Lake City March 11."

The infant was transferred by Life Flight Air Ambulance from Cassia Regional Medical Center after being treated in a local hospital with serious head injuries the night before.

An autopsy was performed and law enforcement officials here are waiting for results of a pathologist's report, which could take up to eight weeks.

Students skip school over immigration

BURLEY — About 1,500 students skipped classes Monday in Mini-Cassia schools as part of a nationwide immigration protest.

Twenty-six percent, or 1,069 students, in the Minidoka County School District were absent Monday, Superintendent Scott Rogers said. Normally the district has a daily attendance rate of 94 percent.

In the Cassia Joint School District, 10 percent, or 500 students, were absent, Superintendent Michael Chesley said.

Although most of the absent students in Cassia schools were Hispanic, according to Chesley, about half of those absent from Minico High School were not, Rogers said.

Rogers also said he has fielded calls from five or six parents asking that the absent students be punished. However, if parents excused the absence, the district has no recourse, Rogers said.

Former Kmart building gets first new tenant

BURLEY — Developers who have bought the former Kmart building have signed an agreement with Dollar Tree, the building's first new tenant.

"The development company known as Burley Development LLC has plans to bring a 10,000 square-foot retail store into the building," Realtor Lloyd Smith said.

"We need to remember that this is just 10,000 square feet in a 94,750 square-foot building that the developers are certain will sell," Smith said. He said the developers are taking stock of what will work in Mini-Cassia and will solicit businesses they believe will best suit the area's needs.

"The LLC has plans for an extensive further development in the area," Smith said. "They are not just limiting themselves to the Kmart facility and that tells us they are serious about this community."

— compiled from staff reports

On the air around the globe

Local ham radio club will broadcast Rupert's centennial bash

By Marie Mischel
For The Times-News

RUPERT — The talk heard around the world is on amateur radio.

It even extends into outer space. "You can talk with the international space station. It could be a cosmonaut, or you could talk to an astronaut who has a ham radio license," said Kevan Vogt, a member of the Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs.

The club, which is comprised of members from Minidoka, Cassia, eastern Jerome and southern Blaine counties, plans to participate in Rupert's Birthday Bash April 21-22 by establishing a special event station with its own call sign.

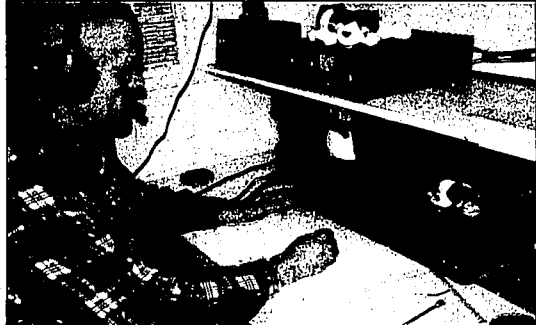
During the event, club members will allow the public to talk on ham radio. They also will display equipment, including amateur radio satellite, answer questions and attempt to contact as many other ham radio operators throughout the world as they can.

Ham radios used to involve crystal sets and other bulky equipment. As with all electronic devices, new technology has streamlined the operation. A hand-held radio no bigger than the palm of a man's hand now allows worldwide communication.

"You get on and holler 'Q' and talk to whoever comes on," Howard Sutton, the Snake River Chapter's president, said. "Or you can sit there and listen to who's talking and talk to them when they get through. The fun is not knowing who you'll talk to."

Recently, Sutton chatted with an operator in the Virgin Islands who had set up a special event station. "I talked to him; his name is Joe," Sutton said. "He talked to a guy in Massachusetts before me. I had to run 500 watts to get to level the ground, making it the east coast, but I used the antenna I built. You can do wonders with a little piece of wire."

Sutton, of Rupert, has been fascinated with radio since he was young. He used his first tax return to buy a receiver, a



Rupert resident Howard Sutton speaks to people all over the world on a Yaesu FT 1500 ham radio in his home.

big blue box full of tubes that glowed in the dark. I could listen, and then I wondered what in the world they were talking about. So I had to move on, and find out.

He dabbled with citizen-band radios, but soon tuned out. "I got interested in ham radio because you could talk all over the world," he said.

Like Sutton, Vogt enjoys the social aspect of the hobby. "Through ham radio I've gotten to know people that I have no idea what they look like," he said. "It builds some great relationships. I talk with an 83-year-old retired admiral. If I have the time, almost weekly I get to talk to guys like that."

Vogt has branched out from the traditional radio, mike and headset equipment. His radio connects to the Internet, allowing him to talk with other operators who can receive him through computers.

He's also using a GPS unit combined with computer mapping software to create a "cheap navigational system" for his truck, he said. "I don't have the antenna yet. That's the thing I'm thinking how to build."

Such tinkering is widespread in the ham radio community, Sutton said. "A lot of people build everything

they have. One guy has been working on the same radio for the 10 years I've known him. It changes when a new element comes out or he builds a better oscillator. He's trying to meet his standard of perfection."

Sutton used to build crystal sets and now builds his own antennas, but he calls himself

an "appliance operator," using off-the-shelf equipment.

He compares ham radio operators who are fascinated with gadgets to fishermen. "The tackle is for the fishermen, not the fish; the fish will eat a worm."

"The club's members mentor others who are interested in ham radio." That's what the

“
The fun is not knowing who you'll talk to.”

”
— Howard Sutton, president of the Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs

club's all about; that, and to license other people who are interested," Sutton said.

Vogt started because of his friendship with two club members, who helped him obtain his technician, or basic level license he said. He now has a general license.

The third and final operator classification is called "extra," which Sutton has obtained.

Sutton, Vogt and other members of the Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs will be broadcasting the special event Friday and Saturday, from a trailer at the southwest corner of Fifth and E streets.

Marie Mischel writes for the South Idaho Press. She can be reached at 678-2201.

Schedule of events for Rupert's centennial celebration

- April 21 and 22**
Rupert's centennial birthday bash
There will be plenty of cake and ice cream and lots of activities at the park. The centennial tree and an Arbor Day tree will also be planted. There will be a historic walking tour and much more.
- May 6 and 7**
Rupert First Christian Church centennial celebration and reunion.
- June 9 and 20**
Relay For Life
- June 14**
Flag Day
- June 27**
Vintage and Vogue Fashion Show and Luncheon
- 100 years of fashion**
Civic Auditorium
Tickets are \$12.50
- June 30**
Christmas Lighting Breakfast
Rupert Square, 6 a.m.
- July 4**
Home and Garden Tour
Visit six Minidoka County vintage homes and gardens. For information and tickets call Rene Clark at 436-8088 or Cheryl McKee at 438-5611.
- July 4**
Fourth of July parade
- July 8**
Rupert High School Alumni Reunion
Chuck Dairy at 436-3236
- August 1-5**
100 years of fashion Civic Auditorium Tickets are \$12.50

- Minidoka County 4H Fair
- August 20**
Farm Workers Appreciation Day
- Sept. 17 and 18**
I Love Rupert Photo Fest
- A Walk-Through Tour**
Minidoka-Acacia-Rupert Cemetery tour
September 2006
- Octoberfest**
September 2006
- Nov. 11**
A Special Tribute to Veterans
A salute to honor Rupert veterans
Wilson Theatre
- Nov. 24-27**
Rupert Carling and Sharing Festival of Trees

Burley rancher always thought ahead, and of others

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Milton Payne loved people. Though he was active in many ventures throughout his life, his main focus was always people.

Milton died Wednesday, April 5 at the age of 84, a man who he loved best — visiting friends.

He was born in Trenton, Utah, on July 2, 1921. He attended schools in Utah as he was growing up and loved to participate in school activities and sports, including being named the Utah state horse-shoe champion.

Milton married Emma Hazel Cardon in 1941 in Logan Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Milton served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, hauling supplies to combat areas. While serving on the U.S. John McLean he was usually at the helm steering the ship, serving as lookout or calling out maneuvers. When he received his honorable discharge in 1945 he had achieved the rank of seaman 1st class.

In 1945 Milton moved his family to the View area south of Burley. They purchased a farm and worked tirelessly through the winter hauling loads of dirt to level the ground, making it easier to farm. Countless hours were spent clearing trees from the ground and the family would gather to have wienie roasts while burning the stumps from the ground.

They also raised Holstein cattle. His registered Holsteins were renowned throughout the western states.

He served as president of the



Milton Payne and his wife Emma enjoyed spending time at their cabin in Riggin.

State Holstein Association and organized and held numerous auctions, including one held inside the Best Western Burley Inn Convention Center.

Milton loved doing things out of the ordinary. He owned an airplane for a time and loved to spend time in the air.

"He used to say that he used the airplane to check the water (in the fields), but we all knew it was his excuse to fly," said Paul Tegan, a longtime friend.

After selling his plane he used the money to buy a speedboat. "At that time there weren't a lot of people water-skiing," his son Lynn Payne said. "We would go out to the Minidoka Reservoir on weekends and have the whole lake to ourselves."

"He seemed to have an eye for the future," Lynn said. "As he was always on the look out

for things to do that no one else was doing. Long before Pomerelle was built, he would haul carloads of people up the mountain so they could ski back down."

Payne loved hunting and fishing. When the children were at home, Emma would stay to tend the farm while Milton took the children hunting or fishing.

"He would help us spot a deer and then let us empty our rifles before he ever took a shot," Lynn said. He wanted his children to have the opportunity to claim the prize.

"When the children were older, they had to stay and tend the farm so mom and dad could go on outings. The couple would take many fishing trips together to various locations. A favorite destination was Riggin. On one fishing trip both he and Emma caught 18-



Milton Payne and his wife Emma were once mentioned on Paul Harvey for catching "his and hers fish," 18-pound steelhead salmon.

pond steelhead salmon. The story and photo were sent to famous radio personality Paul Harvey, who referred to their catch as "his and hers fish." The couple enjoyed Riggin so much that they bought a cabin there. The cabin, like their home in Burley, was always filled with family and friends.

In 1970 Milton suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed on the left side. This slowed his activities for a time. Because he had always been such an active person, it was difficult for his family to see him somewhat disabled.

"When he had his stroke, it was like having a Corvette and only being able to drive it 10 miles an hour," his oldest son Eldon said.

Although he worked diligently to learn to speak and walk again, he was never able to re-

a Life remembered

Milton Charles Payne

Born: July 2, 1921
Died: April 5, 2006
Survivors: Wife of 65 years, Emma; his sons, Eldon (Marcel) Payne of Pocatello, Lynn (Dianne) Payne of Declo, Marlin (Cindy) Payne of Stevensonville, 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 Velay Payne of Brigham City, Utah; and one sister, Elva Ellis, also of Brigham City.

gain the use of his left hand. He continued in as many activities as possible though, and no one ever heard him complain. He was able to rig his fishing pole so he could continue to fish and, of course, he was still able to socialize.

"His strong point was visiting people to see how they were doing," his son Lynn said. "He'd come home, load us kids up and tell us they were going out to haul hay—but it was never our own. If something happened to someone he was always there making sure things got done for them." He always thought of others.

"He tried to live life like he thought it should be."

WORLD

Baghdad car bomb kills at least 7 and injures 24

Shiites try to end political standoff

BAGHDAD (AP) — A car bomb killed at least seven people and wounded 24 on a busy avenue Saturday as Shiite politicians floated a proposal to end the standoff over a new government by having Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari step down — but only if his replacement comes from his own party.

The blast occurred at lunchtime outside an east Baghdad restaurant frequented by police officers, four of whom were among the injured. Sgt. Sabah Munsen said. All the dead were civilians, police said.

The explosion shattered windows and damaged shops over a wide area. Firefighters hosed down the debris-littered street as bystanders gawked at charred and windowless vehicles.

Such violence is adding urgency to talks on forming a government of national unity, a task unsettled four months after parliamentary elections.

Shiite officials have sent conflicting signals whether they would attend without a deal among all groups on the premiership and other key posts such as president and parliament speaker.

Al-Jaafari issued no statement Saturday. On Friday, he told Britain's Channel 4 news that he wouldn't give up the nomination because he was "the legitimate and democratic choice" of the Shiite alliance, a block of parties with 130 seats in the 275-member assembly.

However, two Shiite officials from separate parties said al-Jaafari had said privately that he would give up the nomination if asked to do so directly by the country's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. The officials agreed to discuss the matter only if they were not quoted by name.

Al-Sistani has privately urged Shiite leaders to resolve the dispute over the prime ministership so a new government can be formed quickly, according to the elderly cleric's aides.

However, the aides also said al-Sistani did not want to take a high-profile role in the dispute, and it appeared al-Jaafari was gambling the ayatollah would stay out of the political brawl.

The protracted bickering over al-Jaafari has sharpened differences among Iraq's sectarian and ethnically based parties at a time when the Americans, the British and many Iraqis distrust themselves are encouraging politicians to show unity.

On Saturday, Shiite politicians suggested that if Kurds and Sunnis stand firm against al-Jaafari, the Shiites might oppose Sunni and Kurdish candidates for other leadership posts that require parliamentary approval, including president and parliament speaker.



A U.S. Army soldier patrols a market in the Dora section of Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday. U.S. forces have increased the number of patrols they make in order to counter sectarian tensions. AP Photo

Negotiations have stalled over the refusal of Sunni Arab and Kurdish parties to accept al-Jaafari, the Shiite Muslim nominee to head the new government.

U.S. officials have urged the factions to form a consensus as quickly as possible, seeing that as a vital step toward quelling sectarian violence that threatens to push Iraq into civil war. The U.S. military cannot begin sending its 135,000 soldiers home until the government is in place.

In a bid to break the deadlock, Shiite politicians not affiliated with major parties proposed that al-Jaafari step aside in favor of another candidate from his Dawn party, several Shiite officials said.

In return, the biggest Shiite party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, would not push Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi for the post, the officials said on condition of anonymity because the talks are at a sensitive stage.

It was unclear, however, whether the proposal would be accepted before Monday's planned parliamentary session.

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 Shiites areas.



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

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 85 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 Iraqi government building.



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WORLD

41 Taliban, 6 police die in clash in Afghanistan

Nuclear rhetoric irks some Iranians

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's success in producing enriched uranium for the first time may have increased national pride, but hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is annoying predecessors by claiming the achievement in his name alone.

And others, including some among the president's supporters, worry his tough rhetoric is intensifying international anxiety over the nuclear program and worsening the country's isolation.

On Tuesday, Ahmadinejad announced that Iran successfully enriched uranium using 164 centrifuges, a significant step toward the large-scale production of a material that can be used to fuel nuclear reactors for generating electricity — or to build atomic bombs.

Iran insists it is interested only in the peaceful use of nuclear power, but the United States and others suspect the regime wants to develop weapons and are demanding a halt to enrichment activities.

Since his announcement, Ahmadinejad has been even more defiant in defending his country's decision to go forward with its nuclear program over the U.N. Security Council's objections.

Ahmadinejad rebuffed a request Thursday by Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, that Iran suspend uranium enrichment until it can be verified that Iran will not retreat "one iota."

To those upset by that stance, he said, "Be angry at us and die of this anger."

A day later, he turned up the heat in anti-Israel rhetoric that has brought international condemnation, calling the Jewish state a "rotten, dried tree" that will be annihilated by "one storm." He previously angered many world leaders by calling for Israel to be wiped off the map, a demand that some in this conservative Islamic nation concurred.

"The more Ahmadinejad confronts the international community, the more power he may show to his public in the short term but deny Iran a good life among world nations in the long term," said Heinrich Rohrer, a professor of international relations in Tehran.

For now, it's a minority opinion. The president's tough talk resonated with many Iranians. "Ahmadinejad is a source of pride for resisting the U.S. and defending Iran's nuclear rights," said Ali Mahmoudi, a regular attendee of Friday prayers in this strongly religious nation.

Still, the president may have alienated potential allies with this enrichment announcement, which he didn't mention that it was the outcome of more than two decades of clandestine work by Iranian governments," said political analyst Saeeed Lafi.

In an apparent show of displeasure, ex-president Hashemi Rafsanjani tried to take some of the glory from Ahmadinejad by announcing the enrichment step several hours ahead of time.

Reformist Mohammad Khatami, who preceded Ahmadinejad as president, publicly reminded Iranians that this "outcome of efforts by competent Iranian scientists, a process that had begun by previous governments."

Even some of Ahmadinejad's supporters are starting to question his tactics. "Ahmadinejad has forgotten why he won the presidential vote. The need was for him because he promised to bring bread to people's homes but nothing good has been done to improve living standards," said Mehdi Ghatani, a student at Tehran University.

Mansour Ramezanzadeh, a construction worker, questioned why the government hasn't done more for



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gestures as he stands in front of pictures of Iran's late leader Ayatollah Khomeini and addresses students and university staff in Mashhad, Iran, Wednesday.

the weak economy.

"Previously, I went to work four days a week. Now, not more than two days. Recession is everywhere," he said.

But Ahmadinejad appears determined to make the most of the nuclear card to bolster his standing among his people. It was no coincidence that he an-

nounced Iran had enriched uranium on April 9 — the date that the United States severed ties with Iran in 1980.

He and other top leaders see the nuclear program as a level to get the United States to recognize Iran as a "big, regional power" and deal with it on that basis.

SARTAK, Afghanistan (AP) — Security forces backed by U.S.-led coalition helicopters attacked a suspected Taliban hideout in southeastern Afghanistan, sparking an intense battle that killed 41 rebels and six police, a senior official said Saturday.

The fighting was some of the heaviest reported after Taliban threats to intensify attacks as the warmer weather melts snow on mountain passes used by the militants.

Villagers said they appeared in vain for between 50 and 60 militants to leave the area days before the clashes erupted Friday in Kandahar province, a former Taliban stronghold near the border with Pakistan.

"Our elders hid asked them

(Taliban) to go away because we knew that one day American helicopters will come and drop bombs," Fazl Ullah told The Associated Press in Sartak, a village surrounded by blooming opium poppy fields and the site

of the heaviest fighting. Provincial Gov. Asadullah Khalid said the assault was based on intelligence that the militants were preparing to attack the regional capital of Kandahar.

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WORLD

Pope provides some surprises

By Tracy Wilkinson
Los Angeles Times

VATICAN CITY — No one would ever accuse Pope Benedict XVI of being overly charismatic.

Benedict clearly prefers quiet study, or the professorial delivery of a homily, over the flashy performances before adoring crowds that his predecessor favored.

In his first year on St. Peter's throne, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger has confounded critics and supporters alike and began to reshape the papacy. In the process, he has emerged slowly but steadily from the shadows of the late John Paul II, who reigned longer than almost any other pope.

Benedict is another pope, a streamlined pontiff with a more distilled leadership that shuns (or at least dims) the spotlight on himself and focuses instead on reviving the broader Roman Catholic Church.

Where the gregarious John Paul thrived before massive audiences spanning the globe, the more intellectual Benedict has chosen to narrow his exposure. He has reduced the number of meetings and lunches he has with visitors, removed himself from ceremonies honoring potential saints, plans to limit travel, and will do more of his own writing while delegating fewer documents and decisions to his staff.

For many Catholics, the shift is welcome. John Paul was so consumed with a globalizing evangelism that he often neglected some of the more mundane but critical business of the Vatican.

Benedict, many Vatican-watchers say, will be a better hands-on administrator. At the same time, he is reserved and prudent. He has not launched the kind of major overhaul of the Curia, hunting the heads of opponents, that some predicted. Instead, he launched a careful recapture of traditional aspects of the papacy while trying to revive Catholic identity in the increasingly secular West.

The church needed a rest; the problem of overexposure of (John Paul) was a problem for



Pope Benedict XVI unveils a tall wooden crucifix as he presides over Good Friday services in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

the church, and Benedict has decided to stay behind the curtain," said Alberto Melloni, Italian historian and author of a forthcoming book on Benedict's first year. "Now we have a sort of 'decant' pontificate. He will not shock the church with an awful lot of documents and reforms and appointments but will wait and let things settle and go ahead slowly."

In a quarter-century as the Vatican's chief doctrinal enforcer, the German-born prelate earned a reputation as a strict, conservative theologian. Many Catholics expected Benedict would crack down hard on dissent after he became pope. Instead, his papacy has been much more nuanced.

There have been displays of his rigid orthodoxy. Days after his installation, for example, Father Thomas Reese, the highly

regarded editor of the Jesuit magazine *American*, was forced to resign. Under Reese, the magazine had engaged in open discussion of topics such as gays in the priesthood. His dismissal was seen as an attempt by Rome to quiet debate.

Benedict has given priority to bringing back to the Catholic fold the archconservative group known as the Society of St. Pius X, followers of the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, in part because he agrees with them. They split with the Vatican over church reforms in the mid-1960s, including the decision to allow Mass to be said in languages other than Latin.

And the first major document issued under Benedict's watch was a stern reiteration of the church's ban on gay priests. Men with what he called "deep-seated homosexual tendencies"

should not become priests, the pope declared.

Yet other developments reflected a more magnanimous side.

His first encyclical, the most important form of writing that a pope produces, focused on human love — without judgmental mentions of contraception and reproduction. And one of Benedict's first meetings was with a church dissident he had censured years earlier, Hans Küng. The encounter was described as warm and friendly.

He has shown tentative signs of what church officials call collegiality, a willingness to consult with bishops from dioceses near and far over the issues that concern them. Numerous prelates, especially in the United States, have been clamoring for years for just such a dialogue.

It is possible that a pope who is less of a star will have a better chance at repairing the schism between Catholicism and the Eastern Orthodox faith, another cherished goal expressed by Benedict. John Paul could never win an invitation to Moscow because leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church suspected he promoted efforts to convert Orthodox in Russia to Catholicism.

Another shift in this papacy is Benedict's focus on Europe over the rest of the world, and his much harder line on Islam. Both reflect the prime importance he attaches to strengthening Catholic faith and values in all aspects of life, especially in the West.

"The truth is that Ratzinger has always been a Euro-centric thinker," Catholic writer Vittorio Messori said in an assessment of the pope's first year published in the *Corriere della Sera* magazine.

"He does not have Third World illusions," Messori said. "He knows that, in spite of everything, the future of the church is in play here in Europe. For him, it is worth more to hold the line in a small (Italian) parish, or give new life to the church in Britain, than to win new faithful in an African diocese."

John Paul reached out to his Muslim brothers. Benedict

Easter message: Resurrection was 'the most crucial leap' for mankind

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI ushered in Easter services late Saturday with a dramatic, candlelit vigil in St. Peter's Basilica, saying Christ's resurrection was "the most crucial leap" in the history of mankind.

The bells of St. Peter's tolled across Rome as midnight approached to herald in Easter, when the faithful celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion on Good Friday. "If we may borrow the language of the theory of evolution, it is the greatest 'mutation,' absolutely the most crucial leap into a totally new dimension that there has ever been in the long history of life and its development: a leap into a completely new order which does concern us, and concerns the whole of history," he said in his homily.

scolded them during his first trip abroad, to Cologne, Germany, last summer.

Earlier this year, he in effect demoted the prelate in Rome with the most experience in dealing with Islam. Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, head of the Vatican's office for relations with Islam, was passed over in the naming of cardinals and transferred to Cairo, Egypt, to become the papal nuncio there. He apparently was seen by the Benedict papacy as being too soft on Muslims.

Benedict also has not been reticent to intervene in Italian secular politics when he believed Catholic identity was being sacrificed to secularism. He told Italians to boycott a referendum last year that would

have liberalized laws on assisted fertility, which the church opposes because embryos are sometimes destroyed in the procedures.

And last month he dispatched one of his closest associates, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, head of the Italian Bishops Conference, to deliver what many Catholics saw as instructions on how they should vote in the Italian parliamentary elections.

If John Paul could have hand-picked his successor, it probably would have been Ratzinger. Yet a year after his death, the plan's more than 1 billion Catholics are still trying to figure out where the man viewed as John Paul's natural heir will take them.

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POLITICS



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks at the Country Junction restaurant in Dyeraville, Iowa, Thursday. The senator was on hand for a fundraiser benefiting Iowa state Rep. Steve Lukau, R-New Vienna. AP photo

Has McCain betrayed his maverick persona?

By Dick Polman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — There comes a time, in the life of virtually every ambitious politician, when it is deemed wise to retool the image, reposition the issues, and put old rhetoric in sync with new realities.

That moment has arrived for John McCain. The erstwhile straight-talking maverick is now riding the Spin Talk Express, in the view of many skeptics.

His simple pragmatics, McCain knows that his likely bid for the 2008 GOP presidential nomination will flop unless he can convince grass-roots Republicans that he's not in bed with the "liberal press." In short, he wants to nix the joke, long uttered by disdainful conservatives, that his official title is Sen. John McCain, R-Media.

Hence, his spate of recent moves: The Arizona used to be against President Bush's tax cuts; now he's voting for them. He said during the 2000 campaign that the Rev. Jerry Falwell was an "agent of intolerance," but now he's showing respect by speaking May 13 at Falwell's college. He has softened his earlier opposition to a federal amendment banning gay marriages. He used to rant on the issue of teaching creationism, but now he endorses it. He has hired a former senior Bush operative whose name turns up in Tom DeLay's money-laundering indictment.

So, is this the real McCain? Was that maverick stuff merely an image of convenience? After all, it's not often noted that in 2000 he packed his Straight Talk Express bus with reporters in part because he couldn't compete with Bush's campaign money and therefore depended heavily on free media exposure.

Stuart Rothenberg, a non-partisan analyst who runs the Rothenberg Political Report in Washington, offered a nuanced view of McCain's current moves:

"I understand the hypocrisy argument, and there's something to it. But every ambitious politician has to pay attention to the party base. Any good politician jumps around a lot (on issues). People who like what McCain is doing will call him 'practical.' People who don't like what he's doing will call him a 'flip-flopper.'"

"But perhaps he deserves to be held to a higher standard, and deserves more scrutiny than most, because he staked out the straight-shooter image." McCain stated his defense this month on "Meet the Press": "I will continue to take positions that I believe in and I

stand for. I recognize that a lot of my credibility is based on that; and I think most Americans will judge me by my entire record..."

"I spent a lot of time burning bridges early in my... political life. Now I work to try to build bridges."

Not surprisingly, McCain's actions have alarmed a number of his media fans — Arianna Huffington contends that he is selling his soul in the service of ambition, "making a pact with the devils of the religious right" — yet that reaction is precisely what McCain needs to woo the social conservatives who vote heavily in crucial Republican primaries, notably in Iowa and South Carolina. And what better advertisement for McCain's conservative bona fides than to be associated with "Meet the Press" and "The Daily Show," as having betrayed his maverick persona?

In the words of New Jerseyan David Norcross, a national Republican Party official, "Repositioning is a deliberate strategy, and the media getting ticked off is a free benefit. It may be a calculated win-win." And political analyst Jack Flynn, a former national GOP campaign aide, says simply, "When you run for the Republican nomination, you have to put your right foot forward."

But McCain is struggling to square past statements with current positions. Six years ago, referring to religious-right leaders, he said "I don't pander to them," yet today he is defending their influence on the GOP. He also has declined to criticize Falwell's remark that Sept. 11 was partly the fault of "the abortionists and the feminists and the gays and the lesbians."

As a result, he has been forced to play defense. Like for example, his April 5 appearance on "The Daily Show," when iconoclastic host Jon Stewart skewered him for agreeing to speak at Falwell's school.

McCain: "I'm going to try to give these young people the same message I give to colleges and universities across the country..."

Stewart: "You're killing me here! I feel like it's a condoning of Falwell's kind of crazy-making."

McCain: "I speak to all kinds of students..."

Stewart: "But if you stayed away, you would keep Falwell marginalized."

McCain: "I love to travel around this country and speak at colleges and universities..."

Stewart: "Are you freaking out on us? Are you going into crazy-babe world?"

McCain (dumping his talking point): "I'm afraid so."

Flag burning, gay marriage, abortion top Senate GOP's pre-election agenda

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Protection of marriage amendment? Check. Anti-flag burning legislation? Check. New abortion limits? Check.

Between now and the November elections, Republicans are penciling in plans to take action on social issues important to religious conservatives, the foundation of the GOP base, as they defend their congressional majority.

In a year when an unpopular war in Iraq has helped drive President Bush's approval ratings below 40 percent, core conservatives whose turnout in November is vital to the party want assurances that they are not being taken for granted.

"It seems like for only six months, every two years — right around election time — that we're even noticed," said Tom McClusky of the Family Research Council.

"Some of these better pass," he added. "You notice when it's just lip service being paid."

Former presidential candidate Gary Bauer agreed that the effort matters.

"If they get to these things this summer, which we expect

that they will, that will go a long way toward energizing the values voters at the base of the Republican Party," said Bauer. GOP of Americans United to Preserve Marriage.

GOP leaders long have known that the war and merely riding the coattails of a second-term president could dilute their base.

If there was any doubt, conservatives issued a concise warning last month. Four groups representing evangelical Christians said an internal survey found 63 percent of "values voters" — identified as evangelical Christians whose priorities include outlawing abortion and banning same-sex marriage — "feel Congress has not kept its promises to act on a pro-family agenda."

The Family Research Council, which headlined the survey, also announced it would hold "Values Voter Summit" in September to "raise the bar of achievement for this Congress." At the top of the agenda could be a call for new leadership in Congress if those in power have not acted on social conservatives' issues.

Some leaders read the warning signs early.

The House has approved an

amendment to the Constitution to outlaw flag burning and passed a bill to crack down on the practice of minors' crossing state lines for abortions, to evade limits in their own states.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and a possible presidential candidate in 2008, announced early this year that the Senate would consider those and the anti-gay marriage amendment that has failed in both chambers despite Bush's endorsement.

"When America's values are under attack, we need to act," Frist told the Conservative Political Action Conference in February.

"Those were sweet words to Bauer's ears."

"The marriage amendment is in a class by itself because of what's at stake," Bauer said.

House Republicans close to the scheduling process said the marriage amendment is headed for a House vote in July.

Sponsored by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., also a possible presidential candidate, it would have the Constitution define marriage as the union between a man and a woman — in effect rescinding a 2004 Massachusetts law that made gay marriage legal.

Sending the proposed amendment to the states for ratification may not win the two-thirds majority required in the House and Senate. But committing to a vote in June is a gesture of good faith that would resonate with social conservatives, Bauer said.

The amendment banning flag desecration, a perennial vote and favorite of some conservatives, would need the same majority for ratification. Frist has promised to bring it up in June. The amendment was ratified by the House last year but was not brought to a vote in the Senate after 35 senators declared their opposition.

The bill to curb abortions among minors has long been on Frist's list of legislative priorities. Legislation imposing penalties on anyone who helps a minor cross state lines to obtain an abortion won easy passage in House last year.

Frist has promised to bring a similar bill to the Senate floor before the year is out. Not on the Senate's schedule, however, is a bill allowing taxpayers to underwrite human embryonic stem cell research, a science still in its infancy that could lead to cures for many diseases.

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Board restricts hearing testimony at its own risk

Twin Falls School District taxpayers came through for public schools in March, approving a \$49.7 million bond issue to renovate buildings and construct a second high school.

To show their appreciation, school district trustees are sticking many of those voters into

trial boundaries.

- Be a student, parent/guardian of a student, a district employee, or a business solicited by the district for materials or services.

That leaves a huge contingent of residents, taxpayers and "patrons" as the district likes to call them, on the outside looking in. Those outsiders can only speak to

Our view: New restrictions on Twin Falls School Board hearings could backfire with taxpayers in the district. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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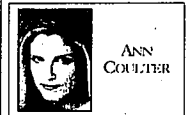
But those reasons are as skim as cafeteria milk. Board members should remember who put them into office (even if it was only a few hundred voters). Twin Falls residents can go to teachers, principals and the superintendent for many important issues. But those public employees are not directly accountable to citizens and taxpayers. Only the board members have that qualification.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs says state law doesn't require the school board to hear public comments. But when school board members wear the title of "trustee," the fundamental word is "trust." How can the board preserve that sentiment by telling district taxpayers that only certain ones can approach the microphone?

If this is how the district wants to reward "patrons" for supporting one of the most expensive bonding projects in its history, it's a hostile way of showing it.

Give immigrants the entire factory?

This is the only country on Earth that thinks it's not sporting to consider our own interests in choosing immigrants. Try showing up in any other country on the planet, illiterate and penniless, and announcing: "I've seen pictures a yeller country and it looks great. I think I'd like to live here! Oh, and by the way, would you mind changing all your government and business phone numbers, street signs and ballots into my native language? Thanks!" They would laugh you out of the country.



ANN COULTER

What seems not to have occurred is the "NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL" crowd is that this is a country, not a public park.

There are more than 6 billion people in the world, most of whom apparently like the idea of living in the wealthiest democracy on Earth. But if the billions of people of the world did live here, would they be "her"? Of course, America is special for a reason that must transcend the right to vote—or everyone would be trying to immigrate to Iraq right now.

America has a seller's market in immigration, but thanks to Teddy Kennedy's 1965 Immigration law, we no longer favor skilled workers from developed nations, but instead favor unskilled immigrants from the Third World. Kennedy's bill promptly cut the number of European immigrants in half and increased Third World immigrants to 85 percent of the total.

Not surprisingly, post-1965 immigrants have sharply higher levels of poverty and welfare dependence. Europeans may not seem like ideal new immigrants, but the truth is, if they stay in France, they will require no welfare.

As if we've got the last Xbox 360s available on Christmas Eve and instead of doubling the price, we en-



VICENTE FOX RAISES HIS OWN LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR.

tertaining low-ball offers. Or more accurately, we're paying our customers to take the darn things off our hands—and the customers are still indignant with us.

On CNN's "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on Monday, Dobbs was interviewing Nativo Lopez, president of the Mexican-American Political Association, about his demand for "full immediate, unconditional legalization for all persons currently in the United States."

Dobbs posed this innocuous question about Lopez's planned boycott, "You're talking about a boycott of all illegal aliens in this country?" Lopez exploded: "Well, first off, I refute your terminology. You don't say 'kike,' 'patny,' 'WOP' OK. You don't say 'nigger'! ... You're using language that's offensive to me and offensive to my people! ... You pollute the air every day, Dobbs. ... That language is offensive, it's derogatory, it's denigrating, and don't use that terminology to me again, referring to my people!"

Dobbs eventually ended Lopez's Tourette's episode by calmly asking him what he expected the impact of the boycott to be.

An hour later on MSNBC's "Hardball," Dave Rodriguez, of the League of United Latin American Citizens, leapt in to

denounce Rep. Tom Tancredo for using the word "amnesty." He said: "There isn't any such thing as amnesty in this law. I don't understand what this debate is. That's your own terminology on it ..."

Bank robbers and drug dealers ought to start claiming that the words "bank robber" and "drug dealer" are akin to the N-word. They could accuse lawmakers of "criminalizing felonies" and claim they don't understand what the word "jailbreak" means.

At the same time on CNN's "The Situation Room," Maria Elena Salinas, an anchor at Univision, was informing Wolf Blitzer that "all Hispanics feel offended by what has been going on, by the rhetoric, the level of the negativity that you hear coming out of Capitol Hill and also on some television stations and by some journalists."

So it's really more like we've got the last Xbox 360s available on Christmas Eve and the customers are not only demanding money to take the hottest sales item off our hands, but are verbally abusing us and acting petulant. I'm offended that you would even think about asking me to give the Xbox 360!

As hardworking as illegal immigrants are when they come here, they are immedi-

ately demagogued by liberals into adopting the victimhood pose so popular on college campuses. Everybody wants to act like his ancestors were brought here on slave ships.

Consider this e-mail from Michele Waslin, La Raza's director of Immigration Policy Research, to her members denouncing Sen. Lamar Alexander's proposal to provide government grants to immigrants who want to learn English and American history and to organizations offering those courses. (I'd be happy with a law that simply trained new immigrants not to be "offended" all the time.)

Even though this potentially means free money for La Raza, Waslin—of the Guadalajara Waslins—obviously warned that while the amendment "doesn't overtly mention assimilation, it is very strong on the patriotism and traditional American values language in a way which is potentially dangerous to our communities." Here, please—let's not mention the millions of immigrants refusing to learn English and American history is "potentially dangerous to our communities." Here, please—we'll pay you, just take the whole Xbox 360 factory.

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LETTER

CIEDRA creates a 'paper' wilderness

Some claim that the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act will protect the Boulder-White Clouds forever as wilderness.

One might ask, when, why? 41 conservation organizations, including 15 groups in Idaho oppose CIEDRA while the number of conservation groups supporting the bill can be counted on just one hand? The answer is that CIEDRA weakens existing protections for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, gives away nearly 30 percent of much public land in Idaho as the recent Bush administration's proposal and denies traditional wilderness protections for the Boulder-White Clouds. For example, CIEDRA would allow all-terrain vehicles, helicopters and even motor vehicle use in the wilderness.

It's been said that successful legislation involves compromise. Historically, the majority of compromises in wilderness bills have been about how much acreage to include in wilderness, not about abandoning the protective provisions of the Wilderness Act.

Six of Idaho's seven existing wilderness resulted from bills that fully upheld the protections intended by the Wilderness Act. Unfortunately,

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CIEDRA would do the opposite. While many organizations work to protect roadless areas and add new areas to the wilderness system, Wilderness Watch is widely recognized as the only national organization dedicated to assuring ongoing year-after-year protection for the wilderness character of lands within America's National Wilderness Preservation System.

CIEDRA would create wilderness on paper while harming wilderness values where they really count—out on the ground. Please say no to CIEDRA.

TINAMORE EKKER
Missoula, Mont.
(Editor's note: Tina Marie Ekker is the policy director for Wilderness Watch.)

Strong guest worker programs are not amnesty

On Dec. 16, 2005, Congress passed the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005. This is a strict enforcement only bill that will require employers to use telephonic and electronic verification of employment eligibility of their employees. The penalties for employers who continue to employ illegal aliens will increase substantially with the possibility of imprisonment.

The effort to strengthen our borders through increased manpower, new technology and smarter law enforcement has my full support. However, without reforming our existing guest worker programs, the entire U.S. economy is going to feel the effects.

Entire industries such as labor intensive agriculture will be at serious risk of extinction if existing programs are many in the public confuse guest worker programs as being something new or the same as amnesty. There already exists a guest worker program using the T and it is no less the same as amnesty. Employers using the



READER COMMENT
George Grant

existing guest worker program are paying higher wages and providing better working conditions than their competitors who rely on an illegal workforce.

A guest worker program has to strike a balance between protecting U.S. workers' wages and working conditions while assuring employers they will have sufficient workers at the time and place needed. These decades-old and rarely used programs are simply too complex and bureaucratic to be responsive to the needs of literally millions of jobs opportunities that will need filling in the event effective border control is enacted.

Congressmen Simpson and Otter supported the politically expedient H.R. 4437. If Otter has his way and becomes gov-

ernor, the much more difficult task of crafting an immigration reform bill will be left to his successor. I cannot imagine someone wanting to be governor of Idaho if no workers are allowed for the dairies, the sugarbeet and potato farms or the many other businesses that require jobs U.S. workers do not desire.

Immigration is a very divisive issue but not necessarily along party lines. I've observed during the past 20 years as president of the Snake River Farmers Association that those opposed to guest worker programs are divided into two camps.

One group—the radical right who are simply afraid of the "browning of America." How often do you see the Canadian border in the press, even though more terrorists have been apprehended there than in any other border? Do you ever hear complaints of the illegal Canadian farmers going into New England states to build houses?

It was Butch's own camp—the ultra left who believes that U.S. employees are greedy, mean,

slave masters. This group claims employers seek a guest worker program in order to exploit workers who are beholden to them and would be afraid to complain. This second group simply refuses to recognize the fact that we are in a world economy. With the passage of free trade agreements, American producers must compete against foreign producers of everything from tomatoes and sugar to microchips and cars.

We simply cannot ignore competition in the world market, and labor is part of that competition; therefore, immigration reform is an immediate concern.

George Grant of Rupert is the president of the Snake River Farmers Association, a growers association formed in 1985 to use a little-known guest worker program known as H-2A. The office handles applications for several hundred farmers in Idaho as well as Nevada, Oregon, Montana, and Wyoming applicants for visas in securing workers for non-agricultural jobs.

Adamson on Adamson; I'll eat Butch's lunch

Mr. Milley:

In response to your letter of April 9, I believe you have every right in the world to say what you want. It's your constitutional right. But you don't know me or anything about my past or my response because your letter surprised me. I was wondering when this election with Butch was going to start. With your letter, I know that I'm not a Congressman. Why? Many professional

politicians use political lackeys like you to spread rumors about their opponents. It's an archaic practice but still used by many sleazy politicians.

If Butch wanted to tell me that the race was on, he could have called me. Better yet, Butch could have asked me to debate him. Of course, Butch would never do that. He knows that I would "eat his lunch." Why? Butch has no issues that he can effectively debate that will get him elected governor. It was Butch that sponsored legislation in Congress to sell

Idaho public lands. Dan Adamson openly opposed the idea. Otter supported the Sempra coal-fired power plant in Jerome and took thousands of dollars in political contributions from Sempra. Dan Adamson spent hours researching the proposal and came out flatly against it. Last, Butch's own camp in Idaho agriculture, failed to make a single comment or voice his opinion on the Snake River Aquifer Recharge. Dan Adamson was in favor of the recharge and spent thousands

of dollars in television ads promoting the recharge.

If Butch has something to say, let him do it in open debate without all of the covert letters. At least I know I have Butch's attention, and I now know the type of campaign he intends to run. However, Butch, be careful for he who sows a coon house should not throw stones.

DAN ADAMSON
Pocatello
(Editor's note: Dan Adamson is Republican candidate for governor.)

LETTERS

'Soft paternalism' and lost liberties

Apparently worried that we don't have enough to worry about, the editors of *The Economist*, the British newspaper that looks like a magazine, put on their cover last week an ominous giant eyeball. Under the headline "The state is looking after you."

The subject of the issue's lead editorial and a three-page special report is the threat to individual freedom the editors discern in a new movement gaining support among some politicians and academics on both sides of the Atlantic.

They call it "soft paternalism." Its practitioners are paternalists, because they want to help you make the choices you would make for yourself — if only you had the strength of will and the sharpness of mind. But unlike "hard" paternalists, who ban some things and mandate others, soft paternalists aim only to skew your deci-



DAVID BRODER

sions, without infringing greatly on your freedom of choice.

An example of soft paternalism can be found in Missouri. According to *The Economist*, the state has passed a statute barring some residents from setting foot in any riverboat casinos it has licensed. Those who are caught violating the law can be arrested for trespassing and see their winnings confiscated by the cops.

That sounds pretty harsh, but the ban applies only to those who have voluntarily placed their own names on the list, in order to break their ad-

dition to gambling. The magazine says about 16,000 Missourians have taken that step, seeking help for a problem in their lives.

Similar approaches can change economic behavior. One experiment showed how the national savings rate might be increased by tweaking the way companies set up their retirement plans.

Currently, employers typically induce workers to save for these plans by promising to match the portion of the salary the employee puts aside for his retirement years. The government provides tax incentives for such accounts.

But despite their obvious attractions, lethargy or the desire to maximize current take-home pay keeps many workers from signing up. The proposed solution: make the sign-up for the savings plans automatic, unless the worker opts out, in-

one company where the decision was made, participation jumped from 49 percent to 86 percent, boosting prospects for bright retirements.

The *Economist's* articles spotlight a variety of other schemes that have been concocted by noted economists and lawyers such as Cass Sunstein of the University of Chicago. Their common theme is a desire to achieve some widely recognized social goal with what sponsors consider a minimal loss of freedom.

For example, everyone knows that anti-smoking campaigns have persuaded millions of people to quit. But millions of others continue to jeopardize their health and increase their national medical bill because they cannot keep their promise to themselves to quit smoking next week or next month.

The soft paternalists recom-

mend further government intervention. One option they suggest would be a ban on smoking for everyone except those who purchase a rather expensive license to persist. By forcing the choice in explicit terms, government could nudge people into doing what they say they want to do — quit.

Another possibility, even less coercive, would be to sell cigarettes only by contract. In this scheme, an individual would sign up and pay in advance for one pack a week or two packs a month, and would be limited to that number. By moving the choice away from the immediate impulse, the state would make the decision more deliberate and thereby help the smoker break the habit.

On all these proposals, the *Economist's* editors have one nagging concern: will these soft paternalism schemes gradually

over time erode individual freedoms? Will soft paternalism simply be a way station on the road to a more authoritarian state, one where smoking is banned entirely or saving is required from every paycheck?

They quote with approval John Stuart Mill's warning in his essay "On Liberty": "If he who lets the world... choose his plan of life for him, has no need of any other faculty than the ape-like one of imitation." By contrast, the free individual must possess reason and judgment to make his own decisions, "and when he has decided, firmness and self-control to hold to his deliberate decision."

Their worry is that soft paternalism will weaken those virtues. You are welcome to join them if your worry list is worry-so-sonly short.

David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@wvpost.com.

LETTERS

Recharge for pumpers won't help Idaho

As is too often the case, issues of the public interest are often missed in terms of public interest. Case in point, the current debate taking place with regard to how high water runoff from the above average snow pack will be allocated. This should not be discussed as a fight between Idaho Power and junior water-right pumpers.

Water is a public resource and the public's interest is being left out of the discussion. I may or may not be in the public interest to recharge the aquifer and benefit the pumpers. It may be more in the public interest to keep the water in the river and benefit Idaho Power and the public's interest is being left out of the discussion. I may or may not be in the public interest to recharge the aquifer and benefit the pumpers. It may be more in the public interest to keep the water in the river and benefit Idaho Power and the public's interest is being left out of the discussion. I may or may not be in the public interest to recharge the aquifer and benefit the pumpers. It may be more in the public interest to keep the water in the river and benefit Idaho Power and the public's interest is being left out of the discussion.

Beyond that question is the issue of first right, first in time with regard to the use of the public waters. Spring flow water users and surface irrigators are high water users crops. Their pumps also place a high use demand for electricity. This issue needs to be solved

in a public process, in which the public has an opportunity to air its concerns. It should not be solved in a back room where the good of boys once again are the beneficiaries at the public expense.

BILL CHISHOLM
Buhl

Kramer can find solutions for T.F. County

This year we have a great candidate in Terry Kramer who is running in the May 23 Twin Falls County election.

I think it is highly likely to have a challenger in a primary election. I believe that is the purpose of a primary election. We have the opportunity to select the best candidate to represent the Republican Party in the general election in the fall.

Terry is a man of conservative traditional values. He has been active in agricultural leadership roles as a director of both a soil and irrigation district. Decision-making is not a new experience for this very fine gentleman. Terry is a man of high personal integrity demonstrated on a daily basis. He is a successful farmer who knows how a business must run to be successful. Make no mistake, running Twin Falls County is a big business. Terry Kramer understands and appreciates the taxpayers burdens and concerns.

I urge you to vote for Terry Kramer in the upcoming Republican primary. Terry brings a common sense perspective, a willingness to listen, and a fresh voice for reason and compassion. He will be looking for solutions that will make things and situations better for the cit-

izens of Twin Falls County. Terry has a record that is based on a desire to find the common ground and consensus. Terry Kramer is a listener, leader and a great choice on May 23. Vote for Terry Kramer.

RF "DICK" BOYD
Twin Falls

Amnesty opponents can act on May 1

The unbelievable audacity of the illegal immigrants planning to block the sea ports and declare a holiday on May 1 really takes the cake!

I would like to call on all Americans to voluntarily declare May 1 as Replace an illegal immigrant Worker Day.

Let's show our support for the laws of the land and let's fill the positions these lawbreakers are planning on boycotting on May 1 with American labor and show this country and them we are capable of creating jobs without having illegal aliens in this country!

If you want better wages, better education for our children, a secure nation, lower costs for health care, less unemployment, etc. — the list goes on and on, then let's discuss this administration restructure DHS.

fire Chertoff and lock down our borders before we have another 9/11.

Spread the word! May 1, 2006, is Replace an illegal immigrant Day! We will not be run out of our own country, regardless of how much Bush tries to make us Earthshakers!

Please send this to as many people you can!
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JAMES CIMINO
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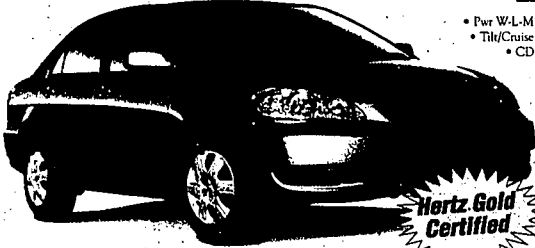
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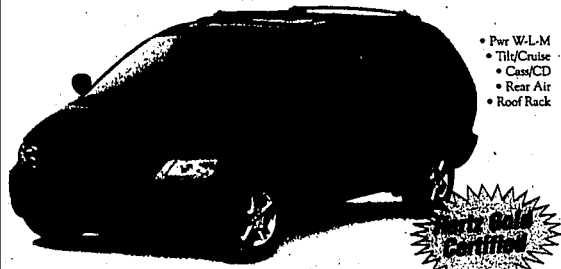


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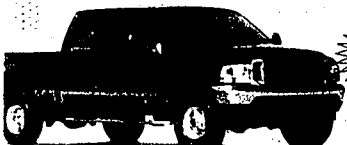
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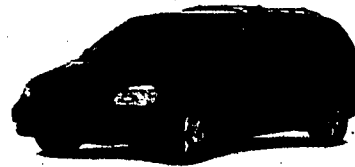
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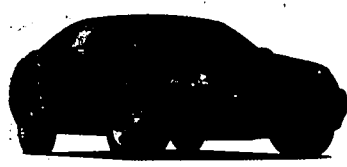
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It's time we left the chickens in charge

The other day I was chatting with my mother-in-law, a retired college microbiology professor, about the specter of bird flu turning into people flu.

"This is really not a good time to be a chicken," I observed.

She thought about that for a moment. "I don't think there's ever been a good time to be a chicken."

Just so. There are two types of people in the world: pro-chicken and anti-chicken.

Myself, I'm pro-chicken. I think they're kind of goofy, and I'm not much of a fan of KFC. My wife, however, is a rabid anti-chicken. She and her first husband raised poultry on acreage south of Boise — notwithstanding the fact that she's an accountant and he's a computer programmer. It was not a happy experience.

DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

"The chickens used to get through the fence, and they're so dumb they didn't know how to get back," she says.

In fairness, I don't know if they'd want to. Caciolero is not a happy outcome for any vertebrate.

Victoria also objects to the rural legend that proclaims roosters crow only at dawn.

"They crow," she says, "whenever they damn well please."

I had a happier experience. When I was growing up in rural eastern Idaho, we had a neighbor, Ruth, who kept squadrons of chickens — so many that it was hard to walk through her farmyard without stepping on an egg. Let alone, well, other

Ruth's chickens were so numerous that they had achieved critical mass, which is to say they ran the place.

Dogs were terrified of them. Cats gave them a wide berth. Shoot, even the horses stayed in the upper pasture.

I was sitting out on the front porch of Ruth's house one summer evening, leaning to a white. My aunt had recently given me a Swiss army knife, and there were still one or two fingers that weren't banded.

Just then, I noticed a coyote creeping out of the shadows. He got within, oh, three yards of the nearest chicken when someone in the barnyard let out an alarm.

Within seconds, a posse of pullets and runs that I can't put on the roof of the henhouse, trapping him there. Ruth had to shoot them away before the coyote could make good his escape.

Something similar happened to the Fuller brush man. Fuller brushes were sold by door-to-door salesmen in those days, and one brush fellow standing on Ruth's front porch — had the bad judgment to press his sales pitch just a bit too long.

"That's the chickens," Ruth said, slamming the screen door in his face. In an instant, the visitor was up to the seat of his pants in peevish poultry.

Only Ruth and the roosters know what happened next, but nobody could buy a Fuller brush in Arbon Valley for years after that.

Dale, Ruth's son, was the unlucky soul charged with chasing down Sunday dinner. He discovered that wringing a chicken's neck is one thing, wringing it with a feathered strutting gang is quite another.

Usually, the family just ended up eating chicken for a while. Weater. I played in a basketball game against Dale's high school team. His legs were still scarred.

That's the last time the farmyard moved to town. She claims she sold the place, but after she left, the chickens were still there. Maybe they made her an offer she couldn't refuse.

Columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3233 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

Urban-rural gap widens in Legislature

Loss of 15 legislators to retirement could worsen imbalance

By Kyle Arnold
Associated Press writer

BOISE — With 15 legislators choosing not to run for re-election in November, rural Idaho is losing some of its strongest advocates.

Leaving after 20 years in the Legislature will be one of the strongest farm boosters in House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, a Republican rancher from Burley who led the fight to divert water from the Snake River to recharge the eastern



Newcomb

Field

Crow

Smylie

Idaho a total of farm.

Also, a quarter of nine committees will likely have new chairmen after the November election, including five of 10 in the Senate and agricultural panels in both chambers.

"Every election cycle, those that live in

the more rural areas of the state have more to be concerned about," said Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls.

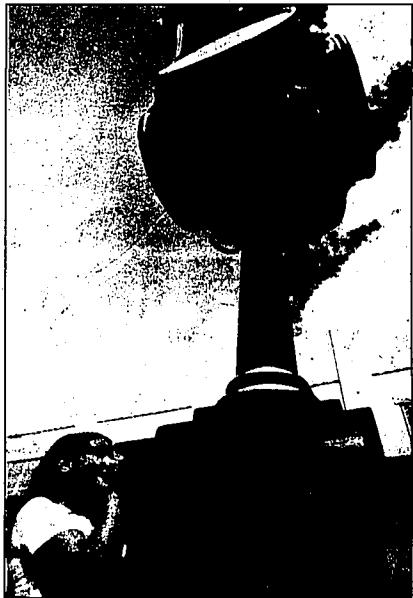
It's a trend that's affecting not just the

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RETIREMENT BOUND

Who's retiring?

- SENATE:**
Sen. Dick Compton, R-Coeur d'Alene
Sen. Skip Brinkh, R-Kootenai
Sen. Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian
Sen. Stanley Williams, R-Pingree
Sen. Bert Mailey, D-McCannon
Sen. Don Burtenshaw, R-Terreton
HOUSE:
House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley
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Rep. Dolores Crow, R-Nampa
Rep. Stan Bastian, R-Engle
Rep. Steve Smylie, R-Boise
Rep. Bill Sall, R-Kuna
Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View
Rep. Elmer Martin, D-Pocatello
Rep. Joseph Cannon, R-Blackfoot



TIME TO ENJOY SOME GREAT WEATHER

Allison Shepherd, 12, of North Ogden, Utah, climbs on the large clock on Main Street during a sunny day Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls. Rain showers are in the forecast for the rest of the weekend in the Magic Valley.

HEATHER THORSON/The Times-News

Habitat to begin building Twin Falls home

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Today 325 Walnut Street is just an empty lot.

By Thanksgiving, Daniel Pamparau hopes to be spending the holiday there in a new home built with the sweat of his brow and the help of an organization that puts equity, integrity, and people and property.

Next week Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley — in partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans — will begin construction of Pamparau's 1,350-square-foot, four-bedroom residence.

For the single father of four, it is nothing less than a dream come true.

"For my children, it is a relief," Pamparau said. "It will be something of our own and a place to call home."

For now, the family rents a place in Twin Falls and Pamparau says that his Habitat home will be more affordable.

Providing an opportunity for affordable home ownership is



Daniel Pamparau, right, heads a customer shop for cabinets at a recent garage sale. The fundraising event benefits the Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley. Habitat will soon begin construction of Pamparau's home in Twin Falls.

the primary goal of the Habitat program. With the addition of Thrivent funds, the partnership will be able to provide more homes in the area than ever before.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with the Lutheran community and increase the building capacity of our small affiliate," said Linda Fleming, administrative assis-

Habitat of Humanity looking for families

This summer, Habitat For Humanity will be choosing families to participate in the home ownership program. For more information call Linda Fleming at 734-1057.

tant for the Magic Valley Habitat organization. "Because of Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity funding, we will be able to build twice the number of homes this year. That's two more families in simple, decent, affordable housing this year."

Nationally, the partnership plans to build 312 homes in 2006. The homes will be in addition to the more than 5,000 homes Habitat affiliates build annually in the United States.

The Thrivent alliance is new to Habitat and is the organization's single largest ally in its mission to eliminate substandard housing and rebuild

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg	% season total
Balmon	124%	121%
Big Wood	149%	138%
Little Wood	151%	142%
Big Lost	142%	138%
Little Lost	118%	119%
Nearby Forest	110%	117%
Upper Snake Basin	111%	106%
Oakley	108%	107%
Balmon Falls	146%	136%

As of April 15
*A significant snow pack spring melt is expected by the end of the month.

U.S. 93 crash injures 6; one arrested

**By Will Sites
The Times-News**

ROGERSON — A four-vehicle crash Friday afternoon on U.S. Highway 93 two miles north of here resulted in six injuries, a five-hour highway closure, one arrest and a lost dog, reported the Idaho State Police.

According to police reports, at about 5:25 p.m. Friday a southbound Cactus Petes bus carrying six passengers was being followed by a 2006 GMC pickup driven by Lawrence Allen, 65, of Jarbridge, Nev. A

California resident, Erin Ahlstrom, 27, was northbound in a 1998 Toyota Camry.

At about milepost 13, a third southbound vehicle, driven by Jeremy Rozman, 29, of Denver approached the bus and pickup at what witnesses reported was a high rate of speed. Rozman attempted to pass the bus and pickup, veering left into the path of the northbound Toyota.

The report indicates that Rozman and Ahlstrom collided, causing Ahlstrom's vehicle to then collide with the pickup. The Rozman vehicle also im-

pected the bus.

Ahlstrom and three passengers were transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Also transported to the hospital was Lawrence Allen and his passenger, Gwenidolyn Allen. Rozman was not injured, but he was arrested for reckless driving and possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. Ahlstrom on the bus was hurt.

The Allen's pet border collie ran from their pickup and was last seen heading into the desert.

Buhl moves forward

on arsenic treatment

\$8-million project may be phased in over many years

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUTTE — Like many U.S. cities experiencing arsenic problems in well water, Buhl is progressing in obtaining compliance to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines that require drinking water to be at or below 10 parts per billion.

Buhl's plan, according to Mayor Charles Sheridan, is to mix the water from three water wells to reach an average that is under 10 ppb. The city will also get a small treatment facility built to well used during peak water usage.

Under the plan, a fourth well would be used as a back-up.

"We have two wells that usually test under the stipulated levels," Sheridan said. "We will use the mixing process and also a small treatment plant so that we meet with the stipulated levels below 10 ppb."

He explained that currently Buhl is under a compliance agreement with Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) — the agency with primary over the arsenic issue at the state level.

Steve Hightbarger, the city's water chief, said that water recently tested ranged from 6 ppb to 22 ppb.

"Well number six, which tested at 22 ppb, is going to be a back-up well until that facility planning study approved by DEQ," he said. "By doing that we would be able to use the well 60 days out of the year with no treatment."

The entire water project is estimated to run the city around \$8 million. The City Council recently met with Butte-based Foregreen Engineering to discuss the project's status.

"We will be deciding on whether the city wants to implement the project in phases or all at once," said Sheridan. "Once that has been decided we will know how to best tackle funding."

He said that the city is looking into grants and loan options to pay for the treatment facility as well as other water system upgrades, such as adding another water tank, generator, larger pipe, booster pumps and generator.

The city will be voting on a bond in this fall, Sheridan said, but right now the total amount before voters is unclear, until how the council decides to phase in the construction and if the city gets any grant money.

"We are moving along but have a lot of work left to do," Sheridan said.

Other council news, the city has decided that it will add unappreciated yard clean-up citations to property tax bills.

Buhl's Community Service Officer Dan Fellows explained that the decision is a step in the right direction and hopes that it will get people motivated to clean up.

"The problem is real and mild but some properties really need picked up," he said.

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Garr Gibson Wayment

BURLEY — Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, Garr Gibson Wayment, a 70-year-old resident of Burley, returned to live with his Heavenly Father on Friday, April 14, 2006, after a valiant struggle with liver cancer.

Garr was born Jan. 18, 1936, to Byron Slater and Elsie Elizabeth Gibson Wayment in Ogden, Utah. When he was 4, he and his family moved to Burley, Idaho, and began farming in the View area. At an early age, Garr began working on the family farm and played a vital role in the family's survival. He loved the smell of freshly turned earth and long straight furrows. It gave him great pleasure to be able to see the fruits of his labors in the field.

In a high school seminary class, Garr met and courted Joan Ward. Both loved to dance and spent many days waltzing around the ballroom floor. They also loved to go for long drives to see the countryside. After high school, Garr went to Utah State University while Joan went to BYU. But this brief separation did not keep them apart and in the late summer of 1956, he proposed to her. They were married for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on Sept. 12, 1956. They were blessed with three children. His business success enabled her and Joan to become snow birds over the past dozen years, touring the southern half of the United States and spend-



ing the last four years with his good friends in House, Arizona. Garr was blessed with a beautiful singing voice, and he especially loved to get the harmony right when singing in a trio with his sister, Colleen, and son, Jed. He sang at community events, sacrament meetings, weddings, and comforted many by singing at funerals of their loved ones. He was also involved in community service by serving on boards of various organizations such as the ASCS, Farmers Home Administration, Southeastern Irrigation District, WFOC, and in 1985, received an Area Service Award from the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce for Outstanding and Continuous Contributions to the Business and Agricultural Community of the area.

He loved the Lord and had a strong testimony of the Gospel. He was a member of The

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he served in every April calling. His concern was always the welfare of the individuals he served. Of supreme importance to him was that he did what was right by every man. He was a Good Samaritan who served others and lifted those in need.

Garr is survived by his wife, Joan of Burley; three children, Jed (Linda) Wayment of Burley, Patlene (Cole) Horton of Roy, Utah, and Justin (Vendy) Wayment of Cedar City, Utah; his siblings, Bonnie (Bob, deceased) Sumbardo of Burley, Jim G. Wayment of Belton, Texas, Clara (Charlie) (Don, deceased) Schaffer, Colleen (Lanont) Carson, and Kent G. (Jeannie) Wayment, all of Burley; ten grandchildren; his aunt, Mary (Laverne) Welling of Jerome; and Estelle (Charles) (Beth, deceased) Wayment of Burley; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased in death by his parents, Byron and Elsie Wayment.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2006, at the View First and Second Ward WFOC of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E., Burley, with Bishop Val D. Stoker officiating. Burial will be in the View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

William Grady Stansell

GEROME — William Grady Stansell, 83, of Jerome, passed away April 13, 2006, in Twin Falls.

He was born April 15, 1922, in Marble, Arkansas, the son of Samuel Stansell and the late Missie Tice Stansell. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Floye J. Dotson on September 12, 1943, in Horton, Arkansas. They moved west that same year, and raised four children. Grady spent most of his working life driving, road and truck, he loved trucking, gardening and fishing. Mostly he loved his family and spending time with them.



Grady is survived by his sweetheart of 62 years, Floye Stansell of Jerome; and their children, Wade Stansell of Twin Falls, Donna (Wade) Vaughan of

Mackay, Cindy (Bill) Wilson of Jerome, and Estelle (Charles) Moore of Filer. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, with Pastor Larry Kissinger officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday evening, April 18, 2006, from 6 to 8 p.m. and again one hour prior to the services on Wednesday. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Laura Jean 'Lolly' Rodman Mori

ALBANY, Calif. — Born on March 1, 1944, "Lolly" with her curly hair, deep dimples, and ready smile delighted every baby lover. As she grew up, her timber, extraordinarily healthy body excelled at every sport she tried. She mesmerized teachers in schools in Yakima, Washington, Twin Falls, Idaho; and Concord, California where she played the oboe in the band and was a leader in her church youth group. She graduated with honors from Lewiston High School in 1962. She chose to attend Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where her sister was attending. After granting with honors in history in 1966, she joined the Peace Corps as a teacher in Guyana, South America. In this primitive environment Lolly became Laura. The austere living conditions coupled with the opulent landscape changed a peanut-butter and jam sandwich lover into an adventurous, healthy gourmet cook, and determined environmentalist. Re-entry into a vacuum-cleaner, power mower, and traffic-jam-filled world in the San Francisco Bay area was not easy. Encouraged by a persistent mom, she applied to teach English in the United States District. She was hired. Even as a small child, she had not been afraid to speak her mind. She relished teaching her students to disengage the "me" from their minds. The study of Grapes of Wrath culminated in a quilt, the novel of Huckleberry Finn in



Japanese culture. She took them along on her journey of discovery to a culture that enriched and honed her family's values.

She loved books from all genres, music of all rhythms, and people of all races. Life fascinated her. As she realized that death was near, she told her sister, "I am not afraid of dying, it's just that I'm going to miss a lot of fun." On April 9, 2006, this beautiful, 62-year-young woman lost her two-and-a-half-year battle with breast cancer with her devoted husband, Kaz, and her two treasured sons, Kenji and Toshio, by her side. She was a woman with an superlative grace and profound dignity.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bruce E. Rodman of Longview, WA; and her mother, Margaret Samsel of Twin Falls, ID. She is survived by her husband, Kaz Mori of Albany, CA; her two sons, Kenji and Toshio, also of Albany; her sister, Janet Coons (Thomas) of Kimberly, ID; her brothers, Mike Samsel (Judith) of Tampa, FL, and Don Rodman (Patricia) of Longview, WA.

Laura's body was cremated shortly after her death. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or any charity of your choice. More importantly, please tell you to live each day as if there was not going to be a tomorrow. That is the lesson cancer teaches.

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SERVICES

Monday at the funeral home. James Elmer Rebham of Rupert, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Agnes Rose Hocklander Ditzman Thomas of Longview, Wash., and formerly of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Wendell Cemetery (Denmarcy's Wendell Chapel).

Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Gerold G. Whiting of Burley, interment at 1 p.m. Monday at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheatridge, Colo. (local arrangements by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Monday at the funeral home. Yuk Fong "Grandma" Wong of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome Cemetery on West Avenue 1 (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Monday at the funeral home. Esther Mae Brodhead of Gooding, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Bliss Community Church (Denmarcy Funeral Service).

Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Carty Jay Tadlock of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Monday at the funeral home. Kirby L. Severe of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral

Monday at the funeral home. Montene Nichols of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m.

Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Adella Edna Kacin Foukal of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m.

Madeline Laura Kathleen Newbury



GEROME — Madeline Laura Kathleen Newbury, 41, passed away April 12, 2006, after a long, hard struggle with cancer. Although her body lives no longer, her love and spirit is carried on by her four loving sons.

Madeline was born July 18, 1964, in San Francisco, to Dan and Marie Jacobson. She was the second of four children. The family moved to Idaho in 1970 and Madeline graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1982. She married Mike Newbury and they had four sons.

Madeline is survived by her four sons, Michael of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Christopher of Two Falls, Adam of Emmet and Zachary of Jerome. She is also survived by her mother, Marie Jacobson of Jerome; her father, Dan Jacobson of Healdsburg, Ore.; her sister, Ida Coasolo of Gilbert, Ariz.; her brothers, Henry Jacobson of Albany, Ore., and Andrew Jacobson of Boise; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 2nd Avenue East, Jerome, with Fr. Ronald Weckerle presiding. The

family suggests that memorials be made in Madeline's name to: The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 600 North Curtis Road, Suite 170, Boise, ID 83706.

There is no explanation as to why these kinds of things happen to people, but her family believes that the Lord has a better purpose for her above. Though now she is gone, her family will remain strong together. We shall keep praying for her and her safe passage to the Heavenly Gates. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

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DEATH NOTICES

David Johnson

BUHL — David Johnson, 30, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

William B. Laidlaw

BOISE — William Brown Laidlaw, 78, of Boise, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at a Boise hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Bellevue Cemetery in Bellevue. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise, Chapel.

Wade Thomas Wittenborn

BURLEY — Wade Young Olsen Thomas Wittenborn, 85, of Walnut Creek, Calif., and formerly of the Burley area, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Stassen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Arthella Annie Beutler

BUHL — Arthella Annie Pike Beutler, 83, of Burley, died Friday, April 14, 2006, in Mountain Green, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the Della Ward Chapel, 160 W. 400 S. of Burley. A viewing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

Billy Wayne McCray

RUPERT — Billy Wayne McCray, 48, of Rupert, died Sunday, April 15, 2006, at his home.

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

Nola Phillips Evans

HEYBURN — Nola Phillips Evans, 90, of Heyburn, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Kelly (Kleer) Emslinger of Ariel, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. April 23 at the Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colo.

Isabel Dorothy Flerman of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. May 7 at the Temple Beth El in Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence sentencing

Preston G. Hart, 24, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for two days arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school.

Gregory D. Dutt, 41, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol.

Christopher R. Poole, 24, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol; attend court alcohol school; \$1,853.31 restitution; one count failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; pleaded guilty; 30 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation; consecutive; one count driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Amanda J. Jones, 18, Jerome; possession of drug paraphernalia; amended to frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; fees waived; credit for 15 days in jail.

James J. Young, 49, Filer; driving without privileges amended to driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; six months probation.

Joshua W. Reed, 21, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 355 suspended; 18 months probation.

Joseph C. Scott, 39, Twin Falls; possession under the influence of alcohol or drugs; pleaded guilty; fees waived; 10 days in jail.

Marla C. Brazli, 65, Jerome; petit theft; amended to withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; 16 hours work detail.

Lincoln K. Petersen, 30, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; amended to failure to carry license on person; pleaded guilty; fees waived; credit for 40 days in jail.

Ferry J. Gould, 41, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Arturo J. Mendoza Jr., 26, Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; found guilty; \$200 fine; \$72.50 costs; 180 days in jail with balance suspended; 24 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

Raymond C. Owen, 17, Buhl; reckless driving; amended to tentative/careless driving; found guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 10 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Brian L. Robinson, 23, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 50 suspended, credit for time served; 180 days probation; one count failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; amended to failure to stop/leave the scene of an accident; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; 24 months probation.

Cole T. Robinson, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; costs waived; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation.

Jeremiah Marcum, 23, Buhl; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count resisting or obstructing an officer; dismissed by prosecutor.

Chantal M. Robinson, 23, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 60 days in jail with 50 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$72.50 costs; \$150 public defender fee; 100 hours community service; 90 days in jail with balance suspended; 24 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

Scott Osborn, 48, Twin Falls; failure to remove damaged or destroyed property; found guilty; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation; must comply with zoning codes.

Brian L. Robinson, 23, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$500 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 50 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation.

Susan M. Watson, 30, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; amended to frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine with \$100 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 60 days in jail with balance suspended; 24 months probation.

Trevor E. Churchman, 26, Twin Falls; unlawful discharge of a firearm; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 22 suspended, credit for time served.

Antonio Trejo-Lopez, 37, Twin Falls; failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation.

Jayna C. Greeting, 25, Twin Falls; domestic battery, amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly

conduct; pleaded guilty; \$72.50 costs.

Jeffrey K. Hill, 38, Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; fees waived; credit for jail time served; one count resisting or obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; credit for jail time served.

Kathleen M. Napolitano, 42, Wendell; alter, transfer, remove price tags; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 60 days in jail with 59 suspended; 24 months probation; no alcohol; \$945.41 restitution.

Stacey L. Cummings, 56, Twin Falls; open container; pleaded guilty; \$72.50 costs.

Charles M. Marovich, 68, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation.

Teressa L. Aragon, 26, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; fees waived; 60 days in jail, credit for one day served.

John W. Rando, 22, Jerome; disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; fees waived; credit for 10 days in jail.

Tammy D. Reeves, 35, Jerome; one count petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation; restitution to Shopko; one count battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

Thomas R. Spencer, 37, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.

Fernando Contreras, 28, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 100 hours community service; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; 60 days in jail with 58 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; consecutive; one count open container; credit for jail time served.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Chance R. Sorenson, 20, Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia and one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; evidence has been suppressed.

Anthony W. Shields, 18, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; no officer at trial.

Donald P. Daily II, 35, Twin Falls; petit theft; dismissed by prosecutor.

Cole T. Robinson, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations.

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Brother of polygamist sect leader to change plea

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The brother of polygamist church leader Warren Jeffs has cut a deal with federal prosecutors who charged him with harboring a fugitive, court documents show.

Documents filed Friday in a Denver federal court show Seth Jeffs is scheduled for a change of plea hearing on May 1 in Colorado's U.S. District Court. Jeffs, 32, was indicted in November for allegedly providing the means for his fugitive brother to remain in hiding. He

pledged not guilty to the charges.

Details of the plea agreement have not been released. Jeffs was arrested Oct. 28, 2005 for prostitution and solicitation during a traffic stop near Pueblo, Colo. A man traveling with Jeffs in an SUV said he had been hired for sex.

Inside the car officers found nearly \$142,000 in cash, about \$7,000 in prepaid credit and phone cards, as well as personal papers belonging to Warren Jeffs.

In an interview with authorities, Seth Jeffs said he knew his brother was wanted and admitted that items addressed to "The Prophet" were intended for his sibling, a court affidavit said.

Seth Jeffs also said he didn't know where his brother was, and said he wouldn't tell authorities if he did.

Warren Jeffs, 50, is the leader of the Hildale, Utah-based Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which practices polygamy. Not

seen publicly in more than a year, Warren Jeffs has been considered a federal fugitive since June 2005, after authorities in Arizona charged him with allegedly arranging marriages between underage girls and older men who were already married.

Utah authorities recently charged Warren Jeffs with two first-degree felony counts of rape as an accomplice, for allegedly arranging for the marriage of a teenage girl to an older man in Nevada.

SAVIOR SCULPTURE RESURRECTED



A statue of Jesus Christ is guided by Bruce Goodsell as it is lifted into place in front of Christ the King Catholic Church in Idaho Falls on Friday. Last month the marble sculpture, weighing over 1,300 pounds, was toppled off its platform by vandals, breaking off a hand. In the background are, from left, Rick Bonney, Phillip Parkes, the Rev. Caleb Vogel, the Rev. Joe McDonald and Alvaro Ponce.

Bartenders' makeup stays on, court rules

By Scott Somner
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — A casino company's requirement for female bartenders to wear makeup does not amount to sexual discrimination, a federal appeals court ruled Friday.

Lawyers for Harrah's Entertainment Inc. said the 7-1 ruling against Darlene Jespersen, who was fired in 2000 for refusing to wear makeup after 21 years as a bartender at Harrah's Reno — affirms the right of employers to adopt reasonable dress and grooming standards.

But Jespersen's lawyers said the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has opened the door for more anti-discrimination suits by outlining what must be proven to establish sex stereotyping through dress codes.

The court ruled that Harrah's policy burdened women no more than men, partly because men were required to cut their hair while women were not, and women had to wear makeup but men were prohibited from doing so.

"This is not a case where the dress or appearance requirement is intended to be sexually provocative and tending to stereotype women as sex objects," Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder wrote for the majority.

The dissenting judges said the majority erred in concluding that Jespersen failed to present evidence that applying makeup was more costly and time-consuming than getting a haircut.

"Is there any doubt that putting on makeup costs money and takes time?" Judge Alex Kozinski wrote.

"Even those of us who don't wear makeup know how long it can take from the beginning and hours we've spent over the years

frantically tapping our toes and pointing to our wrists," he said.

Jespersen had asked for the full court to hear the case after a three-member panel in 2004 upheld a similar ruling by a federal judge.

Harrah's lawyer Patrick Hicks said the decision affirms there was no evidence that company policy had either the intent or the impact of discriminating on the basis of sex.

"More importantly, the court affirmed an employer's right to adopt reasonable dress and grooming standards," he said.

Jespersen's lawyer Ken McKenna said that while she lost her case, "it is a victory for women of the future."

"She has kicked the door wide open for women in the future who feel being forced to wear layers and layers of makeup is a sexual stereotype," he said.

Companies reject PETA billboard showing dog with fish hook in mouth

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Two outdoor advertising companies refused to post billboards in Cheyenne showing a digitally manipulated image of a dog caught on a fish hook. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said.

PETA spokeswoman Karen Robertson said Friday that Young Electric Sign Co. of Salt Lake City and Next Media of Fort Collins, Colo., had rejected PETA's attempts to rent billboard space for the ads, which aim to draw attention to what PETA says is the cruelty of fishing.

Neither company returned calls Friday from the Star-Tribune of Casper.

"We're just astonished that fishers would even be upset seeing a dog with a hook through its

mouth," Robertson said. "It does show that there's potential for them to realize that fishing is cruelly to animals."

Robertson said PETA had successfully posted identical billboards in Alabama, Florida and Missouri, but that the billboards have been rejected in other areas.

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Decade-old fight over forest road may be down to who came first

By Scott Somner
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — After a decade-long fight over the Endangered Species Act, property rights and a threatened fish called the bull trout, the fate of a two-mile stretch of national forest road in one of the most remote canyons in the West might come down to a simple question: Who was there first?

Was the dirt road in northeast Nevada built before Congress added the wily ruggers to remain in the Humboldt National Forest on Jan. 20, 1997?

It's a dispute that's playing out in several states as more and more rural counties stake claims to roads the government insists are federal property — a legal and political divide the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals described in a ruling in Utah earlier this year as "one of the more contentious land use issues in the West." A federal court ruling expected this summer might be viewed as a precedent in jurisdictions with similar conflicts.

The issue in Elko County's Jarbridge Canyon is how much of South Canyon Road leading to federally protected wilderness should be off-limits to motorized vehicles given its proximity to the southernmost population of the bull trout in the U.S. The concern is that vehicles traveling the road that follows and sometimes crosses the Jarbridge River could damage the stream bed and push the fish into extinction.

The county covers 17,135 square miles of northern Nevada — an area larger than the state of Maryland, more than two-thirds of it owned by the U.S. government. It is home to the "Shovel Brigade," a group of mostly conservative and libertarian-minded activists made famous for defying federal orders and rebuilding the washed-out road after a 1995 flood.

"We'd been maintaining that road for years. We felt it was a public road and should remain as a public road," says former county manager George Boucher, 75, testified last week during a five-day hearing in U.S. District Court in Reno.

The county contends that prospectors, sheep herders and American Indians used the road near the Idaho line years before the national forest was created, which would give the county a right of way under a provision of a Civil War-era mining law.

The Forest Service disagrees and cites historic maps, survey records, newspaper clippings and personal accounts written nearly a century ago that suggest no real road existed before a mining strike struck gold there in June 1899.

"Based on the historical evidence, all indications are that a trail — later turned into a road — was constructed in Jarbridge Canyon in 1910," said Richa Wilson, the Forest Service's regional architectural historian based in Ogden, Utah.

The conflicting accounts introduced as evidence include a Western Shoshone legend of an evil man-eating devil that supposedly kept Indians from venturing into Jarbridge Canyon and a livestock census that estimated 500,000 sheep were being grazed in the area by 1908.

While the county and the federal government remain at odds over the road's history, the two are on the same side of the only legal question technically before the court. They both want a federal judge to reinstate a settlement the Forest Service and county reached in 2003, in which the agency agreed not to challenge the county's right-of-way claim if the county promised to seek agency approval for any road improvements it plans.

The lone opponent in the courtroom was a lawyer for the Wilderness Society and the Utah-based Great Outdoors for Wilderness, which won an order last year temporarily blocking the agreement. The groups argue the Forest Service broke a number of U.S. environmental laws by giving away its authority over the land.

"The larger issue here is this property belongs to the American public, it should be managed in compliance with the laws Congress has passed," said Michael Freeman, a Denver-based lawyer representing the environmental groups who say the deal could kill off the fish.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled for the environmentalists last



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— Michael Freeman, a lawyer representing environmental groups

year when it agreed they had a right to try to halt the agreement and sent the case back to U.S. District Judge David Hogen in Reno. After hearing their arguments about the threat to the bull trout and the violation of environmental laws, Hogen granted the environmentalists' motion to stay the settlement.

U.S. District Judge Roger Hunt held a five-day hearing last week, primarily so Elko County could try to prove why the agreement should be reinstated, given the conflicting

claims of who owns the road.

"Both sides have spent a lot of money that would have been better spent on road maintenance," said Kristin McQuary, Elko County's deputy district attorney.

Freeman said the outcome of the case could set an important precedent.

"I don't know if it would trigger a run on courthouses," he said, "but there are a lot of these claims throughout the West — in Utah, Montana, Idaho, California."

Citizen activists, of the so-called Shovel Brigade, work along South Canyon Road to remove debris placed there by the U.S. Forest Service near Jarbridge, Nev., on July 3, 2000.



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Legislators

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 Capitol but the entire state.
 In 2000, agriculture and related services made up about 14.5 percent of Idaho's economy, according to the state Department of Commerce and Labor.
 The population has shifted as well. In 1990, more than 500,000 Idaho residents lived in urban areas compared to 57.4 percent in 1990, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Charles Moncriet, a political science professor at Boise State University, said there will be some significant leadership shifts in the Legislature, but real changes will take place after the 2010 Census, when the Treasure Valley's growth will figure in legislative redistricting.
 "For me, the influence of the urban areas and the suburban areas is growing and that will grow even more over the next few years," he said.
 In the Senate, Davis said the rural parts of the state will likely lose some of their influence with the departure of three rural legislators: Sen. John Brandt, R-Kootenai, Sen. Don

Burtonshaw, R-Terrellton and Sen. Stanley Williams, R-Pingree, all committee chairmen.
 Williams, the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, plans to return to his ranch. Williams said a growing number of legislators not only don't live in rural areas, but didn't grow up on Idaho farms.
 "We are starting to see more legislators without any rural experience at all," Williams said. "I'll have an effect on all the agricultural policies and the kind that we have to push certain legislation through."
 For instance, Newcomb spent his final days as a legislator helping hammer out a modest compromise in the eastern Idaho aquifer dispute — after losing a vote on a more expansive plan that was rejected by lawmakers from Idaho's cities.
 He told the House in his farewell speech that Idaho needs to remember its agricultural roots.
 "We are fast moving from a rural society to an urban society in Idaho," Newcomb said. "Do not leave what made this state

good to work with."
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Legislature next session.
 Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star, who raises mink, digs gravel and sports Wrangler jeans and cowboy boots on the House floor, is aiming to become majority leader. And current Majority Leader Lawrence Denny, R-Midvale and a farmer, is campaigning to be Newcomb's replacement as House speaker.
 "I think the rural influence gets less and less each year, but we still have quite the influence here," Denney said.
 But Denney is no shoo-in for the top House job. He's being challenged by Rep. Bill Deal, a Republican insurance broker from Nampa who grew up in Boise.

Habitat

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 communities, said Fleming.
 Lutheran congregations throughout the Magic Valley are taking the initiative to raise money for the Pamparatu and other Habitat projects.
 The Thivent funding has made building the Pamparatu home possible," said Fleming.
 Thivent Financial is providing \$74,000 for the project. Locally, over \$10,000 will be raised to cover construction costs.

"In mid-May and June we will be implementing our fundraising efforts," said Joseph Young, president of the local Thivent chapter. Local congregations are providing 10 percent of the funding for the Pamparatu home.
 He explained that national-level Thivent Financial has committed to giving \$105 million to Habitat for Humanity over the next four years.
 It is a partnership Pamparatu is grateful for.
 "We are so excited to be building our home," said Young, "it's a great organization."
 Habitat families are chosen for participation in the program by application and must meet criteria including financial need and a credit history, as well as helping on other homes or volunteering at other events.
 Pamparatu has almost 100 hours under his belt.
 "It feels good to work on building people's homes and


Arsenic
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 Since the bill is attached to the property tax rolls, Fellows said that landlords are getting advance warning of the coming change.
 He said that if property is out of compliance, 15 days are given to clean it up. If no progress has been made, a \$100 citation will be given to the property owner.
 They can be fined every 15 days; first \$100, then \$200 and then \$400, Fellows said. "Then they are fined \$300 every 15 days."
 So far, nobody in Buhl has seen consequences that severe, but Fellows said that "a couple have come close."
 He explained that if the mess isn't cleaned up, the city can come in and take care of the problem at the property owner's expense — which will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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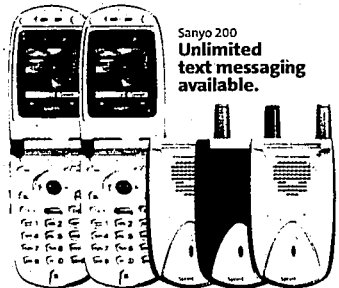
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MORNING LINE

IN BRIEF

Jones signs with NW Nazarene

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School senior golfer Tyler Jones will head to Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa to golf for the Crusaders next season. Bruins golf coach Mike Hamblin announced on Saturday, Jones was a junior on last year's Class 5A state champion Bruins team and a key cog in the Bruins' hopes of a title defense in 2005.

Northwest Nazarene is an NCAA Division II college that competes in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Local administrators, athlete honored

BOISE — Area student-athletes and athletic administrators were honored at the 16th Annual Idaho Athletic Administrator's Association conference on April 2 in Boise.

Twin Falls athletic director Andy Barron was named the Class 5A Athletic Director of the Year, as well as Valley's Brian Hardy for Class 2A. Susan Jones of O'Leary Junior High was named AD of the Year for Junior High/Middle School.

Gooding senior Brittanee Toone received a \$300 scholarship from the IAA.

Adult soccer league holds meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Adult 60 Soccer League will hold an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, at the Twin Falls Parks & Recreation Office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Topics for discussion are rules, fees and setup. All teams must send a representative to this meeting. The league needs a minimum of eight teams to hold the season.

Anyone interested in forming a team or anyone with questions should call the Parks & Recreation office at 736-2265.

Twin Falls men's softball meets

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Men's Softball Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Building at 136 Maxwell Ave. For more information, contact Chris Lewis at 825-4257.

Jerome hosts hoops tourney

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is accepting registrations for the inaugural Jerome Jam Youth Basketball Tournament to be held on April 21-22. Boys and girls in Grades 5-12 are eligible to play. The deadline to register is 5:30 p.m., April 18. The tournament will be held in four Jerome-area gymnasiums.

For more information, call Pat at 324-3389 or e-mail jrdpat@cablone.net.

Oasis Best-ball tournament slated

TWIN FALLS — The 21st Annual Oasis Best-ball Golf Tournament benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley is slated for April 29-30. This tournament is played on three of the area's courses: Clear Lake Country Club in Butch Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls and Blue Lakes Country Club in Irwin Falls. The cost is \$140 per two-person team for a maximum of 250 teams. The tournament has three divisions: men's, women's and couples. Each player must have a current USGA Handicap Card.

Call Canyon Springs at 734-7609 for more information.

Rupert all-star tryouts held soon

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

For more information, call Johnny Miller at 436-6374.

Compiled from staff reports

Gabbidon signs with Miss. State

Calvin to join Fereti at St. Bonaventure

By Eric Larsen
The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Travis Gabbidon knew he had a lot of options after the 2006 NJCAA national tournament.

It didn't take him too long to decide on one.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward from Phoenix, Ariz., will head south next season to play for the Mississippi State University Bulldogs after signing a national letter-of-intent during the NCAA Division I basketball late signing period. The Bulldogs finished an even-15-15 last season and 5-11 in Southeastern Conference (SEC) play.

Gabbidon was arguably the most consistent player for the 25-10 Golden Eagles this year, averaging 16.9 points and 6.7 rebounds per game after averaging 9.1 points and 5.6 rebounds as a freshman. Gabbidon was selected as an All-Region 18 tournament and regular-season first-team member and NJCAA Division I All-American third-teamer.

After running the point for the Golden Eagles as a sophomore, 5-foot-11 guard Jermaine Calvin will stick with former CSI teammate Zaryyon Fereti after signing with St. Bonaventure University (N.Y.) on April 12, the first day of the NCAA basketball late signing period. Calvin averaged 7.6 points, 6.0 assists, and 3.8 rebounds in his one year at CSI and was named the Region 18 Tournament MVP.

"Zaryyon and Jermaine join us from a tradition-rich program at Southern Idaho," St. Bonaventure head coach Anthony Solomon said in a recent press release.

"Both of them played key roles in the program's most recent success. As our returning core of players continues to improve throughout this spring and summer, we now have four high-quality young men to add to the program as we continue to pursue our team goals. We are very excited about adding Zaryyon and Jermaine along with our two fall signees, Jordan Morris and James Williams."

Steve Neal also inched closer to finalizing his plans for next year after verbally committing to sign with the University of Wyoming Cowboys of Laramie, Wyo. Neal has been courted by the Cowboys since he was a high school standout at Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis. Neal averaged 9.0 points and 5.4 rebounds in one year at CSI.

Sophomore post Micah Rollin currently has an offer from Fresno State University, but the program is not signing any players while awaiting a final ruling on a possible NCAA rules-violation sanction.

Fellow CSI sophomore Darrell "Smooch" Jenkins is in the process of visiting colleges including the University of Northern Iowa, East Carolina University, and the University of California-Davis.

Sophomore post Reggie Larry is midway through his busy visiting schedule that includes stops at Marshall University



After dispatching Waubesaee Chiefs defenders, Golden Eagles sophomore forward Travis Gabbidon slam dunks the ball Thursday during the first half of their 2005 Arctic Circle Tournament game at the CSI Gymnasium earlier this season.

(WVa.), the University of Houston (Texas), Boise State University, Butler University (Ind.), and the University of St. Louis (Mo.).

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Bonds has more to worry about than home runs

I imagine that, prosecutors in San Francisco think Barry Bonds is a liar.

Eric seemed awfully sincere the other night bawling, his eyes out on his reality show.

"You can't hurt me any more than you've already hurt me," Bonds said between sobs in the first episode. "I'm going to take it because there's so many people who depend on me."



TIM DAHLBERG

Who would have known Barry had such a sensitive side?

Good thing he didn't break down in the clubhouse. There's supposed to be no crying in baseball.

Stay tuned, though, because there could be a lot more tears.

If the nasty media is enough to make Bonds cry, what if the government gets done with him?

There's nothing like having a pair of handcuffs slapped on to make a man weep.

Don't think it can't happen, because Bonds isn't the only one playing hardball these days.

Up until just a few days ago, the most baseball's tainted slugger had to worry about was why his reality show was tanking and figuring out why balls he used to hit like Mickey Cove now die on the warning track.

George Mitchell's baseball investigation of his steroid use wasn't exactly keeping him up at night. Bonds probably figured out that probe will drag on long past this season before eventually coming to an inconclusive and unsatisfying close.

Get the feds after you, though, and that's another matter entirely.

It's OK to cry on the witness stand. But courts tend to take it seriously when you lie while under oath.

The news that prosecutors are presenting evidence to a grand jury that Bonds committed perjury when he testified before another grand jury in 2003 brings into only one question.

What took so long?

By now, it's laughingly clear to anyone who does own a season ticket at AT&T Park that Bonds wasn't telling the truth when he testified before the grand jury that he didn't know he was steroid using.

Bonds told the grand jury that the cream was arthritis balm, the cream lapseded oil. Or maybe it was the other way around.

And it was clean living and hard work that bulked his body up to cartoon-like proportions at a time in everyone else's life when they begin to lose muscle mass.

Believe that, and you've been sniffing garlic fries too long.

Most people don't want to be a state where they tend to give their celebrities the benefit of the doubt. A poll released Saturday showed 56 percent of 10 baseball fans in California believe Bonds used steroids and should be penalized for doing so.

The few remaining holdouts might change their minds if they fork over \$26 for "Game of Shadows," the painstakingly researched book that details through court records and interviews how Bonds began using a veritable medical chest filled with steroids, human growth hormone, insulin and who knows what else to chase the suspiciously large Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

The only criticism of the book is that it relies too much on a vengeful former mistress of the slugger. But prosecutors must have found it a good read because they're not only making a killing off the book, but interviews how Bonds began using a veritable medical chest filled with steroids, human growth hormone, insulin and who knows what else to chase the suspiciously large Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

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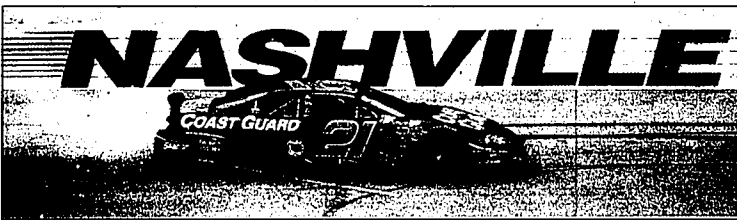
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Harvick pads series lead with victory

The Associated Press

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. — Nextel Cup driver Kevin Harvick raced his first NASCAR Busch Series victory of the year Saturday, taking the lead with 52 laps to go and holding off teammate Clint Bowyer after a late caution in the final 30 laps.

Harvick finished 0.504 seconds ahead of Bowyer, his Richard Childress racing teammate, en route to his 16th career Busch Series victory. Harvick also took a 156-point lead over Denny Hamlin in the series standings and became the eighth Nextel Cup driver to win in the first eight races of the Busch Series season.

"Right now life is good," Harvick said. "But life can go bad in a hurry. The best thing to do is enjoy it while you can, then move on to the next race."

Hamlin, the pole-sitter, was third, followed by J.J. Yeley and Carl Edwards.

The top five are full-time competitors in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, and Nextel Cup drivers have won the first eight races of the season. Jon Wood finished sixth, the best showing by a Busch Series regular.

Harvick, racing on the 1.33-mile Nashville Superspeedway for the first time since 2001, led heavily on crew chief Shane Wilson.

"The car needed to be loosened up and Shane has been here for a lot of races and knows what he's doing," Harvick said.

Harvick withstood a challenge from defending race champion Reed Sorenson in the warning laps.

"I was overdriving my car and he was beating me through the center of the corner in turns three and four," Harvick said. "I had to adjust my line a little bit."

Sorenson, who finished 19th, fell out of contention when he brushed the wall with six to go, setting up a final sprint to the finish between Harvick and Bowyer.

Bowyer climbed back into contention by recovering from a

slow green-flag pit stop early in the race. He spent 26 seconds in his pit, apparently due to a gas can problem, and fell two laps behind. A winter at NSS last year, Bowyer was clearly aggravated after the race, said little, and left abruptly from his news conference.

Harvick seemed to understand how his teammate was feeling.

Hamlin, who won the pole for the second consecutive week, also was upset following the race. Hamlin thought he was ahead of Harvick when a caution came out for Kyle Busch's spin with 45 laps to go. Busch, a Nextel Cup regular, finished 30th.

SPORTS



Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson (3) and Kyle Korver, right, pressure Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard, center, during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., on Saturday. Iverson was called with a foul on the play and Orlando won, 102-97.

Howard grabs double-double in Magic win

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Dwight Howard scored a season-high 28 points and grabbed a career-high 20 rebounds to lift Orlando over Philadelphia 102-97 Saturday night, keeping the Magic's playoff hopes alive and further damaging the 76ers. Allen Iverson had 36 points and five assists, while Chris Webber added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers. The win was the Magic's eighth in a row, falling 1.5 games behind Chicago with two to play. The win was the Magic's eighth in a row overall and 12th straight at home, and leaves them 2.5 games behind the Bulls. The Magic have two games left and the Bulls have three.

Bobcats 92, Pacers 91, OT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Primož Brezec scored 19 points, including the basket that forced overtime, and Alan Anderson hit a free throw with 59 seconds left in the extra period to Charlotte the win. The Pacers still clinched a playoff berth when Philadelphia lost to Orlando. Raymond Felton added 16 points and 13 assists as the Bobcats won their second straight game. Jermaine O'Neal had 30 points and eight rebounds, while Peja Stojakovic and Stephen Jackson each had 20 points for the Pacers, who lost their ninth straight road game.

Grizzlies 93, Rockets 81

HOUSTON — Mike Miller scored 25 points, Shane Battier hit his first eight shots, and added 13, and Memphis completed the franchise's first season sweep of Houston. Pam Gasol added 16 points and 10 rebounds for playoff-bound Memphis, which won for the sixth time in seven games. Houston scored 16 points on 5-for-16 shooting for the Rockets, who've dropped seven of their last eight as they limp to the end of their injury-riddled season. With two games left, Houston is already assured of its worst record since the 2001-02 team finished 26-54. The Rockets' home record fell to 15-25, their most losses at home since 1982-83, when they lost 32 during a 14-68 season.

Bonds

Continued from C1. Bonds could have held a news conference, said a few sources, and moved by using his clause of Babe Ruth and Henry Aaron. It worked for Jason Giambi, who admitted to the grand jury that he used steroids. Giambi apologized profusely for something, though he wouldn't say what, then went on to the business of playing first base for the New York Yankees. And if Rafael Palmeiro hadn't jabbed his finger at some U.S. senators and denied ever using steroids, he might still be playing today. That's because baseball fans are by nature a very forgiving sort. They're willing to overlook just about anything for the chance to cheer their heroes on. Bonds, though, has used up almost all of this huge reservoir of goodwill, and moved by using his clause of Babe Ruth and Henry Aaron. Fans don't just dislike Bonds anymore, they l

Bruins baseball slams Skyline

Local sports

The Twin Falls Bruins baseball team picked up a pair of key Region Four-Five-Six wins Saturday afternoon, sweeping the Skyline Grizzlies 1-1 and 1-1, in five innings at Bruin Field. Chance Eham pitched a complete-game three-hitter to take Game 1 and improve to 4-1 on the season, while Luke Shutte went 2-for-4 with a run scored, two RBIs and two stolen bases from the leadoff spot. The 12-8 (3-0) Bruins swept six bugs on the game, keeping the pressure on the Grizzlies.

"We're not going to throw a bunch of big innings on the base, but we executed really well on the basepaths," Bruins head coach Mike Federico said. "It was a little better."

Eham helped his cause at the plate, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs. "Kacey Jerome picked up the win in Game 2, allowing one run on four hits. He finished 2-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs, while Nate Ramirez finished 2-for-2 and drove in one. Shutte played the leadoff role effectively, going 1-for-1 with three runs scored."

"I was really pleased with the pitching today because last weekend we threw the ball up in the zone a bunch," Federico said. "Our guys really kept it down this week and it was closer to good Twin Falls baseball."

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Twin Falls 3, Skyline 1
Twin Falls 30/20 - 11/3
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Game 2

Twin Falls 11, Skyline 1
Twin Falls 20/10 - 11/3
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Bobcats sweep Bluefoot

BLACKFOOT — The Bluefoot Bobcats got their brilliant pitching and great defense Saturday as they swept a baseball doubleheader from the Blackfoot Broncos in Blackfoot. "For both games, we had a total of 10 walks," said Bluefoot coach Scott Palk. "But four of those came in the first two innings of the first game. And we only had three errors. Those were the two big keys."

Chris Bralton added a RBI-double for the Bobcats, while Marcus Hoskins produced a pair of running scoring doubles. "In hitting the ball with runners in scoring position is nice," Palk said.

Hoskins earned the win in the opener for the Bobcats. He pitched 4 1/2 innings, allowing six runs on four strikeouts and two walks. Kenny Gardner took the loss for the Broncos.

In the nightcap, Steve Anderson came up big for the Bobcats, as they were running on empty in the pitching department. Anderson pitched six innings, allowing one run on one hit with three strikeouts and two walks.

Sun Gunderson added a two-run double in the opening inning for the Bobcats. Travis Bennett suffered the loss for the Broncos in the nightcap. Bluefoot (4-7) will play Wood River on Thursday.

Game 1

Bruin 3, Blackfoot 0
Bruin 30/20 - 11/3
Bruin 30/20 - 11/3
Bruin 30/20 - 11/3

Game 2

Bruin 3, Blackfoot 0
Bruin 30/20 - 11/3
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Filer hammers

FILER — Wildcats senior pitcher Brandon Bartolo picked up his third win in a 2-3, five-inning shutout of Soda Springs on Saturday. Bartolo threw six strikeouts in the game, which put Filer at 11-4 (0-2). Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference for the season.

The Wildcats travel to Halley for a game with Wood River on Tuesday. No box score was available.

Local sports

Football League had to scramble to find a temporary home for Saturday's game and ended up falling to the visiting Grand Junction (Colo.) Scorpions 22-12 at Minico. High School's Bill Matthews Field in Rupert to fall to 0-2 on the season.

The Bulldogs, originally slated to play their home games at Twin Falls High School's Bruin Stadium, were denied the usage of the field, Magic Valley team captain and quarterback Ben Landron told The Times-News on Saturday.

The Bulldogs will complete their home schedule at Valley High School, between Eden and Hazelton.

"The Bulldogs are very gracious to the Minico athletic department for letting them do this," Landron said. "In a tight pinch, they pulled it together and came through big for us."

As for the game, Landron connected with wide receiver Brad Cook for a pair of scores, but the Bulldogs couldn't keep pace with their visitors in the second half, failing to get on the board after the break. Dan Arnesen finished with a team-high seven tackles for the Bulldogs, while Jason Blair added 4.5 tackles and a sack. Sherman King also brought down the Scorpions' quarterback once.

Game 1

Grand Junction 22, Magic Valley 12
Grand Junction 22/12 - 11/3
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Game 2

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Softball

GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenn's Ferry Pilots took a step toward proving they belong among the state's Class 2A elite, splitting a home doubleheader with the 10-2 Melba Mustangs on Saturday. The Pilots took Game 1 by a 7-3 score behind pitcher Rachel Anchestugi's complete game, 12-strikeout performance. The Mustangs also finished 3-for-3 at the plate with three RBIs and a triple.

"I was really pleased because Melba's going to be the type of team that's going to be at state," Pilots head coach Kelli McLone said. "That's the type of team we'll have to beat and we got our hits in the first game, Rachel pitched well, and we were able to finish strong with our fielding."

The Pilots lost Game 2 7-6 in eight innings. Ashley Grambs finished 2-for-4, while both Kacey and Anchestugi pitched up to the 7th. Pilots, a few errors hurt the Pilots, but McLone was pleased with a defense that was making due without starting first baseman Jody Taylor, who's still sidelined for a week with a foot fracture in her hand.

"The Pilots head to Halley to take on the Wood River Wolverines on Wednesday. Game 1
Glenn's Ferry 7, Melba 3
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Game 2

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Game 1

Wood River 13, Mountain Home 5
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Henin-Hardenne loses at Family Circle Cup

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Justine Henin-Hardenne lost for the first time at the Family Circle Cup, falling to Patty Schnyder 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals Saturday...

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Mariners shut out BoSox

BOSTON (AP) — Joel Pineiro and two relievers combined on a five-hit shutout for the Mariners.

Seattle took advantage of two passed balls by Josh Bard to score three runs in the third inning. Bard had trouble handling Tim Wakefield's knuckleball. Bard, Boston and Richie Sexson each drew a walk.

Boston, which led the majors in runs each of the past three seasons, has scored four or less seven times in 11 games.

Pineiro (2-1) threw five hits and two walks with five strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his second save in two opportunities.

Wakefield (1-2) allowed nine hits in the complete game. He struck out six and didn't walk a batter.

Raul Ibanez and Richie Sexson had RBIs for Seattle.

White Sox 4, Blue Jays 2

CHICAGO — Paul Konerko homered twice off A.J. Burnett to spoil the right-hander's Toronto debut, giving the Chicago White Sox a 4-2 win over the Blue Jays on Saturday.

Konerko hit his first career two-run homer in the fifth — his second of the game, fourth of the season and third in two games.

Earnest Rasmussen, who signed a five-year, \$9.5 million contract with Toronto after spending seven seasons with the Marlins, gave up seven hits and four runs in six innings while walking one and striking out five.

He started the season on the disabled list after scar tissue thickened in his right elbow during spring training, delaying his first start with his new team.

He pitched well, but Mark Buehrle was a bit better on a cool and sunny 77-degree day.

Buehrle (2-0) had a shaky first inning when he gave up a lead-off infield single to Reed Johnson and then a two-run homer to Alex Bregman. After Vern Wells reached on another infield hit to extend his hitting streak this season to all 11 games, Buehrle struck them out at the next three batters, ending his 25-pitch inning.



Seattle Mariners' Joel Pineiro pitches against the Boston Red Sox in the first inning of MLB baseball at Fenway Park in Boston, Saturday. The Mariners won, 3-0.

Bobby Jenks came on in the ninth and notched his fourth save.

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Indians 7, Tigers 2

DETROIT — Fausto Carmona allowed one run in six innings in his major league debut to lead the Indians to a win.

Carmona (1-0), recalled from Triple-A Buffalo to replace C.C. Sabathia (abdominal strain), gave up five hits to help Cleveland snap a three-game losing streak. He walked two and struck out four.

Jeremy Bonderman (1-2) lost his second start in a row, giving up seven runs and eight hits with a walk in 3 2/3 innings. The Tigers have lost five of six since a 5-0 start.

Justin Hafner hit a two-run homer in the first and sparked Cleveland's five-run fourth inning with a leadoff double. Home run moved him into a tie for the major league lead with Detroit's Chris Shelton.

Athletes 5, Rangers 4

OAKLAND, Calif. — Eric Chavez, Frank Thomas and Milton Bradley homered on three straight pitches in the sixth inning to give the Athletics a 5-4 win over the Texas Rangers.

Rich Harden (2-0) allowed four runs and three hits in seven innings to help Oakland snap a four-game losing streak. He walked five and struck out eight.

Chavez led off the inning with a shot into the right-field seats. Thomas followed with his 451st career homer and third of the year, then Bradley connected to

chase starter Vicente Padilla (2-1).

The last time a team homered on three straight pitches was Sept. 20, 2004, when Fred McGriff, Ronell White and Todd Hundley did it for the Cubs against Houston's Dave Mlicki at Wrigley Field, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Phil Nevin hit a three-run homer for Texas.

Huston Street got his third save and Nick Swisher added a two-run homer for the A's.

Orioles 3, Angels 2

BALTIMORE — Erik Bedard pitched eight strong innings to earn his third win for the Orioles on Saturday.

Jeff Conine had an RBI double and Melvin Mora singled in a run for Baltimore. Ramon Hernandez had three hits.

Barcelo Colon (0-2) gave up only one earned run in seven innings for Los Angeles, but the 2005 AL Cy Young Award winner now has gone three starts without a victory.

Bedard (3-0) allowed eight hits and two runs, striking out four and walking none. He has a 2.25 ERA in three starts and is tied with Boston's Curt Schilling for the AL lead in wins.

Chris Ray worked the ninth for his fourth save in four tries.

Devil Rays 6, Royals 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ty Wigington drove in three runs to help Tampa Bay beat Kansas City.

Trailing 3-2, the Devil Rays loaded the bases with no outs against Luke Hudson (0-1) in the seventh. Andrew Sisco came in to strike out Travis Lee before Tony Gonsu was hit by four pitches to tie the game. After pinch-hitter Damon Hollins struck out, Wigington lined a two-run single to center to give the Devil Rays a 5-3 lead.

Tampa Bay added a run in the eighth on Carl Crawford's RBI double to make 6-3.

Shawn Camp pitched two innings for his first save.

Kansas City took a 3-2 lead in the top of the seventh on Mark Grudzielanek's sacrifice fly off Seth McClung (1-2).

Robinson honored throughout majors

NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty-nine years after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier, his widow was honored at Shea Stadium on Saturday, which was "Jackie Robinson Day" throughout the major leagues.

Following a video tribute to the former Brooklyn Dodgers star that was shown on the scoreboard, Rachel Robinson walked to the pitcher's mound before the New York Mets hosted the Milwaukee Brewers.

She was accompanied by Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, and Mets manager Willie Randolph.

"I got a picture of Jackie in my office, so I think about that every day," Randolph said. "I'm just happy to be a part of this day."

Randolph never met Robinson, who died in 1972 at age 53.

"He's one of those people you wish you could go have dinner with," Randolph said.

During a ceremony at Shea Stadium on April 15, 1997, baseball commissioner Bud Selig retired Robinson's No. 42 for the major league teams. Two years ago, Selig decided "Jackie Robinson Day" would be an annual event each April 15.

Robinson's No. 42 was put over home plate during Saturday's

ceremony, which also was attended by former Negro Leagues players Robert Scott and Armando Vazquez.

The Chicago White Sox remembered Robinson with a special tribute on the center-field scoreboard at U.S. Cellular Field, the show clips of his life and career interspersed with some shots of players from today's game.

Also shown was a note Robinson got the threatening his and later his life of fame induction.

Minutes after the video tribute ended, three Jackie Robinson Foundation players were honored and passed for pictures with White Sox outfielder Jermaine Dye and coach Harold Baines and Tim Lincecum.

One of the scholars, Judge Gardner, threw out a ceremonial first pitch before the White Sox faced the Toronto Blue Jays.

Gardner said Selig "should make all the players go to the Negro League museum in Kansas City" so they can see the sacrifices that were made by those players.

The Red Sox also showed a video before their game with the Seattle Mariners. It included shots of Robinson and Branch Rickey. Robinson sliding into home plate and Martin Luther King Jr. speaking.

Major League Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE											
East Division											
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0	0
Boston	7	4	.636	—	6-1	L1	2-3	5-1	0	0	0
Baltimore	7	5	.583	1-1	5-1	W3	4-4	3-1	0	0	
Toronto	6	5	.545	1-5	L1	L1	3-3	3-2	0	0	
Tampa Bay	6	6	.500	1-5	2-6	W2	3-3	3-0	0	0	
New York	5	6	.455	2-4	L2	L2	3-0	2-6	0	0	

CENTRAL DIVISION											
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0	0
Cleveland	7	4	.636	—	2-7	W1	4-2	3-2	0	0	
Chicago	6	5	.545	1-5	W1	W1	2-3	4-2	0	0	
Minnesota	6	5	.545	1-5	W1	L1	1-4	5-1	0	0	
Minnesota	6	5	.545	1-5	W1	W5	2-0	1-5	0	0	
Kansas City	2	8	.200	4-5	L2	L6	2-3	0-5	0	0	

WEST DIVISION											
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0	0
Oakland	6	6	.500	—	2-5	W1	3-2	3-4	0	0	
Seattle	6	6	.500	—	1-5	W1	3-4	3-2	0	0	
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	2	W1	L3	4-2	1-4	0	0	
Texas	4	8	.333	3	L1	L1	2-5	2-3	0	0	

NATIONAL LEAGUE											
East Division											
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0	0
New York	7	4	.636	—	2-2	L1	3-2	3-4	0	0	
Atlanta	6	6	.500	3	2-5	W2	3-2	3-4	0	0	
Philadelphia	4	7	.364	4-5	W1	L1	1-5	3-2	0	0	
Florida	3	7	.300	4-5	L1	L1	2-3	1-4	0	0	
Washington	3	9	.250	6-4	W1	W1	0-3	3-6	0	0	

CENTRAL DIVISION											
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0	0
Cincinnati	4	4	.500	—	2-7	L1	4-2	3-2	0	0	
St. Louis	4	4	.500	—	2-6	W1	5-1	2-3	0	0	
Chicago	6	4	.600	—	2-6	L1	4-2	2-2	0	0	
Houston	6	4	.600	—	2-6	L1	5-2	1-2	0	0	
St. Louis	6	5	.545	1	2-5	W1	3-2	3-3	0	0	
Pittsburgh	4	9	.308	4	W1	L1	3-1	1-6	0	0	

WEST DIVISION											
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0	0
San Francisco	6	3	.667	—	6-3	W1	4-2	2-1	0	0	
Colorado	7	4	.636	—	2-2	L1	3-1	3-4	0	0	
Arizona	5	5	.500	1.5	W1	W1	2-2	3-3	0	0	
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	2	2-5	L1	1-3	4-3	0	0	
San Diego	3	7	.300	3.5	2-7	L3	1-4	2-3	0	0	

AMERICAN LEAGUE											
Friday's Games											
Boston 2, Seattle 1	Atlanta 5, Tampa Bay 7	Cleveland 1, Kansas City 2	Los Angeles 5, New York Yankees 1	Texas 6, Oakland 3							

Saturday's Games											
Cleveland 7, Detroit 2	Chicago White Sox 2, Toronto 2	Baltimore 3, L.A. Angels 2	Tampa Bay 6, Kansas City 3	Seattle 6, Boston 0	Chicago White Sox 2, Toronto 2	Minnesota 6, N.Y. Yankees 5					

Sunday's Games											
Cleveland (Lvs 1-0) at Detroit (Marth 1-0), 11:05 a.m.	Kansas City (Frodman 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Hammel 0-1), 11:15 a.m.	L.A. Angels (Lackey 1-1) at Baltimore (Borison 1-1), 11:35 a.m.	Seattle (Washburn 1-0) at Boston (Beckett 2-0), 12:05 p.m.	Toronto (Loo 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Garza 1-2), 12:05 p.m.	Texas (Loo 0-2) at Oakland (Haren 0-1), 2:05 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Wang 0-0) at Minnesota (Hodges 2-0), 2:10 p.m.					

Monday's Games											
Seattle at Baltimore, 9:05 a.m.	L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.	Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 6:05 p.m.									

NATIONAL LEAGUE											
Friday's Games											
Chicago Cubs 11, Pittsburgh 6	Atlanta 5, San Diego 4	Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 0	Arizona 5, Houston 1	N.Y. Mets 4, Milwaukee 3	Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 2	Philadelphia 10, Colorado 6					

Saturday's Games											
Milwaukee 6, N.Y. Mets 2	Washington 2, Florida 1	Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1	Houston 2, Arizona, late	St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 3	Atlanta 2, San Diego 0	Colorado 10, Philadelphia 6	San Francisco 4 at L.A. Dodgers, late				

Sunday's Games											
San Diego (Williams 1-0) at Atlanta (Thomson 0-1), 11:05 a.m.	Washington (Ortiz 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Lincecum 1-1), 11:10 a.m.	Milwaukee (Sheets 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Banister 1-0), 11:10 a.m.	Chicago Cubs (Rusch 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Sneli 0-0), 11:30 a.m.	Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-0) at St. Louis (Molitor 1-0), 12:15 p.m.	Philadelphia (Mays 0-0) at Colorado (Cook 1-1), 1:05 p.m.	Houston (Nieto 0-0) at Arizona (Fernandez 1-1), 2:40 p.m.	San Francisco (Fassaro 1-0) at Minnesota (Hendley 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Soo 0-0), 6:10 p.m.				

Smoltz picks up 16th shutout against Padres

ATLANTA (AP) — John Smoltz gave Atlanta's starting staff its first win of the year with his 16th career shutout.

Smoltz (1-1) allowed only four hits and two walks, and he recorded his first shutout since June 21, 2005, a 5-0 win over Florida. He pitched his 51st complete game, his first since June 26, 2005, against Baltimore.

Jake Peavy (1-2) gave up only four hits and two runs in seven innings for San Diego. He struck out eight and issued two walks, one intentional.

The Braves were held under four runs for the first time this year.

Adam Latta hit his third home run.

Brewers 8, Mets 2

NEW YORK — Tano Okema shut down New York's offense and slapped a go-ahead double, leading the Milwaukee Brewers to an 8-2 victory Saturday that stopped the Mets' winning streak at seven.

Pitching against a team that began the day with an NL-high 110 batting average, Okema (1-1) allowed two runs — one earned — and five hits in seven innings.

All three Mets outfielders had trouble picking up balls that dropped for hits.

Carlos Lee and Geoff Jenkins homered for Milwaukee, which began the day tied with Kansas City with a major league-low 37 runs. The Brewers had not scored five or more runs since April 8.

Matt Wise finished his six-hit, six-run performance before the game, teams homered Jackie Robinson, who broke baseball's color barrier on April 15, 1947. His widow, Rachel Robinson, walked to the mound for a throw in the seventh, Robinson's retired No. "42" was outlined in the infield dirt



Atlanta Braves starter John Smoltz reacts after getting the final out in the ninth inning of the Braves' 2-0 win over the San Diego Padres on Saturday in Atlanta. Smoltz threw a four-hitter for his first win of the season.

behind second base, and large painted "Jackie Robinson Day" logos were behind first and third base.

Cardinals 9, Reds 3

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols, Hector Luna and Scott Spiezio homered and Sidney Ponson won his home debut with the Cardinals.

Luna tied his career high with three RBIs for the Cardinals, who are 3-2 at new Busch Stadium. They pounded Dave Williams for six runs and six hits in the first three innings after totaling three runs the previous two games.

Luna had a run-scoring single in the first for his first RBI of the season, a home run in the third and an RBI single in the seventh. Spiezio hit a pinch-hit two-run homer off Mike Burns in the seventh.

Ponson (1-0) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out four and walked one.

Williams (0-2) struck out three and walked two in three innings. Austin Kearns had two hits and two RBIs for the Reds.

Nationals 2, Marlins 1

MIAMI — John Patterson allowed three hits in eight innings and pitched a career-high with 13 strikeouts for the Nationals.

Royce Clayton doubled home the go-ahead run in the sixth inning for Washington, which snapped a six-game losing streak. The Nationals, who had been off to the franchise's worst start since 1970, improved to 3-9.

Pirates 2, Cubs 1

PITTSBURGH — Pirates starter Zach Duke bounced back from the worst start of his short major league career to limit Chicago to a run over seven innings.

Craig Wilson, now the Pirates' everyday first baseman with Sean Casey out for up to two months with a back injury, tripled and scored two runs against Cubs starter Jerome Williams (0-1).

The Pirates ended an eight-game home losing streak to Chicago that dated to April 15, 2005, and the Cubs had won 12 of 13 overall from Pittsburgh since they tied.

Mike Gonzalez pitched a perfect ninth for his second save in two opportunities, giving Duke his first victory since beating Milwaukee in the Pirates' first game in 2005.

Duke (1-1) struck out five and allowed six hits with one walk.

Rockies 10, Phillies 6

DENVER — Matt Holliday homered and drove in five runs to lift Colorado.

Holliday's bases-loaded triple broke the game open in a five-run seventh inning. He had three hits, including an RBI double in the first inning to extend his hitting streak to eight games. He also hit a solo homer in the fourth.

Colorado had at least nine hits (14) for the eighth straight game to end a three-game home losing streak.

Bobby Abreu and Pat Burrell each hit two-run homers for Philadelphia, which could overcome another shaky start by Royce Clayton with a three-game winning streak end.

Ray King (1-1) pitched a hitless inning to earn the victory.

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Another season winds down

The 2005-2006 bowling season is coming to an end.

Awards are given to each league as they finish on the Ladies Classic League (Bowldrome) the champions were "Moser Machine Shop," Laura Brock, Carolyn Hansen, J.C. Magee, Betty Taylor and Michele Seckel, Runner ups were "Depot Grill," Keri Collins, Alicia Soran, Carrie Hansen and Danl Bruus. High Average went to Kay Puschel at 177, Kim Ward earned the high handicap series with 736. High handicap game was Sue McLimans at 315. High scratch series was Dani Bruus, 631 and game was Carol Quinlan, 248. Bowling the most pins over average on a three game series was Kim Ward, 154 pins over. Most over average on a game was Sue McLimans, 118. J.C. Magee was most improved bowler increasing her average after 21 games by 16.6 pins. Bowler of the year was Lorain Gould, 6th.



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

championship on the Housewives League at Snake River Bowl. Team members were Dolly Justice, Pat White and Lisa Hutchison. High Average went to Lisa Hutchison at 163. High Game Scratch: Sharon Ralthe 234, Handicap: Jeanne Larson 259. High Series Scratch was Bonnie Murphy, 593 and Handicap was Judee Syles at 701. Mindy Moody earned the Most Improved award, improving 16 pins.

The Pinpricker champs (Bowldrome) were "Ten Pin Pirates" — Tamara Ilaman, Ben Mulberg, Sharon Sullivan and Jud Harmon. Second place went to "3 Gals & A Guy" — April Leeson, Bernice Smith, Janie Gustcherry and Tom

Smith. For high average on the men's side there was a tie. Tom Smith and Rick Morrow at 194. RaeNae Reece was high for the ladies at 165. High handicap series went to Karen Hamblin 766 and Judy Boren 736. Handicap game was Eddie Chappell 282 and Sharon Sullivan 274. On the scratch side for series: Rick Morrow 718 and Vicki Kieisl 572. Scratch game was Kevin Hamblin 268 and Sharon Sullivan 227.

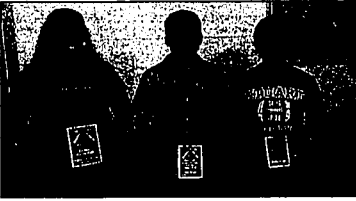
League Champions on the M.V. Seniors (Bowldrome) was "Walking Wounded" — Bill Freeman, Shirley Kunsman, LaVona Young and Jim DeVries. Second was "The TB's" — Lavone Bennett, Dolly McClain, Jeannine Bennett and Clayne Williams.

Sign ups are going on for your local bowling center for summer fun events. So sign up and "Let's Go Bowling!"

Thelma writes a column for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-4357 or by e-mail at tucker@magvalley.com.

Shooting league ends winter season

TWIN FALLS — On April 1, the Magic Valley Indoor Shooting League held their annual banquet in Twin Falls. Awards were given to the top scoring shooters in pistol, rifle, sporting rifle, and junior rifle.



Left to right: Juniors Mariah Anderson, Will Brown and Jordan Boar.

Teams from Burley/Hupert, Twin Falls, and Buhl/Jerome competed in a 16-week schedule starting in November and ending in March.



Pistol winners, back row, Mark Bulcher, Ken Anderson, Wayne Goetz, Niles Tilley, Bob Bean and Dave Gory; front row, Mark Bulcher, Max Vaughn, Robert Anderson and Dan Brown.

All regulation paper targets are placed 50 feet from the firing line. Pistol and rifle targets use .22 caliber rifle ammunition. There are two different disciplines in pistol, one-handed and two-handed. Each participant receives six targets, firing 10 shots at each target for a total of 60 rounds and a possible 600 points.



Rifle, back row, Mark Bulcher, Jesse Vaughn, Ken Anderson, Walt Charles and Wayne Goetz; middle row, Will Brown, Robert Anderson, Norma Charles, Dan Brown, Niles Tilley and Mariah Anderson; seated, Dave Gory, Shawna Ulfgen, Max Vaughn and Bob Bean.

Four-position .22 caliber rifle is offered in a rifle division, standard NRA rifle and sporting rifle. Each rifle shooter receives four targets, firing ten shots at each target for a total of 40 rounds and a possible 400 points. The four rifle positions are prone, sitting, kneeling and standing.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Lists winners for Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun categories.

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SPORTS



Jockey Garrett Gomez guides Sinister Minister to a win in the Grade I Toyota Blue Grass Stakes on Saturday in Lexington, Ky. Storm Treasure finished second and Strong Contender was third. Sinister Minister is trained by Bob Baffert.

Sinister Minister takes Blue Grass; Lawyer Ron wins in Arkansas

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Bob Baffert has himself a trio of horses for the Kentucky Derby. Sinister Minister became the latest to join the trainer's assault on a fourth Derby victory with an eye-opening, gate-to-wire romp in Saturday's \$750,000 Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland.

With Garrett Gomez riding Sinister Minister to the lead out of the No. 7 post, the 3-year-old colt took charge all the way around the track and rolled a 12.75-length victory over 65-1 long shot Storm Treasure.

Bluegrass Cat and First Samurai were supposed to be the ones to beat in this final major prep before the Derby in three weeks. But neither colt threatened, with Bluegrass Cat finishing fourth and First Samurai in Saturday's other Derby prep. Lawyer Ron cruised to victory in the \$1 million Arkansas Derby for his sixth straight win.

Lawyer Ron broke to the lead at the start of the backstretch Saturday and never looked back, winning the \$1 million Arkansas Derby for his sixth straight victory. Trainer Bob Hothhus' chestnut colt is now 7-for-7 lifetime on dirt — and remains one of the favorites to win three weeks from now at the Kentucky Derby.

Before the Blue Grass, Baffert said he was bringing Sinister Minister to the race to "upset the applecart" and see if "we can get the lead and hold it."

Lawyer Ron had already won Oaklawn Park's first two big prep races for 3-year-olds — the Southwest in February and the Rebel last month. He was a heavy favorite all week and paid \$3.00, \$2.60 and \$2.20.

"The horse is waking up at just the right time," Baffert said. "When he got to the quarter pole, I thought, 'Son of a gun, I'm going to win the Blue Grass.'"

Stumpy Jones was the runner-up in the Southwest and third in the Arkansas Derby, 2.75 lengths behind. He paid \$4.40 and \$3.20.

Sinister Minister, sent off at 11-1 by the crowd of 30,000 on a hot, picked a perfect time for his second career victory. In earning \$465,000 for owners Laurel Family Trust, Mercedes Siabla and Bernard Schoppa, the colt has more than enough graded stakes earnings to run in the Derby if more than 20 horses are entered.

Third-place finisher Private View paid \$3.60. With a record crowd — announced at 72,481 — cheering him on, Lawyer Ron stayed toward the middle of the pack on the inside early, then moved quickly to the front coming out of the turn.

Bluegrass Cat, trying to rebound from a second-place finish in the Tampa Bay Derby, was off his game but will still be considered for the Derby.

Smarty Jones was the last horse to sweep the Southwest, Rebel and Arkansas Derby.

"We'll have to regroup and see how he comes out of it," Bluegrass trainer Todd Pletcher said. "The winner won one of those tricky Keeneland races." First Samurai won the Fountain of Youth Stakes last month via disqualification, and has yet to finish first in any of his three races this year.

Lawyer Ron covered the 1 1/8-mile race in 1:51.38. Smarty Jones was the last horse to sweep the Southwest, Rebel and Arkansas Derby.

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Furyk, Baddeley tied for lead at Verizon

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Jim Furyk's bogey on the 18th hole dropped him into a tie for the lead with Aaron Baddeley after three rounds of the Verizon Heritage on Sunday.



Furyk had a 68 and Baddeley a 66 to finish tied at 14-under, three strokes ahead of Billy Mayfair (69) at Harbour Town Golf Links.

Aaron Baddeley, of Australia, blasts out of the trap on the ninth green during the third round of the Heritage Golf tournament Saturday at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C. Baddeley made par on the hole.

Furyk started the round ahead by two over the 25-year-old Australian, lost that lead on the front nine yet rallied to move a stroke in front with three straight birdies on Nos. 15-17.

But Furyk put his approach on 18 in a bunker behind the lighthouse hole's green and couldn't save par. Baddeley made par from right of the green.

Furyk is trying for his first victory since last year's Western Open. Baddeley has not won a tour event.

Mayfair, who lost this tournament to Jose Coferes in a 2001 playoff, had birdies on two of his final four holes.

Ernie Els, the biggest star in the field here after the Masters, had the best score of the round, at 65. Still, that left him and Jerry Kelly, tied at 10-under, well behind.

Els says mistakes like he made in the third round have typically cost him.

Furyk's largely solid play disappeared on the front nine, missing par saves of less than 10 feet on the seventh and eighth holes. His rally started with a birdie on the 12th hole and kept going down the stretch with birdie puts of 6, 2 and 11 feet.

But today I was a bit more determined not to let it get to me too much, and I played a good back nine," he said.

Baddeley will have a very long Sunday. He's scheduled to speak at the tournament's Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. before his final round pairing

with Furyk.

After the first two rounds, it seemed like the most memorable part of Els' visit to the island resort would be the morning bike rides with his family.

But today I was a bit more determined not to let it get to me too much, and I played a good back nine," he said.

He was eight shots behind after the first round and seven strokes down when he teed off for the third round. Els quickly showed the form that's made him No. 5 in the world with birdies on four of his first five holes.



But Els stumbled badly with a bogey on the par-3 seventh and a double-bogey on the eighth, the past at Harbour Town.

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"Everybody gets together. All boundaries and borders merge into one."

— Hans-Christian Brockerhoff, known as Brocki, at the Bergkirchweih

The Bergs



In this picture released by local tourism office, visitors clink mugs at the annual festival called Bergkirchweih in Erlangen, southern Germany, in May 2005. The 'Bergkirchweih' is named after the consecration of a church on a hill on the outskirts of the Bavarian town. It is Germany's second-largest beer-fest after Oktoberfest, its more famous Munich counterpart.

German beer festival lives up to its Bavarian roots

If You Go...

BERGKIRCHWEIH: The annual German beer festival in the Bavarian town of Erlangen has been held since 1755 and takes place this year June 1-12.

GETTING THERE: Erlangen is a short journey by car or train from Nuremberg, where the airport is served by flights from around Europe. Or fly to Frankfurt, which is less than three hours from Erlangen by car or train.

LODGING: The town has a variety of accommodations. Full listings, rates and contact details are on the Erlangen town Web site <http://www.erlangen.de>. There is a wider selection of hotels in Nuremberg, which is accessible on special late-night trains during the festival.

DINING: The festival is dotted with various food stands, offering anything from traditional German favorites like bratwurst to kebabs or Hungarian pancakes. The town itself has the usual selection of traditional restaurants and pizzerias. For something a bit different, try Sausalitos or Zen, both in the center.

ATTRACTIONS: Spend a half-day visiting Erlangen's castle and its grounds, as well as several baroque churches. Erlangen is also conveniently located for day trips to any number of charming Bavarian towns and cities, as well as the scenic countryside.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: German tourism, <http://www.germanytourism.de> or (800) 651-7010. Guides to German beer, <http://www.germanbeer-guide.com> or <http://www.bambergerbeerguide.com>. Bergkirchweih festival, <http://www.der-berg-ruft.de> (Web site in German only).

By Sam Cagle
Associated Press writer

ERLANGEN, Germany — Dinnit-clad waitresses weave through the crowds with huge mugs, more beer is finding its way to the floor than to drinkers' lips, and even the tables seem to be moving as people sway to folk tunes played by a band.

Yes, this is Bavaria. And the only way this beer festival could be more stereotypically Bavarian would be if it was played out against snowy Alpine peaks.

"Everybody gets together. All boundaries and borders merge into one," said Hans-Christian Brockerhoff, known as Brocki, as we chat over a seemingly endless quart of beer that has been specially brewed for the annual festival called Bergkirchweih.

For 12 days every spring, the inhabitants of Erlangen, a university town near Nuremberg, forget their daily routines and devote themselves to the serious business of drinking beer — and lots of it.

The Berg, as it is commonly called, has been held every year since 1755 and is Ger-

many's second-largest beer-fest after Oktoberfest, its more famous Munich counterpart. Although the Berg typically attracts more than a million visitors, far fewer foreign tourists come to the Erlangen festival than to the Munich event, which means there is much more here in the way of local ambience. This year's Berg takes place June 1-12, but when the festival finishes, the beer cellars and rides remain open all summer.

Bergkirchweih roughly translates as "the dedication of the mountain church," referring to a church on the outskirts of Erlangen. Sturdy Bavarian 18th-century folk might find it hard to recognize the modern-day town, but it's not hard to imagine them knocking back the local Kitzmann brew in its leafy beer gardens.

"You can't go to the Berg without any beer," said Brocki, 29, who has attended the festival every year of the 15 he has lived in Erlangen.

"You don't think, you drink," agreed Brocki's girlfriend, Tanja Liebig. You have to drink in the evenings.

If you can't face the

thought of a liter, there is an easier option. A liter of shandy (beer mixed with soft drink) may not contain quite as much alcohol, but the drinker is still confronted with the same volume of frothy liquid.

"You can drink a beer, but you don't have to be drunk to enjoy it," Brocki stressed. It's still pretty hard to push your way through the crowds to check out the full selection of fairground rides and stands offering heavy German fast food like sausages or roast chicken.

"I've never seen so many people packed into one hillside before," said Gianni Brancaccio, who visited last year's festival from London. "I'm finding it hard to lift up the mug, let alone drink what's in it."

It may come as a surprise, but the countryside surrounding Erlangen — known as Franconia — is actually a wine-producing region.

"The rest of the year I drink wine," said Axel Horn-dasch, who comes from the nearby town of Ansbach, during a break from the table-top dancing at the 2005 event.

It's not all about drinking,

many will be glad to hear. During the days between heavy evenings, Erlangen makes a handy base for trips to any number of nearby gems such as Bamberg, which offers a nearly complete historical guide to styles of architecture, or the quaint old town of Ilothenburg ob der Tauber.

Nuremberg, with its old center rebuilt almost from scratch after heavy wartime bombing, is almost part of the same metropolitan area as Erlangen. On the city's outskirts is the infamous location for Nazi party rallies of the 1930s, an eerie place set in incongruous surroundings beside a peaceful lake.

Slightly further afield, Munich and the Alps are also accessible, meaning that a trip to the festival can easily be combined with a wider visit to southern Germany, Austria or even the Czech Republic.

Even away from the Berg, it's difficult to escape the beer. Across Bavaria, the smallest of places often has its own brewery, sometimes producing its own distinctive brews.

"It's essential," said Horn-dasch. "Beer is bread."

TRAVEL BRIEFING

Myrtle Beach aims for the tallest sand castle

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Myrtle Beach already holds the record for the world's longest sand castle. Now the resort town wants to add a record for the tallest.

The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce says sand sculptors will try to build the world's tallest sand castle during the resort's annual Sun Fun Festival, May 31-June 7.

In 1991, an estimated 10,000 people helped create the world's longest sand castle at the beach. That sand castle wound up and down the beach for more than 16 miles.

The record for the tallest sandcastle is 29.25 feet, held by Parkette, in Falmouth, Maine, for the past three years.

Myrtle Beach plans a sand castle that is 35 feet tall. Team Santastic, which is comprised of eight sand sculptors, has been contracted to build the castle.

Study: People visit

W.Wa. gorge for solitude
BEAUTY MOUNTAIN, W.Va. — Solitude, sightseeing and parachute-jumping are some of the things that draw visitors to the New River Gorge, one of West Virginia's most scenic

spots, according to a new study. A million people a year visit the gorge, and despite the high number of visitors, a third of them said "solitude" is what they love about the place, according to the study by the National Park Service.

The park was created in 1978 to protect 53 miles of the New River and encompasses more than 70,000 acres between the towns of Hinton and Fayetteville.

The gorge also features what was once the longest steel-arch bridge in the world at 3,030 feet. The 876-foot high span is used every third weekend in October by BASE jumpers. But the New River Gorge Bridge was bumped to second in 2003 by the Lupin Bridge in Shanghai, China, which is 105 feet longer.

USS Monitor Center almost done

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Construction of the USS Monitor Center at the Mariners' Museum is nearly 90 percent complete, and the center is on track to open in March of 2007.

The opening date for the center, a 63,500-square-foot wing of the museum that will include

conservation labs and classrooms, will be on the 145th anniversary of the famous first battle of the Ironclad Monitor and the CSS Virginia.

Rome wants new way into Vatican museums

ROME — Rome is planning an international architecture competition to design and build a new underground entrance to the Vatican Museums to help cut back on long lines and to spare visitors from waiting outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Rome's mayor, Walter Veltroni, said the project is still at least three years down the road, although archaeological studies have already been done on the area and have been forwarded to the Vatican.

The entrance is planned for Piazza Risorgimento, behind the Vatican. The project also involves adding a new underground rail stop at the square as well as creating real estate and restaurant spaces.

"We won't see any more of these unending lines of people who, regardless of the weather conditions, wait on line for hours," Veltroni said at a news conference.

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Casino dealer turns his hand to teaching

By Tracy Dingmann
Albuquerque Journal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Casino Dealers School owner David Rosenlund says he knows after just a few hours of watching whether a particular student will make a good casino dealer.

Being a good dealer isn't just about knowing the basics of the game, says Rosenlund, a veteran of 35 years of dealing table games in Las Vegas, New, Atlantic City, N.J., and, most recently, New Mexico.

It's about turning yourself into a people magnet, Rosenlund says. It's about understanding that dealing is a series of repeated actions you

must memorize and perform without thinking. And it's about knowing New Mexico's casino culture and each casino's particular way of doing business subtleties most people can't pick up on their own, he says.

But some of what Rosenlund recognizes in students is something he can't teach that will make customers flock to their tables. It's like being a bartender, says Rosenlund. "You have to be a showperson, an outgoing, entertaining showperson," he says.

Having deft, attractive hands is also important, which gives women an edge, he says.

"I'm gonna know within three classes — that's nine hours of teaching — as will you," says

Rosenlund, who gives full refunds to those who drop out within three days and pro-rated refunds after that.

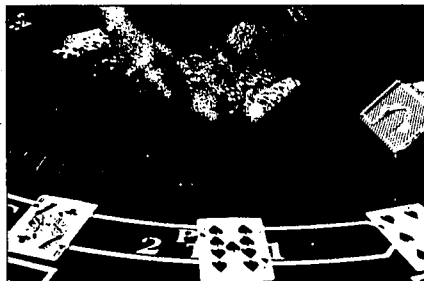
Since New Mexico legalized tribal gaming in 1997, local casinos have struggled to find local dealers with experience or training.

The overall demand for dealers is quite high — local casinos employ 200 dealers or more at one time.

But official instruction is fairly hard to get. There is only one other casino dealer school in Albuquerque.

And local casinos don't really value dealer experience from Las Vegas, New — they want people from New Mexico.

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Trainee Sue Gullien shuffles cards during training at David Rosenlund's Casino Dealers School on March 23. In Albuquerque, N.M. Since New Mexico legalized tribal gaming in 1997, local casinos have struggled to find local dealers with experience or training. For many New Mexicans, the prospect of making good money as a dealer seems fairly easy and alluring.

AP photo

In the housing market



Dave and Debbie Spurr, at left and right, of California, discuss plans for their new home Wednesday with Jay Markie, a sales and marketing representative for TKO Homes, at TKO's new office in Twin Falls.

In six years, TKO's built more than 1,200 homes

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city is on pace to issue a record number of building permits in Twin Falls this year for single-family homes, and real estate prices have more than doubled over the past few years.

Still, at least one contractor says it is possible to build affordable custom homes in southern Idaho. He is so confident in the statement that the slogan on the outside of his new office building reads, "TKO Custom Homes — the Affordable Builders."

But that doesn't mean he's giving the homes away. "Affordable doesn't mean cheap," said Todd Ostrom, owner of TKO Custom Homes. "But it does mean if you have a house built by us, you are going

About TKO Custom Homes

- Celebrated the grand opening of its new office building on April 7.
- Was established in 1999
- Builds custom homes, starter (or spec) homes, and light commercial buildings. Custom homes are built with the customer's money, starter — or spec — homes are built with the contractor's money and then put on the market.
- Builds 150 to 200 homes annually in southern Idaho
- Recorded annual revenue in 2005 of \$17 million
- Projects revenue for this year of \$25 million

to get the best home for the best price."

Ostrom said the average cost of a custom home built by his company is \$68 per square foot, as compared \$95 to \$90 per square foot that some other builders charge. But he said prices can be as high as \$115 per square foot, depending on the types of amenities customers want to include in the home.

"I came up with the phrase affordable builders because I couldn't find anyone to build a house for me at the price I was able to pay when I wanted to build my first home," Ostrom said. "So I built it myself at an affordable price and that is the concept I based the business on."

This philosophy has allowed TKO Custom Homes to build

150 to 250 homes each year that have a living space between 1,100 and 5,000 square feet, Ostrom said. He turned the house his company builds each year classifies his company as the "largest remote builder in southern Idaho."

In the past six years, Ostrom said TKO Custom Homes has built more than 1,200 homes in Cassia County and the Magic, Treasure, and Wood River valleys.

"We are trying to help our customers recognize real estate provides the means to turn a profit," Ostrom said. "A lot of our customers are beginning to understand this and are selling the first house we build for them, and move up to a larger home."

Mason Harper of Twin Falls is one of Ostrom's customers who has grasped this concept.

"When he was 21-years-old, Mason purchased his first home from us in 2001 for \$81,000," Ostrom said. "He turned the house a year or two later for \$101,000, and had a second home built. He is 26 now, and is getting ready to sell the house and move into a \$250,000 home."

TKO Custom Homes also builds starter homes in southern Idaho, but Ostrom admits it is difficult these days to build a home under six-figures in Twin Falls.

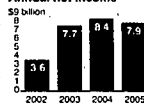
"It's getting harder and harder to build a home in Twin Falls under \$100,000," Ostrom said. "That is why we have expanded our focus into the outlying areas like Burley and Mini-Cassia."

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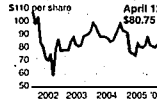
Mixed results

IBM's income has surged since 2002, but its stock price has not.

Annual net income



Monthly closing stock price



SOURCES: Hoover's Inc.; Telestar AP

IBM can't shake its stagnant stock

By Brian Bergstein
Associated Press writer

ARMONK, N.Y. — When Sam Palmisano addresses IBM's annual shareholder meeting this month, Big Blue's chief will unfold plenty of good news. And yet investors in the audience could be forgiven for being impatient with the boss.

After all, while Palmisano's four-year reign has dramatically reshaped the technology company by one key measure it has been unsuccessful. Since he became CEO on March 1, 2002, IBM's shares have dropped 22 percent, shaving about \$50 billion from its market value.

Still, it would be hard to say Palmisano hasn't shown significant results.

With a lack of sentimentality more reminiscent of an outsider than the IBM lifer that he is, Palmisano has sold off underperforming units, reshuffled management and lucked big benefit costs such as employee pensions.

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Employers check out job seekers' Websites

By Julie Forster
Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Worried that potential employers might peruse online postings at Facebook, Steve Lindgren used privacy settings to shut off access to his profile, pictures and musings to all but a limited circle of friends.

His friends will see that his favorite quote comes from Homer Simpson, that he makes a mean PB&J sandwich and they'll see photos of his "rave" and "random partying." All college humor type of stuff, Lindgren says, acknowledging that it's still not anything he'd want an employer to see.

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Unregistered contractors in Idaho could face stiff penalties

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More than 12,000 contractors in Idaho have failed to register by the new Contractor Registration Act signed into law by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne last year.

The registration act is designed to protect consumers from dishonest builders. The Bureau of Occupational Licenses reports that of the 17,000 contractors operating in Idaho, only 4,152 have registered with the state. To register, a contrac-

tor must provide proof of workman's compensation insurance and at least a \$300,000 general liability policy.

Contractors who didn't register by the Jan. 1 deadline could be found guilty of a misdemeanor, face a \$1,000 fine, and up to six months in jail.

"If a consumer hires an unregistered contractor, they have no recourse against a less-than-scrupulous builder," said Jared Hunt, controller, TKO Custom Homes. "But it is also a two-edged sword if the consumer reneges on the contract, the

contractor is also left without any options to collect the money owed them."

Hunt said TKO Custom Homes is a licensed and bonded company that requires all of its subcontractors to be registered under the new law.

"We put notices in the pay envelopes of all our subs when the law went into effect," Hunt said. "If they are not registered with the state, the won't be working for us."

Hunt said it is important for homeowners to thoroughly check out a contractor's business background before

About unlicensed contractors

- The Contractors Registration Act signed into law March 25, 2005
- All contractors in the state of Idaho were required to register no later than Jan. 1.
- Law is designed to protect consumers from dishonest contractors
- Idaho has more than 17,000 contractors operating in the state
- Less than one-fourth — or approximately 4,152 contractors — had registered as of Dec. 31.
- Unregistered contractors found in violation will be guilty of a misdemeanor and could face a \$1,000 fine and up to six months in jail.

Source: Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses

having work done. He said it is especially important to note that a Realtor cannot close a

sale on a new home unless the contractor's registration number has been recorded.

YOUR BUSINESS

CONTRIBUTIONS

United Way Diamond Award winners

The United Way of South Central Idaho presented plaques to area businesses for contributing \$30,000 or more to the 2006 United Way Campaign and becoming a United Way 2006 Diamond Award winners. They are:

First Federal Bank of Twin Falls



Contributed photo
Pictured from left are Jason Brue, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho; Lynn Heberg, First Federal and United Way board member; and Alan Horner, chief executive officer of First Federal.

Clear Springs Foods



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Pictured left are Jason Brue, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho; Patty Johnson, director of business development for Clear Springs Foods Inc.; and Cally Parrot, director of corporate relations for Clear Springs Foods Inc.

Costco



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Pictured left to right are Jason Brue, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho; Sandy Snook, store manager for Costco; Sue Ann Jones, marketing manager for Costco; and Jarrod Andresson, assistant store manager for Costco.



Photo by Sue Parikh/South Idaho Press
Pictured from left are fitness coach Hadley Morrell, Curves' owner Sue Newkirk, and Pam Harris, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children.

MIL ESTONES

Little Red Hen joins T.F. Chamber



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The Little Red Hen located in the Magic Valley Mall, 2485 Blue Lakes Blvd N., Twin Falls, celebrated joining the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting assisted by Chamber Ambassadors. Pictured from left are Mike Nachtigall, Dakota Nicholson, Jill Nachtigall, first row, Dawmett Abbott, Nancy Auclair, Suzanne Brown, Cindy Juker, Jeannio Olsen, back row.

Cactus Petes Resort



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Pictured are Jason Brue, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho, and Kils Ann Brown, director of public relations for Cactus Petes Resort Casino.

College of Southern Idaho



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Pictured from left are Jason Brue, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho; Jerry Beck, president of the College of Southern Idaho; Georgia Dimick, director of foster grandparents for the College of Southern Idaho; and Bruce Stevens, manager of the retired senior volunteer program for the College of Southern Idaho.

US Bank of Twin Falls



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Pictured left to right are Jason Brue, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho; and Jeff Wade, manager of US Bank.

Curves collects food for cause

BURLEY — Curves in Burley, a 30-minute fitness and weight loss facility designed specifically for women, participated in the eighth annual "Curves for Food", a nation-wide food drive for the needy. During the month of March, Curves in Burley joined forces with thousands of other Curves facilities across the country to collect bags of non-perishable groceries to be donated to local food banks at the end of the month. The total weight of food collected in the Burley Curves was 1,660 pounds. Following the drive, the food collected was

donated to the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children.

CAREER MOVES

Lyle Masters

BUIH — Lyle Masters of Masters Auction Service was presented an award by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce for his many hours of volunteer service to the chamber and the community.

Masters has conducted the chamber function for the past two years. He also does the Castleford Men's Club and Clover Trinity Lutheran School auctions annually.

In addition, he also donates his time to about 25 to 30 benefit auctions each year including 4-H sales and fundraisers for civic organizations, hospital guilds and church schools. He has served as a Twin Falls County fair commissioner and is a lifetime member of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and the Castleford Men's Club.

Bob Nelson

GOODING — Timely Transport Inc. announced the addition of Bob Nelson to their Regional Service Center. His duties will include carrier marketing, carrier relations, scheduling and matching appropriate customers needs. Nelson lives in Eden with his wife Lisa and their five children. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and all other outdoor activities. He also enjoys volunteering his services for Habitat for Humanity.

Patricia Marcantonio

TWIN FALLS — "The Hidden in the Hood and Other Curves" written by Patricia Marcantonio, has been selected for the CCBC Choices 2006, the Cooperative Children's Book Center's annual best-of-the-year list.

The Cooperative Children's Book Center is a study and research library of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Books in this list are reviewed and selected by CCBC staff. Marcantonio is the online editor at *The Times-News* and edits the *Comunidad* and *School Days* pages. The book was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in New York. It features familiar fairy tales written with Latino characters and culture.

Brent Stimpson — Project Mutual Telephone announced its 2006 Employee of the Year, Brent Stimpson. His career started with PMT in May 1989 after graduating with an associates degree

in telecommunication from Idaho State University. The majority of his time with PMT has been as a technician in the Advanced Services group performing installs and repairs on various business telephone systems throughout the Magic Valley and other locations in Idaho and Nevada.

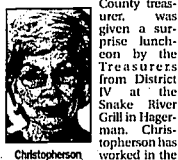
Last year, he accepted a position as the designated "Twin Falls" "jack of all trades" technician, the title describes the nature of the job which requires him to dig trenches as well as program complex customer systems.

Stimpson has been a volunteer fireman on the West End Fire Department in Paul for 15 years and was recognized by his peers in 2001 as the Fireman of the Year. He is currently serving his second term on the Paul City Council.

Stimpson and his wife, Laurie, reside in Paul with their two children Trevor and Tiffany. In his spare time he likes to golf, camp and computer game online.

Fae Christopherson

GOODING — Fae Christopherson, retired Gooding County Treasurer, was given a surprise luncheon by the Treasurers from District IV at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman.

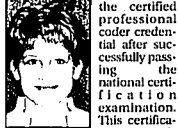


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Christopherson County Treasurer's office for more than 27 years, eight years as the Treasurer. She is a member of the Idaho Association of County Treasurers.

Christopherson retired on March 31. She plans to move to Seeley Lake, Mont., with her husband Ed and finish remodeling their retirement home together.

Debra L. Gates

TWIN FALLS — Debra L. Gates, registered nurse, certified professional coder, has been awarded the certified professional coder credential after successfully passing the national certification examination.



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Gates is sponsored by the American Academy of Professional Coders.

Gates has more than 25 years in healthcare experience. She has extensive acute-care clinical experience and has spent the last 11 years in Home Health and Hospice. She is a member of local, state and national trade associations preserving access to quality care.

She is owner of Home Health Professionals and First Choice Home Care and Hospice.

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IBM

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While profit had tumbled from \$4.1 billion in 2000 to \$3.6 billion in 2002, it was back to \$7.9 billion last year, despite tepid revenue growth in the past few years. Gross profit margins hit their highest mark since 1996.

But investors still worry about where it goes from here. Can an already massive IBM grow at anything more than moderate rates? Is IBM's key services division experiencing short-term hiccups or a deeper funk?

"There are buds springing up all over the business, but none of them are big enough to make anyone say, 'Wow, they are really turning things around,'" said Bob Djurdjevic, a longtime IBM watcher with Annex Research.

IBM is not seen the only tech stock to miss since March 2002. Microsoft, Corp. and Intel Corp. are in the same boat. But in that period, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which includes IBM, has gained 7 percent. The tech-heavy Nasdaq index is up 28 percent.

Recent Wall Street analysts seem to share Palmsiano's optimism, having set a median target for the stock of \$99.50, well above its first trading range in the low \$50s, according to Thomson First Call.

IBM's board also appears to be firmly in his corner, having upped Palmsiano's compensation package to \$19 million in 2005.

But investor sentiments could sour if IBM shares trend water much longer. One millisecond comes between earnings reports first-quarter earnings. The annual meeting follows one week later in Tulsa, Okla.

IBM would not make Palmsiano available to comment, in keeping with its limited public profile. But other executives acknowledge being frustrated by the company's inability to excite investors.

"I tickle some of us off," said Robert Moffat, who is overseeing IBM's drive to streamline its services organization. "I have been in the company 28 years. We have never been in a better position."

The corporate name of International Business Machines Corp. describes only part of today's IBM, which sells not just computing hardware but also software and consulting services. It is the world's largest vendor of information technology.

That field is often called "mature." It's growing only at mid-single-digit rates. But Palmsiano, 54, has bet that IBM can grow faster than the broader market.

The path, in his view, is to concentrate on top-tier offerings with high profit margins. "Whether or not they are going to or not, that's fine but I don't think it's any of our business," Schunk said. "You get to the point where, then you have to sit and watch what you're doing in your private life. It just seems ridiculous."

Schunk's 18-year-old sister Reyanna, is more cautious. She diligently edits her entries on MySpace, asking herself what the managers would think at the restaurant where she works. Reyanna, who attends Century College in White Bear Lake, says she doesn't want to give the impression that she only has a party side. "MySpace can really give out the wrong image of someone," she said, "all depends what you put up there."

leaves commodity items — even ones it essentially invented, like PCs and disk drives — to others.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle to this vision is that competition is tougher than ever in services, a labor-intensive field that accounted for 52 percent of IBM's revenue but 35 percent of pretax income in 2005.

In recent years, lower-cost providers around the world, plus increased savviness on the part of corporate customers, have made it harder for giants like IBM to win or renew enormous services contracts. Increasingly, customers are breaking up big jobs and parceling them out to multiple vendors in hopes of lowering costs and preserving flexibility.

As a result, the average size of technology outsourcing contracts has shrunk, with the 2,000 biggest companies fell 8 percent to \$296 million in 2005, according to TPI Inc, which tracks the field.

Dell could play against IBM's strengths as a vast supplier of products that still struggles to be nimble. "I'm not sure they really have a competitive advantage today to the same degree that they had eight years ago," said Peter Allen, managing director at TPI.

In one telling figure, IBM's pipeline of services deals under contract was unchanged in 2005. That means any business with the company soon during the year just replaced contracts that had run out.

IBM says the statistic reflects a recent push to more selectively enter deals, with the company putting more of a premium on profitability than the sheer size of a contract.

"I think they are aware of the market dynamics, the trend toward smaller deals," said Martin Shagrin, an analyst with Victory Capital Manager. "It's just a matter of, 'Can you cross for that kind of environment?' I think we'll get the answer this year."

Other parts of IBM are primed to move much faster than the rest, including the microchip-making division, which Palmsiano held despite some clamor on Wall Street for him to sell it off.

The group could be near a home run with its Cell Broadband Engine, which combines nine separate processors in one chip for hyper-realistic graphics and other advanced computational functions. Cell is the brains in Sony Corp.'s upcoming PlayStation 3 game console and is expected to run a range of hardware from IBM and other companies.

Even so, it might require mind-boggling gains from chips to seriously change investor opinion about a company that already posts \$24 billion in hardware revenue and \$30 billion overall. Consequently, Shagrin Greenstein, an expert in technology markets at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, suggests it

might take an enormous development, like the birth of the personal computer or the Web, to truly invigorate IBM.

"They need another big idea," he said. "IBM's got to create it themselves, or wait for someone else to do it and get on the bandwagon."

IBM clearly expects investors to maintain a long-term view. The company's dividend provides just a 1 percent annual yield. Much more of IBM's cash gets spent on research and development (consistently about 6 percent of revenue). IBM also has spent \$24 billion buying back shares since 2002.

But executives say no moon shot is required to dramatically boost fortunes. They say the repositioning of the past few years has set IBM up to reap the benefits in the coming years.

"If we stick to our knitting, we'll be fine," said Adalio Sanchez, head of a new IBM unit, technology solutions, which aims to help customers increase their "innovation," IBM's biggest buzzword.

Another plan has more efforts to take advantage of IBM's scope by linking traditionally disparate parts of the 329,000-person company. For example, IBM is trying to cut less labor in its services unit by deploying specialized pieces of software for certain tasks.

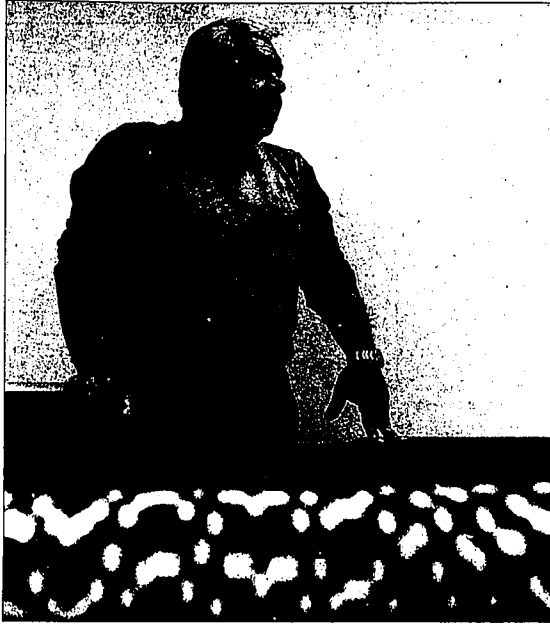
IBM also is cutting costs the old-fashioned way, with cheaper labor. The company now has 40,000 people in India, up from just 9,000 at the end of 2004.

The buildup has drawn the notice of India-based services rivals such as Infosys Technologies Ltd., whose revenue rose last year from \$120 million to \$2 billion in seven years. "They are a threat," Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan acknowledged.

Another plan has Moffat, who squeezed billions in costs out of IBM's internal supply chain, trying to replicate the feat in the services unit. Moffat says he has survived in the industry by billing rate and categories of expertise. Now that, employees have been placed into an internal "marketplace," essentially a dispatching service that can be queried any time to help services contracts run more efficiently.

Like Palmsiano and much of IBM's brass, Moffat has been with the company long enough to have survived its near-death experience of the early '90s, before Lou Gerstner famously refocused IBM as a services provider. Moffat recalls seeing IBM's work force enter from 410,000 to 210,000 in a few years, and says the painful memories still inspire the executive team.

"A lot of us have a lot of pride that we're not going back to the point," he said, "where people are going to question whether we're a great company."



Former Las Vegas dealer David Rosenlund poses beside crap tables at his Casino Dealers School on March 23 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Casino

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For many New Mexicans, the prospect of making good money as a dealer seems fairly easy and alluring.

According to several local dealers, the wage for new dealers is starts at around \$30,000 a year including tips at local casinos such as Santa Ana, Isleta and RioStar.

Including tips, dealers at Sandia Casino top out at a base salary of around \$100,000 with established clientele. But you can't just walk in and get a job there — Sandia won't hire anyone without two years of dealer experience.

Aside from Sandia, the other local casinos will hire dealers without experience, but require applicants to pass an all-innovation "audition," during which they showcase their showmanship, dealing skills, mastery of the game and knowledge of the casino's way of playing.

"It's pretty hard to pass those auditions if you don't have some inside information," says Conrad Granito, general manager of Santa Ana Star Casino.

Rosenlund can't guarantee students a job at any casino, but he does give his pupils valuable information about each casino's rules and procedures, Granito

says. "Every casino has different rules, and it's my job to know them," says Rosenlund, who worked for many years in Las Vegas, eight years in Atlantic City and 10 years on various riverboat casinos in Mississippi and Missouri.

More importantly than his New Mexico students, Rosenlund dealt at a number of local casinos, including Sandia and Santa Ana, and still keeps track of how they conduct games.

Since he opened the school, Rosenlund says he has been busy with people willing to pay \$750 to \$1,100 for up to 12 weeks of classes in poker, craps, roulette or blackjack. Rosenlund accepts about 10 new students a month and maintains an enrollment of about 23. His wife, Okkyong, also an experienced dealer, teaches classes, too.

Dealer school student Ruben Montes of Albuquerque says he decided to try dealing after seeing other members of his family succeed. His wife, his mother-in-law and sister-in-law all make good money dealing. Montes was working security at Isleta until he decided to enroll with Rosenlund.

"I actually talked to a guy who taught out of his garage," says

Montes. "He wanted \$2,000 to teach me blackjack and roulette."

Before being hired, dealers also must submit to a background check. Each tribal gaming authority does its own background checks and certifies its employees.

Recent graduate Allison Jones was just hired at the Route 66 casino, but she returned to the school on a recent day to sharpen her skills. Jones had worked in management for years and says she wanted to try something different.

"I don't have to work, but I decided to do something else for a change," she says. "I'm just laughing and having a good time with my customers. It's like playing."

"Being a casino dealer isn't nearly as glamorous as people think, Rosenlund says.

"You are trained to follow a set of procedures over and over again. But you have to know what you're doing. If you have to stop and think, you're done," he says.

"A lot of people come to the casino and say 'Hey that looks like a fun job.' We say, 'OK, yes, but it's a boring job, because you have to do it exactly the same way every time,'" says Granito.

Websites

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"I'm not ashamed of anything but it would be easy to get a different perspective of who I am," said the 22-year-old St. Cloud State University senior who is interviewing for finance jobs. "If I am directing it towards my friends, employers are probably not going to be too impressed with the profile."

As more students and young job seekers turn to social networking sites such as MySpace, Friendster and Facebook to connect with friends and write about their personal lives, employers and recruiters are following right behind. They are tapping into Internet search engines to call information about job candidates.

Job seekers have reason to worry. In some cases employers and recruiters are using the information to weed out candidates.

Three quarters of 102 executive recruiters surveyed last fall by ExecuNet, of Norwalk, Conn. said they use search engines as part of the process to uncover information about job candidates. More than one-in-four said they have eliminated candidates due to what they found about the person on the Internet.

There's an explosion in the amount of personal material being launched into cyberspace by people who seemingly have no qualms about revealing details of their sexual escapades or no-so-hidden desires.

They'll carry digital cameras to bars and parties and post photos of drunken friends and their web pages and to those of

their friends. On one MySpace posting, a 19-year-old Wisconsin girl writes about her pastimes: "I def. like to party — I don't smoke but I drink a lot ... like a lot."

In a few years, Internet searches on job candidates will become even more commonplace, predicts Minneapolis employment attorney Tamara Olson. She advises those who hire their souls and, um, other things online should consider the consequences.

"The Internet is like a billboard or painting on the side of a building," said Olson, who advises companies on electronic communication issues. "But because people are doing the communicating from a computer in their bedroom, they think of the Internet as private. Right now we are in a funny place where people are posting private things and they have no idea how public it really is."

In Minnesota, it is generally not unlawful for an employer to take into account personal information from four sources: the Internet in making hiring decisions. Of course, it's illegal to make hiring decisions based on sex, race, color, religion, or national origin. In most cases, job candidates will never know the reason why they were turned down or that the employer was looking at their postings in the first place.

Morgan Kinross-Wright, director of the undergraduate career center at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, said there is so much buzz about recruiters reading Facebook postings that

Jackson's Beatles catalog is becoming so yesterday

Los Angeles Times

Michael Jackson, who ruled the pop charts before struggling with mounting debts and legal troubles, began dismantling his empire Thursday by agreeing to sell a portion of his beloved music publishing catalog that features hits by the Beatles and dozens of other stars.

To avoid foreclosure on sev-

eral loans, Jackson signed a \$325 million refinancing agreement that will require him to sell half of his 50 percent stake in Sony/ATV Music Publishing to partner Sony Corp. within the next few years. Proceeds will pay off a large portion of the performer's debt, owed primarily to New York hedge fund Fortress Investment Group.

The deal is a coup for Sony, which has long hoped to acquire a larger interest in the thousands of copyrights owned by Sony/ATV which include 251 Beatles songs and Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind." People familiar with the deal, who asked not to be named, said Sony is likely to pay Jackson about \$250 million.

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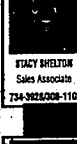
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\$73,900 **Jerome** MLS#98234408
2 bedrooms, 1 bath
1.27 acres-Great rental-341 N 100 E
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\$74,900 **Wendell** MLS#98237156
3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Home could have
more bedrooms, has garage.
Tom Lloyd 737-3932 or 736-8117

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\$97,000 **Klambury** MLS#98240949
4 bedrooms, 2 baths
630 Main Street South
Diane Rasmussen 737-3939/404-3892

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\$97,500 **Twin Falls** MLS#98240243
3 bedrooms, 1 bath
351 Madison Street
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3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1034 sq. ft.-Split
bedroom plan-1st floor has
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Home on 6 acres Seller is motivated!
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2 bedrooms, 1 bath
Great starter home in the country
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Zoned Commercial Business -
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3 bedrooms, 2 baths Quality home by
Remold-Excellent location, 1416 sq ft
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\$142,000 **Twin Falls** MLS#98240664
4 bedrooms, 2 baths
Morning Star by TKO Construction
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\$150,000 **Klambury/Twin Falls** MLS#98225027
3 bedrooms, 1 bath Very private,
included setting plus guest house
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\$158,000 **Twin Falls** MLS#98234774
5 bedrooms, 2 baths Charming, updated
home-Spacious with private backyard
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\$164,900 **Twin Falls** MLS#98211667
4 bedrooms, 2 baths
"The Magic" by Walverton Homes
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4 bedrooms, 1 bath each unit
Shops, pool by Walverton Homes
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\$224,900 **Twin Falls** MLS#98214222
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, Home property
2207 sq. ft. home on .97 acre
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\$249,000 **Klambury** MLS#98232520
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Three includes business, hauling inventory, beer
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\$299,000 **Twin Falls** MLS#98230629
3 bedrooms, 2 baths Darling home!
Great location in Irondale side
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3 bedrooms, 2 baths Spacious vaulted
ceiling-Dennis nickel formal dining
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home on 2.66 ac-20x30 shop
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4 bedrooms, 2 baths
8 acre home property
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Spectacular! - 2.68 acres
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\$444,900 **Twin Falls** MLS#98234838
4 bedrooms, 4 baths High quality home
by Ray Coffin
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\$485,000 **Bohd** MLS#98240779
3 bedrooms, 4 baths Spectacular Water
front-Geothermal water
Dorethy Gald 543-5790 or 737-3983

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\$500,000 **Twin Falls** MLS#98225022
Income property 8 units-1041
Washington St. So.
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\$725,000 **Twin Falls** MLS#98208777
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acre home property
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\$800,000 **Wendell** MLS#98228997
3 bedrooms, 2 baths Nice farmstead-Large
shop & barn. Great income property
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REFRIGERATOR \$175 Upright freezer \$150. Maytag Norge top freezer washer 1 yr. Old \$250. Call 208-339-9742.

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DOORS metal metal style, (20) \$20. Call 208-625-5200.

810 Furniture & Carpet

RUG 8x11 Aubusson floor, 100% wool \$250 pair of 1900's French chairs good cond. \$50. Call 736-2474.

811 Aucteons/Auctioneers

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711 Pastures Wanted

PASTURE NEEDED for 20-25 pairs. Please call 208-324-3185.

812 Lawn And Garden

LAWN AND GARDEN Mowing, weed work, dump truck and loader. Lawn mowing in Fl. area. Call 208-326-4631.

813 Miscellaneous For Sale

DRESSING ROOM dia-nomond, \$250. Jacket \$600. Western style leather size 38, \$75. \$91 suit mens Expedition medium size, red, \$100. All items are like new/best offer for below prices. Call 208-736-6955.

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HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?

WF 23, 5'11", light brown eyes, unemployed, sociable, easygoing, likes horror films, must music, hanging with friends. Looking for a cool, fun guy to hang with. Wendell ☎335619

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!

SW PF, 60, 4'10", medical profession, HWTR! I enjoy yard work, walks, relaxing at home, animals, etc. Seeking a SWM, 55-67, to share special times together, friendship and more. Hollister ☎913531

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SW PF, 52, short brown dark brown 150lbs, looking for someone kind friendly outgoing, honest man to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Hollister ☎74280

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 easy and fun, to share good times, possible LTR. Hollister ☎75914 @ bazarid350

SWEET, PETITE CHRISTIAN

SWF, 67, employed part-time, sneaks caring, honest SWM, under 5'7", 58-68, who enjoys the outdoors, mountains, reading, music, the simple life, Twin Falls ☎911920

YOU NEVER KNOW

SWF, 26, 5'17", blond/blue, mother, enjoys the outdoors, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, movies, relaxing at home, cuddling. Looking for a good-hearted guy to share simple fun, and friendship first. Hollister ☎923359

SEEKS FUN AND MORE

SWF, 51, outdoorsy-type, likes dining out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Albion ☎810168 @ DebFwyhobop1

YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN

SWF, 66, Libra, part-time school cafeteria worker, NS, loves country dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 60-70, Hollister ☎346212

SEEKING COMPANION

DF, 40, 5'2", brown/blue, great smile. Enjoys fishing, slow dancing, romantic love and more. Looking for a SM, 38-43, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, funny and outgoing. Burley ☎878925

NEEDS SOME SUGAR

SWF 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SWM/HM, 38-54, Hollister ☎844241 @ SemiSuite

WHY WAIT?

SWF enjoys fishing, camping, walks, dancing, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, 21-50, to share special times together, and get to know. Kimberly ☎85784

I WANT TO LIVE, LAUGH...

and love again. WF, 34, mother of two boys, loves the outdoors, long conversations, cuddling and more. Looking for an understanding, honest, good man, 34-45, Finley ☎93542 @ Kamstar

NEED A NICE GUY!

Romantic, fun SWF enjoys family life, movies, dancing, horseshoe riding, gardening, cooking, and fishing. Seeking a tall SWM, NS, 40-50, who wants to share a good friend and possible LTR. Twin Falls ☎88961

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

45-year-old SWF, mother of two, CNA, I love camping, mountains, long rides, etc. ISO a SWM, 35-65, who has similar interest. Burley ☎907501

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SWF, 18, 4'11", enjoys horror and comedy films, pizza, hanging with friends, music, etc. Seeking responsible, loving SM, 18-25, to share talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister ☎912173

HI

SWF, 21, very easygoing, Cancor, NS, enjoys shopping and meeting new people. Seeking WM, 19-27, for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Hollister ☎816006

NOT AFRAID TO GET MY...

hands dirty. SWF, 19, 5', dishwater blond/blue hair, Accusure, NS, enjoys dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 19-30, NS, to chat with. Burley ☎818228

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

STILL LOOKING

SWM, 22, tall, intelligent, in culinary arts, likes paint ball, rock climbing, movies, jump out of planes. Seeking SF, 18-23, for friendship and more. Hollister ☎340662 @ davidursolino11

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE

Sociable, honest SWM, 21, 5'9", 160lb, looking for a nice, outgoing, honest, level-headed SF to get to know, share some fun and more. Gooding ☎93264

A TRUE GENTLEMAN

SWM, 42, 5'6", 185lbs, light brown/blue-green, truck driver, enjoys yard work, walks, hunting, fishing, camping, country dress, simple times. ISO honest, commitment-minded lady to share the special times in life. Appleton ☎33640

MAKE IT HAPPEN

SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Saltarius, NS, seeks WF, 18-50, NS, just as a friend. Curry ☎756932

PRETTY OPEN

Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley ☎843855

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, NS, likes camping, fishing, traveling, dining out. Seeking active SWF, 40-60, NS, looks unimportant, must be honest, caring and true, friendship first, maybe LTR. Twin Falls ☎616440

ONE WOMAN MAN

SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, NS, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. ☎651957

WHY NOT CALL?

SWM, 36, 6'2", 180lbs, light red/blue, looking for an intelligent, kind-hearted, open-minded SWF, not afraid to be herself, to share friendship and fun that could lead to lasting love. Hollister ☎30635

HOW ABOUT ME?

SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseshoe riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nice out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship/relationship. Murtaugh ☎743395

LET'S TALK

SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, out going, fun, works construction, likes dining walks, camping, etc. ISO active woman who enjoys the same. Hollister ☎304445

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, who enjoys the same, fun, talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister ☎850460

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

SWM, 28, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just got a job. Possible LTR. Appleton ☎851341

CALL ME

WM, 59', 175lbs, brown/hazel, likes country music, good movies and good times on the couch. Seeking WF, 30-49, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Wendell ☎835906

SEEKING COMPANION

SHM, 28, single father of two Seeking single female 25-35, who is honest, fruitful and likes to have fun. Hollister ☎85493

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 ☎926979 @ SHYFLOWBOY

JUST AN ORDINARY GUY

HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, NS, easygoing, seeks a woman, 25-45, to connect with. Hollister ☎899564 @ pekropo

OUTGOING KINDA GUY

SWM, 41, 6'11", employed, fun to be with, enjoys hunting, fishing, Snowshoe and more. Seeking a SF, 26-54, who enjoys life to the fullest. Acquia ☎940814

SEEKS PREFERRED

WM, 64', weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls ☎856963

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 ☎875531 @ heinak

FLEXIBLE FELLOW

SBM, 18, Scorpio, NS, works at a cheese factory, loves rollercoasters, motorcycles, camping, and fishing. Seeking nice, caring, loving BF, 18-25, NS. Burley ☎30844

LET'S HANG OUT

SWM, 29, 5'9", 145lbs, brown/brown eyes, outdoors, skiing, Snowshoe Pumpkins. Seeking woman, 23-35, for friendship, possible romance. Hollister ☎331113

WORTH A CALL

Employed, honest SM, 45, loves the outdoors, coin collecting, hunting, fishing, quiet romantic walks, candlelight snuggling. Seeking easygoing, understanding, good-humored, witty fun female, to share life with. Lone Star ☎932593

THE SMILE IN YOUR EYES

WWM, 59, 6'2", 180lbs, dog owner, father, retired police officer. ISO outgoing, like-minded sweet lady to share my life with. I enjoy camping, fishing, dining, quiet evenings, romance. Kimberly ☎933773

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. Fairfield ☎742633

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I'VE BEEN LOOKING SWM, 33, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BBW that keeps herself up. Gooding ☎873680

ROOM IN MY HEART

SWM, 39, 5'10", 250lbs, great SOH, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor sports, gardening. Seeking SF, race open, 30-45, slender to medium build, with similar interests for LTR. Paul ☎892445

HELLO LADIES!!!

SWM, 57', 160lbs, single parent, enjoys outdoors, dining, sports, and socializing. Would like to meet a SB/WF, 40-55, for a LTR. Hollister ☎907950

STILL SEARCHING...

WWM, 48, 6'3", very mature and caring female, 18-30. Someone who knows how to have a good time. If this sounds like you, contact me. Hollister ☎913536

A GOOD GUY STILL EXISTS

Hard-working, churchgoing SM, 27, 6'4", 183lbs, brown/blue, glasses, enjoys horseshoe riding, karaoke, cycling, country music, camping, comedy, action/adventure films, partying with friends. ISO fun SWF, 19-28. Hollister ☎742617

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Dear Mr. Wolff: Playing in these no-trump, I was faced with the suit combination of K-7-4 facing Q-10-6-3. I led low to the king and ace. Was it a blind guess on the second round between finessing and playing for the drop of the jack?

ANSWER: Think of this as an extension of the rule "Eight ever, nine never," which states that a queen when missing five, but play for the drop missing four. For the same basic reason (the jack is likely to be with three cards outside, rather than with two cards outside), the finesse is the percentage play.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I picked up the following beautiful hand in second chair: ♠ A-K-J-10-8-2, ♥ A-Q-3, K-7-4, ♦ 2, ♠ 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. If one spade is right, what is the best continuation over my partner's response of one no-trump?

ANSWER: You are about half a trick short of a strong two-bid. (Change a small diamond to the queen, for example.) If you open one spade, you may have to close your eyes and hope to four spades and the response of one no-trump. It's not elegant, I agree!

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ANSWER: Partner's range for the one-spade call is maybe 0-9 points. Since you are only interested in game facing the very top of his range, a simple raise to two spades would surely suffice now. Passing would be pessimistic; anything more than the raise, too,

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Where to go for good baby advice

I am so grateful for my La Leche League group. As much as it drives me nuts when some random person in the grocery store walks up to me that babies like to be rocked and not bounced (whatever), it's a lifesaver to have a group of like-minded mothers whom I feel comfortable approaching with my questions.



MAMA TALK
Suzanne DeSelms

"My baby cries until you walk him around while holding him upright..."
"My baby sometimes goes on a hot-tea strike and will stare for four or more hours waiting for me to come home from work to nurse him..."
"My baby can make all sorts of cool sounds but can't even hold a rattle for more than a few seconds..."

The responses I get from the other women are always so comforting. They say things like, "Oh, that's totally normal for his age. My baby did that, too."

Sure, sometimes we make a few comparisons, such as which babies are sitting, crawling, teething, sleeping through the night (Ben's record is 7 1/2 hours, yes), but it's highly varied. No one's trying to outdo each other.

The meetings all have a topic, like "people vs. things," but it never takes long before someone's question launches us all off going advice and telling stories about our babies. Many of the mothers have parenting styles similar to the one my husband and I try to use, called "attachment parenting."

So when I ask a question like, "how do I nurse at night without getting a big puddle of milk on the sheets, I know that I'm not going to get, 'What? You sleep with your baby?'"

In fact, in response to that particular question, another mother informed me that when her baby was born up in the air to do a nurse. This kept the mess at a minimum.

In addition to monthly meetings, I can always call the leader if I have a question. When Ben was 10 months, he had a hard time nursing. I know that breast milk is especially good for a sick child, but how do you get it into him when he can't breathe through his nose?

She suggested many things, including using breast milk as nose drops. (She said this is common in other countries, but if I was to use saline solution that would also work.) What ended up helping us most was to position him differently so he could nurse sitting up.

I need to do take my son in for his well-baby check-ups. I'd hate to be one of those mothers who constantly calling the doctor for every little thing. They're real work to do, and besides, who has baby questions only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.? Certainly not me.

Of course, you can't believe everything you hear (where do you think the term "old wives' tale" came from?) but sometimes experience does beat out expertise. At my LLL group, I get this: What is stressed most at each meeting is that you have to do what's best for your baby, and no one knows your baby like you do.

It'd also like to think that I will continue to help anyone. And you never know, even the mothers with three or four kids still ask questions occasionally.

Well, what if some new mother wants to know if her baby is fussy because of what she's eating? (Well, when Ben was that age, I couldn't have anything with beans. Chill with me, but I could eat anything, even have soybeans without it upsetting him.) And what if someone wants to know how to burp an unburpable baby? (When Ben was that age, he screamed about burps all the time until I learned to put him on my hip and carry him around the house with one hand. He loves it so much he forgets to cry, and then eventually he jerks up.)

I love it to my community to give something back, once I am one of those experienced mamas who doesn't need help anymore. And you never know. Even the mothers with three or four kids still ask questions occasionally.

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Jennifer Thorngquist and her husband, Daniel, started a business with his brother Jon Baker and wife, Angie, to shuttle children between Twin Falls and Boise.

Hitchin' a ride

New business shuttles children between divorced parents

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Want a lift?

To book a seat for your child on Child Safe Transportation's shuttle service, contact Daniel Thorngquist at 420-6869 or Jon Baker at 420-8064. The new service transports children of parents who share custody between here and Boise.

TWIN FALLS — Daniel Thorngquist used to do a lot of driving. Every other weekend, he'd meet his ex-wife halfway between here and Boise to exchange their daughter, Skye.

Two days later, he'd make the same trip again to give her back. That was 516 miles a month, shuttling his daughter back and forth. And if driving that much wasn't headache enough, Daniel said, he and his ex-wife often got into arguments when they met at the exchange point — a gas station in Mountain Home.

Daniel encountered plenty of other disgruntled parents at the pick-up stop: the custody sharers called the "transfer station."

It was there, Daniel said, he spawned the idea for his new business, Child Safe Transportation. "Two weeks ago, Daniel and his new wife, Jennifer — along with his brother Jon Baker and wife, Angie Baker — began their shuttle service, that transports children of divorced parents between here and Boise. They have only one client — Daniel's aunt — but she's a happy customer.

"I'm so excited about this service," said divorced parent Telli Thorngquist of Gooding. "I couldn't do the

driving anymore, no way. And me and my ex-husband — we just don't get along."

So two weekends ago, Telli's 13-year-old son, Andrew Jackson, climbed into the service's van for the lonely trip.

Twin Falls-based Child Safe Transportation charges \$35 for each one-way transport to or from Boise. That's \$70 a month for a parent with every-other-weekend custody arrangements.

The parent sending off the child pays the bill. The parent sending the child back may or may not choose to use the service; but the company will solicit the business of the second parent.

Telli's ex signed up, too. It's money well-spent, she said. "I used to wish there was somebody to drive my son because I was tired of dealing with my ex. And I couldn't afford what the trips were doing to my car."

Child Safe Transportation's owners say saving money is one benefit

of their service, but the clients they hope to line up may value the convenience more.

As the business develops, it will establish drop-off and pick-up points here and in Boise, preferably at day care centers that could monitor children if parents are late picking them up.

"That is, if the fledgling company can build a larger client base. Any new business is risky, but the four owners said this idea is one that can't miss."

The entrepreneurs pooled their money to purchase a van, make company T-shirts and print advertising pamphlets. So far, they've invested about \$30,000.

"They've done their homework. Daniel said they spoke with divorce lawyers, judges, family counselors and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare before taking out their checkbooks. Everyone, he said, told them the business was a good idea."

Daniel claims census data show 2,000 children with one parent in Ada County and one in Twin Falls County sharing custody. The van holds 10 children, a driver and someone to monitor the passengers.

If the business takes off, Jon said, they'll purchase more vans and hire drivers.

For now, though, the Thorngquist and Baker couples alternate driving. One person mans the wheel, the

other watches the passengers.

Daniel, Jennifer and Angie all have experience with children. Jennifer taught preschool. Daniel was a therapy technician for disabled children. Angie is a former substitute teacher.

And Jon, well, "I was a kid once," he said.

And all four grew up in divorced families.

"Some parents never want to see their ex again," Jon said. "I think we all know what that's like."

Taking face-to-face interaction out of the equation for divorced parents is a major Child Safe Transportation selling point. The company's tag line is: "Let Child Safe take care of the unpleasant visitation exchanges so you don't have to."

That's what attracted Telli to the company. No more arguments with her ex, which she said used to set the tone for visitations. Andrew was forced to watch his parents argue at each exchange, and that, Telli said, put him in a bad mood.

Andrew arrived bright and happy to see his mom after his ride with Child Safe, she said. It was a lonely ride, but at least no one argued.

"He was like my old son again," she said. "And for that, I thank them."

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On her 100th birthday, hails from the chiefs

By Juliet Elperin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It began with an innocent remark over lunch. On my first date with a senior British diplomat in November, I mentioned I was close to my maternal grandmother, who would turn 100 years old in February.

"Oh," the embassy official replied. "You know if she was a British citizen, the queen would send her a telegram. She does that for all the Brits who turn 100."

My mind raced. If the queen writes to 100-year-old Britons, surely I could get the president of the United States to write to Grummy. I was actually set to see President Bush at the White House's annual media holiday party, where reporters can pose briefly with the president and first lady as a photographer snaps a picture. Bush wouldn't dare turn me down if I asked him directly, right?

But wait: My grandmother, Maria G. Cook, a Hungarian who survived the Holocaust before moving to the United States in the early 1950s, was a committed Democrat. Shouldn't I also get a missive from former President Bill Clinton for bipartisan balance? Why not make three more phone calls and collect birthday congratulations from every living president?

That was the moment things began to spiral out of control. When I decided my grandmother deserved international recognition from world leaders, the kind that Nobel Prize winners re-

ceive when they're flush with victory.

In Budapest at the onset of World War II, she used the skills and connections she had developed as a businesswoman's personal secretary to save her immediate family by hiding with her husband and young daughter and son in more than two dozen safe houses during the war's final year. She helped my grandfather escape from a slave labor camp just before he was to be shipped out to a concentration camp. Another time she arranged to transport oil from Romania by freight train to Switzerland during the Allies' war effort.

However, my grandmother, being my grandmother, instead focused on her inability to save her mother and favorite aunt; they were murdered on New Year's Eve, 1944, just months before the war in Europe ended.

My grandmother lived with my family in Washington, and helped raise my brother and me. I dedicated my upcoming book to her — and she assured me that honoring her in a tome on Congress was just as good as if I had produced a great-grandchild.

With only two months to solicit missives from prominent leaders across the globe, I at first relied on traditional reporting techniques. I found the correspondence offices of presidential libraries, faxed in my requests.

I posed the question to Bush himself in mid-December after our picture was snapped. At first he looked tense, perhaps fearing I was going to ask a tough policy question. But after my request, he beamed. "Of course," he said, grudgingly gesturing to his per-



Juliet Elperin with her grandmother, Maria G. Cook, in 1998. Elperin asked world leaders to send birthday greetings on Cook's 100th birthday. Cook, a Hungarian who survived the Holocaust, also helped other family members to escape.

sonal assistant. "We'll get it done."

To buttress my request to French President Jacques Chirac, I enlisted two contacts at the French Embassy and wrote a long e-mail about my grandmother's long-standing attachment to France, which began with her learning French nursery songs as a child. (Yes, I was shameless, but I was also keen to make a sale case.) These ties grew stronger during the two years

Grammy and her family lived in Paris after the war. My brother, albeit sincerely flattery produced an elegant, hand-signed letter from Chirac offering his "sincere felicitations" for my grandmother's "centime anniversaire."

My campaign became a topic of office and cocktail-party chatter as I enlisted well-connected Washingtonians in the effort. I very much wanted

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

5300 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.00 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool noon to 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Burgin Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meals:
Monday: Sweet and sour chicken with rice, vegetable, green salad, cream puff.
Tuesday: Caked steak with onions, potatoes and gravy, cabbage and banana salad, vegetable, bread.
Wednesday: Lasagna, green salad, green beans, french bread, churros cake.
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, cornbread, coleslaw, strawberry shortcake.
Friday: Baked ham, fried potatoes, California vegetables, spinach salad, banana muffin, dessert.

Activities:
Today: No dance, Easter Sunday
Monday: Bridge Club
Medicare D
No exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Wednesday: Quilting
Eks Card Club
Medicare D
Friday: Blind pressure
Lunch bingo
Quilting
Jesus Field env
Saturday: Super bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Meals:
Today: Closed, Easter Sunday
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Baked ham casserole, mashed sweet potatoes, peas with onions, bread, Jell-O salad, dessert
Wednesday: Salmon steak, potato, vegetable, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit, birthday cake

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served for noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.
Meals:
Monday: Ham dinner, sweet potatoes, vegetable, fruit, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Pork spareribs with sauerkraut, potatoes, salad, fruit, vegetable, bread, dessert
Friday: Spaghetti and meat-sauce, salad, fruit, vegetable, garlic bread, dessert

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each medicine.
Meals:
Tuesday: Broiled chicken, later pulled, carrots, applesauce, bread
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Macaroni, cooked cabbage, bread, Jell-O salad, cookies
Activities:
Monday: Skateland, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 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
Thursday: Blind pressure, 11 a.m. to 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.
Meals:
Monday: Pork chow mein over rice, California blend vegetables, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, coleslaw, banana pudding
Wednesday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, beef, green salad, coleslaw, bread
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, potato waffles, corn, fruit medley, rice crispy treat
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, yams, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp
Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Representatives from Sen. Craig's office and SIBBA volunteers available to answer questions about Medicare D
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Entry trial, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Gene Stone Fiddlers
Wednesday: Fitness Class, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: K-Kid
Susan Brown, singer
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Planting with Ken Himple

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals:
Tuesday: Pork cutlets with gravy, red potatoes, cornbread, pear-cheese-and-lettuce salad, spring blend vegetables, lemon pudding cake
Wednesday: Bacon of vegetable quiche, lush brown casserole, morning glory muffins, fresh fruit salad, teal brownie

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Hall St. W., Shoshone
Open: Juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Meals:
Tuesday: Ham and beans, fried potatoes, tossed green salad, dinner rolls, apple pie
Wednesday: Tuna fish sandwiches, cream of broccoli soup, cream puff
Friday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, five-way mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, green salad, cookies, pudding
Activities:
Regular bingo is at 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Family night will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by bingo for prizes.
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
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Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

Meals:
Monday: Manwich on a bun, tomatoes, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Taco salad, corn chips, fruit salad
Friday: Meatloaf, potato casserole, applesauce, congealed salad, hot bread, birthday cake, ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Dinner at Pioneer, 5 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting
Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Caroy center
Friday: Birthday celebration
SIBBA
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
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Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Meals:
Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese, fruit, nutella, bread
Tuesday: Chili, baked potatoes, broccoli salad, Jell-O, corn muffins
Wednesday: Mushroom steak, potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, salad, bread, bread brownies, ice cream
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, Harvard beets, salad, rolls, custard
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wife, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Friday 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, 9 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Meals and 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.
Meals:
Tuesday: Sloppy joes, raw vegetables, fruit, nutella
Wednesday: Baked potato bar, carrot salad, fruit, pudding
Friday: Salmon patties, macaroni and vegetable casserole, fruit, dessert
Activities:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior 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.
Meals:
Monday: Chili, cornbread, salad, cinnamon rolls
Tuesday: Potato bar with trimmings, salad, ice cream
Wednesday: Enchiladas with rice, beans, fruit, crispiitos
Thursday: Hamburger with trimmings, potatoes, salad, vegetable casserole
Friday: Smorgasbord
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7 to 1:30 a.m.; pancakes, eggs, biscuits, 6 p.m.; french toast, baked burritos, bacon, sausage, ham, adults, \$4.50, children under 10, \$3.50, family of five, \$20
Activities:
Friday: Representatives from Sen. Larry Craig's office and SIBBA volunteers available to answer questions about the new Medicare D program at noon

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Meals:
Monday: Beef stroganoff, spinach, bread sticks, green salad, cherry collier
Tuesday: Poor boy sandwich, broccoli-cheddar soup, mixed fruit cup, delish weight cake
Wednesday: Lasagna, green salad, green beans, garlic bread, applesauce cake
Friday: Meatloaf, baked potato, corn, fruit cup, assorted desserts
Activities:
Monday: All play pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All play pool
Woodcarving class, 8:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Friday: Pool
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool

Golden Years Senior Center
218 N. Hall St. W., Shoshone
Open: Juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Meals:
Tuesday: Ham and beans, fried potatoes, tossed green salad, dinner rolls, apple pie
Wednesday: Tuna fish sandwiches, cream of broccoli soup, cream puff
Friday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, five-way mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, green salad, cookies, pudding
Activities:
Regular bingo is at 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays. Family night will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by bingo for prizes.
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
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Blaine County Senior Center
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Meals:
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Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Bides 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.
Meals:
Monday: Sloppy joes, Italian mixed vegetables, fruit crisp, tossed salad, hum, milk
Tuesday: Fruit juice, beef stroganoff and noodles, stewed tomatoes, green beans, bread, milk
Thursday: Baked ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, peas, coleslaw, bread, ice cream, cake, milk
Activities:
Thursday: Gem meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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Cub helps in fight against early Alzheimer's symptoms

By Bill Glauber
Knight Rider News Service

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Some- where between memory and loss there is this class of eight students who range in age from 16 to 81. Five are in the early stage of Alzheimer's disease.

Three suffer ailments that threaten their cognitive health. They exercise their minds with Sudoku puzzles and worksheets where they complete a phrase. ("Live and let live. Honesty is the best policy.") They use the senses. ("I don't eat a horn. Smell that! It's a garlic clove.")

Most of all, they talk, relate, laugh and for a few hours are free from the who they are, the way they are.

"There is no reason to fear coming here," says Rose (Gus) Shostak, 56, in a few whiffs of a voice, struggling with the effects of vascular dementia triggered by small strokes.

"I hope and pray that I am a place of hope amid heartbreak, a potentially groundbreaking program tried in only a handful of communities nationwide."

"Once a week, four hours at a clip, there is a fight for memory at the Harwood Place Retirement Community in Watwatosa, Wis. Alzheimer's disease has a similar aggressive brain disorder that affects 4.5 million Americans.

"But maybe, just maybe, through a program like this, the early stages of Alzheimer's can be somewhat slowed, memory retained. That's the hope, the goal."

"They're not selling a miracle here," says the selling education, a social gathering, memory enhancement for those who suffer from mild memory loss.

"What we're trying to do is

Fighting memory loss

The National Alzheimer's Association Web site: www.alz.org
The National Institute on Aging also maintains an Alzheimer's related Web site: www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers

stimulate their minds, get them thinking of stuff, stuff they had long forgotten," says Jennifer Novak, a warm, engaging 36-year-old who heads the class.

Novak is a director of community services for Lutheran Living Services. But here, in a room off a main dining area, she's a teacher, friend and cheerleader for an eclectic group bound by a determination to not surrender to a disease.

When the class began in early January, three people attended. Slowly but surely, the message got out. A recent class included eight students huddled around a couple of tables. Four days later, 10 people showed up.

"There is camaraderie. Newcomers are welcome. People who have similar professions gravitate to one another."

"There is even some gentle joking. The students are given a sheet of potential naming signs for Alzheimer's, including one about losing car keys in unusual places such as the trash can or the freezer."

"Laughter fills the room. The key is stimulation to keep the brain working, the limbs moving, talk, work, even a gentle stroll outdoors."

"There are similar programs in Oklahoma, Minnesota and California. The model comes from Napa, Calif., created by Kristin Einberger, supervisor of an Alzheimer's program. She named it 'Mind Boosters' and tailored the program for 'people who are fully aware they have issues with their memories,' those who were in three-ring binders designed for those in the mid-to-late stages of the disease.

"We called it an early memory loss group," says Jennifer Novak. "The Big A (Alzheimer's) is still a stigma."

"She doesn't have hard data, but Einberger claims the program makes a difference to the students."

"Alzheimer's is progressive," she says. "It's my belief we can make a difference and maybe we can keep them at this (early) stage longer than if they were sitting home on the couch completely isolated."

"Spend a few days with the class and a few days stand out. There's homework, the students filling out worksheets, stretching their minds with math and history, rustling papers in three-ring binders."

"Pictures also play a large part. They're designed to stir questions, jar memories as the class creates a group story, applying names to characters. A photo of a Tupperware party from the 1950s triggers reminders of the way things used to be, when ranch homes and plastic containers were new. A photo of a Tupperware party from the 1950s triggers reminders of the way things used to be, when ranch homes and plastic containers were new."

"This is crazy," one woman says in the midst of a story the class creates, a story that revolves around a chicken salad lunch to the neighbors carpooling to the party."

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Birthday

Continued from E1

Kofi Annan: The secretary general of the United Nations married the niece of Raoul Wallenberg, who saved my grandmother's favorite cousin during the war. A colleague put me in touch with an Amman aide and when his beautiful letter arrived it compared her actions to those of Wallberg — and emphasized the U.N.'s commitment to ending genocide. Another friend at the National Security Council was so moved she called me. Lee Kwan Yee, Singapore's former prime minister, and soon she called and declared, "We have agreement" as if we'd just forged an international treaty.

"At times it became a sort of world leader-style game of 'Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon' — I continually discovered I knew someone who knew someone who knew a head of state. In some cases the connection was even closer. My father called me one weekend and said, 'I'm trying to get letters for Grammy?'"

"Well, I replied, "Of course. I'm president of Portugal." He said, "Do you know the president of Portugal?"

"We worked together in the Justice Department for one year, in 1961, while the British diplomat Charles wrote: 'I have heard of your truly remarkable courage, fortune and determination during the Second World War, and my family and I continue to do all we can to ensure that heroic stories and experiences such as yours continue to be remembered in the U.K. and elsewhere. Yours most sincerely Charles.'"

"That letter, and others, affirmed why I had gone to such elaborate lengths to celebrate my grandmother's birthday. While I've enjoyed many professional

and personal opportunities, my grandmother had not. As a woman and a Jew she wasn't allowed to attend university, and like many women of her era she didn't get to pursue the career she wanted. Because she was intensely private, only a handful of people knew what she did during the war to protect the people she loved. Brilliant, resourceful and kind, she deserved the accolades afforded more prominent figures. My grandmother was waiting in her Upper East Side apartment for me. Since she went blind a year ago, I'd be reading the roughly dozen letters to her, just as she had to me as a child; things coming full circle."

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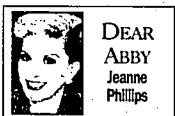
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SINUSITIS or COLD?
Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS		COLD	
	Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days	Under 10 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thick, whitish or thin	Thick, whitish or thin	Thick, whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No	No	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No		

Sunscreen lets people enjoy sunshine on their shoulders without any worry

DEAR ABBY: I recently had to tell another patient, this time a husband and father, that the irregular-shaped mole on his shoulder was melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer. Unfortunately, dermatologists see cases like this every day.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Despite outward appearances of being healthy, this man was a prime candidate for skin cancer. Unlike many of my patients, he had spent the better part of his youth swimming and playing baseball in the sun with his skin unprotected.

Regardless of age or skin type, everyone is at risk for developing skin cancer. Last year alone, there were 162,760 new cases of melanoma diagnosed in the United States. To avoid becoming part of that statistic, your readers need to be "sun smart" when they have fun in the sun. They need to do such things as generously apply sunscreen, wear protective clothing, seek shade, get vitamin D safely — through a healthy diet or dietary supplement — and avoid tanning beds.

As a dermatologist, I can attest that practicing sun safety and getting screened for skin cancer are the best ways to ensure lifelong healthy skin. Please help me spread the word, Abby.

—STEPHEN R. STONE, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

DEAR DR. STONE: I'm pleased to hear that thank you for your compassion and desire to protect my readers.

Folks, in addition to heeding Dr. Stone's suggestions, you can also take advantage of the American Academy of Dermatology's free skin cancer screening programs. Throughout the year, dermatologists provide free screenings to help educate the public about the

importance of early detection of skin cancer. The good news is that most skin cancers average a 95 percent cure rate if they are caught early! To locate free screenings in your area, log on to www.aad.org or call toll-free: (888) 462-5376.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old female and have recently realized that I am gay. I came out to my parents about a year ago, and they were loving and accepting. It wasn't a problem.

My problem is I am not ready to tell any of my close friends. I am waiting until college to come out. However, because I haven't come out, I still get a lot of male attention. I'm worried that constantly rejecting all guys will give my secret away. This, I am, in a relationship with a boyfriend I do not love.

I know it's not fair to lie to him and pretend that I love him. I don't want to break his heart. I have already ended past relationships for "no reason" and have had to think up reasons to

give to my friends. (Even my best friend, who no idea, and I feel guilty about it.) I don't think I can lie one more time about it being the boy's fault, because each guy I have dated has been perfectly sweet.

My relationship with my current boyfriend, is becoming quite serious, and though I like him as a friend, I'm not ready for the sex that we're beginning to talk about. I want out, but I'm not ready to come out.

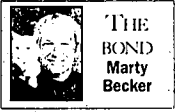
Please help me. I have never had a more confusing dilemma. —IN THE CLOSET IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR IN THE CLOSET: You are not alone. No obligation to disclose your sexual orientation until you are ready. However, it is time to stop lying to the young man you are dating. All you need to say is that you have decided not to have a serious relationship until you are in college. It is the truth, and you do not have to elaborate.

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: Happy Easter, everyone!

Canines need special toothbrush, toothpaste

Oral disease is the No. 1 health problem in dogs, with as many as 80 percent of dogs showing signs of oral disease by the age of 3. What starts out as plaque and tartar buildup may progress into diseases such as periodontal disease (gums and bone support structures for teeth are eaten away) and systemic problems with vital organs such as the liver, kidneys and heart.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

According to veterinarian Jan Bellows of Weston, Fla., there are many variables as to why some dogs are more prone to periodontal disease than others. In general, the risk of oral disease is related to:

- Breed: Small breeds are more prone to dental disease because their teeth are crowded together and don't self-clean as well; the bone around their teeth is thinner and thus destroyed faster; smaller dogs live longer, thus giving the mechanics of dental disease longer to do damage.

- Health: Animals that have compromised health can't fight the bacteria that lead to periodontal disease.

- Diet: Animals that are malnourished or fed soft food are more predisposed than those that eat hard food.

- Age: Older animals have more time to form plaque and tartar, allowing more time for the destructive forces of periodontal disease to do damage.

For good oral health, a pet owner needs to take three important steps. The first two depend on the veterinarian, and the third relies on the pet owner for success:

1. Ask your veterinarian to check your pet's oral health and discuss a personalized dental health program including diet and daily tooth care.
2. Ask your vet to "monitor" your pet's oral health at regular intervals (experts now recommend twice yearly). See www.pet.com.
3. Upon the recommendation of your veterinarian, start and maintain a dental care program at home.

We take many steps at home to promote optimal dental health in the Becker dog, including regular brushing, feeding dry foods, using gels weekly, wiping daily and enzymatic chews. But the most important we do is more important than brushing our dog's teeth.

Brushing removes plaque from tooth surfaces and be-

neath the gum line before it mineralizes into calculus. This is the single most important step, and Bellows stresses that success depends on the pet owner's commitment to brush the pet daily. There are pet toothbrushes specifically made to reach the back of large-muzzed dogs (like a collie) or with small bristles to fit into the mouths of toy breeds (like a Chihuahua). I recommend a double-headed pet toothbrush by Petson that has dual bristles angled toward the teeth and gumline for optimal plaque removal. The brushes clean both surfaces of the teeth at the same time (www.petson.com).

Bellows cautions owners to not share toothbrushes between pets so that they don't contaminate each other's teeth.

Human toothpaste should be avoided because it contains detergents that can irritate a dog's stomach when swallowed, as well as flavors, which can be harmful to pets. I use and recommend CET (fish- and poultry-flavored toothpastes www.flavocet.com).

To brush your pet correctly, Bellows says to follow five steps:

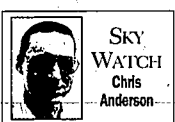
1. Place the pet's head at a 45-degree angle, causing the jaws to relax.
2. Pull the lips back gently with the same hand used to hold the head at an angle.
3. Hold brush at a 45-degree angle to the teeth.
4. Petson toothbrush is automatically at the right angle and use circular motions.
5. Brush about five strokes for each one of the four quadrants (right and left upper and lower). Concentrate on the outside tooth surfaces.
6. When finished, give the pet a reward (a small treat or, better yet, a good guy and a dog toy).

With dedicated veterinary and at-home dental care, your dog can live a longer, healthier life with what I call "kissable breath," so you won't worry when your best four-legged friend sleeps nose-to-nose with you at night.

Marty Becker is a former Twin Falls veterinarian.

Astronomy is often an easy sell with kids

Recently, I was watching a NASA-TV replay of the 15-year anniversary observance of the Hubble Space Telescope mission. One of the experts, commenting on Hubble's educational value, offered this: "It's hard to get kids excited about solid state physics. But they already love astronomy."



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

It's a point well taken, in a time when the youngest people with a firsthand recollection of men walking on the moon are late thirtysomethings, educators often struggle to find ways to get students excited about (let alone consider pursuing a career in) science.

With so much emphasis placed on more "down-to-earth" sciences like chemistry and biology in standardized achievement tests, astronomy often falls by the curricular way-

side. But astronomy has something most other hard sciences lack: the inherent aesthetic appeal of iconic images like Saturn's rings, the winding arms of a spiral galaxy and Jupiter's Great Red Spot.

As such, astronomy provides a pathway for parents trying to cultivate a child's natural curiosity and wonder into academic achievement in science. "That's because you don't have to be an expert in order to physics to be wowed by the

ringings of a lunar eclipse or a meteor shower. And you don't have to be able to explain what you're seeing to enjoy it. Finding the explanation can be a process of discovery that you share with your child.

If you have any doubts that astronomy resonates with kids, consider a conversation I overheard some years ago with a volunteering as a docent at Baltimore's Maryland Science Center. In a solar system display a mom with daughter in tow had misidentified a planetary scale model. "Look, honey, it's Jupiter." Before I could offer a correction the 8- or 9-year-old — with mild embarrassment — granted, "No, Mom, that's Neptune." With a little bit of encouraging, that sort of youthful enthusiasm and well grow into a lifelong

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Venus: ESE, very low; Jupiter: SW, very low; Saturn: W, mid sky; Mars: SW, very high
- Moon: Last quarter 9:28 p.m. Thursday.

passion for science.

Next week: Astronomical trick photography.

—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.

Best friends: Training your pet fortifies bonds

By Connie Bloom Knight Rider News Service

Ruddy, the Shar-Pei-shepherd mix, doesn't bark at the other dogs anymore. The recycled mix has transcended his bad luck and become a good citizen who favors over his human sidekick, Heather Bellinger, 42, who suffers from seizures.

"Heather is my 17-year-old special daughter," said Norma Bellinger. "She is mildly retarded and has about four seizures a month. When she has one, Ruddy goes right to her side and stays with her."

"The pooch hangs with her when she is sick."

But he wasn't wearing his halo when the Stow, Ohio, family brought him home in September, said Heather's mom. He didn't know how to walk on a leash or sit or stay if someone dropped a bottle of pills, he would have scarfed them up. His future depended on learning some life-saving commands, like "leave it."

So the whole family, including dad, Ray, enrolled in the intensive, ongoing group classes at PetsMart at Chapel Hill, N.C. "It takes less time to work with

a dog than chase after him," said Peter Krieger, Party Vespa.

"The idea is to integrate him into your daily life. Just having a support system is valuable — everybody has problems with the dogs in the house."

Dogs need to know who's boss, she said. The dog is happier when the owner establishes him or herself as alpha.

"Most of the dogs you'll find in shelters are there because they have a behavior problem," said Ken McCort, animal behavior consultant. "That's the sad part. They go to the bathroom in the house or whatever. People give them up for adoption. Training is really important, it's a form of communication," teaching the animal how to respond to specific cues, which will teach them how to live with you."

"People who don't train their pooches can't blame them," said. Their quest for the perfect tail-wagger goes unfulfilled.

"Everybody wants to have a good house pet," said Linda Davis, an assistant trainer and member of the All-Breed Train-

ing Club of Akron at Summit County Fairgrounds. The club was established in 1949 to teach people how to teach their dogs. The thinking used to be that dogs should not be trained until they were 6 months old, but then it's too late. "They'll already have their bad habits established," she said.

"We used to do dog show training, then we realized that most people don't want to show dogs, they want good house pets," said Davis. "They want dogs that don't jump up and stay off the counters."

In basic training, the dog learns some of the basics, such as sit, "stay," "come" and how to walk on a leash. "It's important to get the dog's attention every time you say his name, and he will be 90 percent better behaved than most dogs," said Vespa. "You can teach a dog to sit and stay when the pizza man comes. You want to set the dog up for success."

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him sit, sit, go down, sit and go down. You know as the "push-up." Through all this activity, the mailman melts away.

You can also train the pooch to ignore accidental pain in a smooth move called "ouch training." You pull the dog's ear and go "ouch," then give him a treat. You work on one scenario until ultimately, if someone steps on his tail, the dog ignores it and starts drooling. You can even teach dogs to love being hit by the dog that crushes them like babies, said Vespa.

Working with your dog deepens the bond between owner and animal, a relationship that can become quite profound, even spiritual — just check out your neighborhood library for a wealth of books on the topic. Participating in classes socializes the dog, exposing him to new and different settings and people, including children. It learns to be friendly and a likely return customer for life of the animal.

"If you don't put the time into training, eventually people will get rid of the dog," said Davis. "If you're willing to put in time for training, you'll have a good pet for the life of the animal."

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After spending more time than is probably necessary or normal, I have decided upon the name I want for my next dog. I have a list of 100 possible names. I have eliminated all the possibilities as Malfoos, Xana, Burp, Brewskie, Uranus and Bob being eliminated along the way.

And the winner is — Stella. And the reason is — I want to be able to go out on the back porch and, in my best Stanley Kubrick voice, scream, "STELLA! LA STELLA!"

A dog, by any other name, still drinks from the toilet

By Jim Shea The Hartford Courant

Naming a dog used to be simple.

You either gave your dog a traditional name — Fido, Rover, Old Blue — or an unpretentious, based name — Spot, Rusty, Socks — or a name derived from behavior — Digger, Bones, Nippy for, in my experience, Molly, Chew and Pea.

Nowadays, because dogs are viewed as members of the family, the trend is toward giving them human names.

According to various Web sites, among the most popular dog names are Max, Inke, Buddy, Casey, Cody, Maggie, Molly, Lady, Lucy and Sammie.

When it comes to dog nam-

ing, no one takes it more seriously than the owners of Pouchco, who tag their pampered hounds with such appellations as Walsling Winning Trick of Edgerstoune, and Whispervind on a cold day. "D'arbyleads All Rise Pouchco."

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out of their water bowl, if you could only drink.

Men, of course, prefer to give dogs tough-guy names like Spike or Rocky or Killer, which, while sounding intimidating, are less than ideal when attached to, say, a Pekingese.

Women, on the other hand, give the opposite names, emasculating muscular dogs by sacking them with names like Crocus and Piggy Wiggy.

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Taurus: You may find networking delightful

IF APRIL 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The world celebrates Easter as well as your birthday today, so go ahead and snack on an extra peanut butter Easter egg. You may be in for a little extra luck this year as powerful Pluto imparts your desires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you're a child of the sun, gloves and get down to business instead of being distracted by minor issues.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Aim your networking efforts to be a delight instead of a chore. Your likability quotient his high notes this week so combine business with pleasure to end up in a win-win position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A great deal of pleasure and curiosity conditions. Break out the jeans or sweatshirt and play hooky from formality.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Actions speak louder than words. The April 15 zodiac sign to gain cooperation from others. This week use the principal of SOPM (spend other people's money) to get your networking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make power plays. Turn up the fine high under a project that has been simmering on the back burner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): With Venus pairing up with Uranus in your opposite sign, the week ahead may be filled with new faces and friends. The Easter bunny might bring excitement and interesting experiences.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pack a punch. Anything worth doing is worth doing well. While the sun forms an inspirational trine with Mars, networking can be a delight instead of a chore. Your likability quotient his high notes this week so combine business with pleasure to end up in a win-win position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Powerful Pluto puts pizzazz into a proposition. Your deepest ambitions could be illuminated under these stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Try different tactics. When handling tangled knots, remember that pulling one way doesn't mean pulling the other way will loosen it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Popularity soars. With Venus and Uranus singing a planetary duet during the next several days, your social skills will shine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't be just another pretty face. It is perfectly acceptable to stand out from the crowd and you may not be able to help yourself this week.

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FAMILY LIFE

Canine crazy

This 13-year-old's business is going to the dogs

By Amy Ondorff
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — He wears a shirt with his company's logo, has a firm handshake and is unflinchingly polite. Taylor Denchfield is a perfect businessman. He is also 13 years old.

Taylor's business is dog-walking. He loves the animals, but just as much he loves being his own boss. "I like being a small business owner. You don't have anyone telling you what to do," Taylor said.

Taylor, who lives in Bethesda, Md., started walking dogs when he was in third grade. But unlike many kids who started weekend lemonade stands, Taylor stuck with it. He started 'T's Dog Walking five years ago with one client dog. Today he walks 11 dogs, working about 2 1/2 hours a day after school.

You have to "go into it with a good attitude because it takes a serious job," Taylor once said, stated and to get customers," said Taylor, who passed out fliers to promote his new company.

Taylor shows up on time, gives his clients receipts and keeps records of which dogs he walks. "He has been very professional," than "the professionals," said Lynn Matheny, a client who used to use a professional dog-walking service. "It is responsible and it takes it seriously. It is a real business."

Working well can be fun for Taylor, who loves playing with the dogs. One recent winter day, Taylor showed up to take Matheny's dog, Junby, for a 10-minute walk. Junby was a little bit rolled over for a tummy rub.

But Taylor understands that running a business is a big responsibility. If Taylor needs to miss a walk — for school work, a karate lesson or vacations with his family — he has trained five friends to help out.



Taylor Denchfield of Bethesda, Md., is 13, and his business is dog-walking. He loves the animals, but just as much he loves being his own boss.

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Taylor Denchfield takes client Lynn Matheny's dog, Junby, for a walk in Bethesda, Md. He walks 11 dogs, spending about 2 1/2 hours a day after school.

Before he had his own business, Taylor would help with the family landscaping business. Watching his father become a successful businessman (Kurt Denchfield started landscaping at age 14) rubbed off on Taylor. At age 3 he was stuffing envelopes, then answering the phone, and by 7 he could run his dad's accounting software. When he wanted to start his own business, however, Taylor had to convince his parents that he would learn responsibility. Kurt Denchfield said he could stay on the school honor roll and be safe while walking dogs.

"One thing he told me is that he would learn responsibility," said Lynn Matheny. In the beginning, to be safe, Taylor's mom walked with him and made sure she met his new clients. She allowed him to hand out fliers only to neighbors he knew. Now that he is old enough to walk the dogs himself, Taylor carries a cell phone and bus-

ness cards in his pockets. Most important, Taylor stuck to his promise. He's a middle school honor-roll student, and he has learned how to save money and balance a checkbook.

Taylor is saving for a dirt bike (and a car when he turns 16). He also invests some of his money

Taylor's business tips

- 1 Consider how much time you can dedicate to your business. If you don't have time to do your school homework, your parents probably won't approve.
- 2 Pick a business that there's a need for in your neighborhood.
- 3 Always be polite and professional with customers.
- 4 Be safe. Always let your parents know who you are working for, and give out your phone number only to people you and

- your parents know.
 - 5 Keep your word. If you say you will be somewhere at a certain time, stick to it; otherwise, let your customers know of any change in the schedule.
 - 6 Above all, do something you enjoy!
- To read more about kid entrepreneurs, check out "Lunch Money" by Andrew Clements. It's a novel about a boy and a girl who start a comic book business at their school.

for college; he wants to go to the University of Maryland, like his parents.

After college, he wants to continue his dog-walking business and "make it big throughout Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. Maybe open up another small business or go into partnership with my dad."

Writing 'disorder' is likely nothing more than a hurdle

Question: Our 7-year-old second-grade son has difficulty completing written assignments. He is left-handed and has some difficulty with fine motor skills. In fact, his handwriting is barely legible. He reads very well, is generally eager to learn, and cooperative. We have experienced no "behavior problems." The teacher and counselor have recommended observation and testing for something they call dysgraphia. Do you think we even have a problem, and if so, what should we do about it?



PARENTING
John
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Answer: I will warn you at the outset, I tend to be very conservative in my approach to matters of this sort. It's my deep opinion that all too many of today's mental health and education professionals see a "disorder" behind every problem. This well-intentioned perspective often leads them to mystify problems which can be simply explained. And, it goes without saying, the more complicated the explanation, the more expensive the "cure."

If you'd feel more comfortable obtaining an evaluation, then by all means do so. On the other hand, here's my simple theory: Your son's handwriting problems are mostly a reflection of the fact that he's lefty in a right-handed world. Unlike his right-handed counterparts, your son can't see what he's written or how he's written it unless he stops writing and lifts his left hand off the page. If he does that, however, he repeatedly interrupts his thoughts. If he wants to think "smoothly," he has to sacrifice penmanship. Caught between a rock and a hard place, he "chooses" the latter. Good for him.

The other fact of this "problem" is few public schools teach handwriting by way of the Palmer Method, which fell out of favor because it involved drill. (And drill, according to non-vegan education theory, is tedious and boring.) In such cases, the pundits claim it causes children to dislike learning. Better mind that drill results in better skills and, therefore, improved chances of success and, there-

fore, a better self-concept. The pundits have spoken.) Teachers no longer demand that children form letters precisely, any more than they demand proper spelling. They tolerate sloppy handwriting, then get all excited when it suddenly gets "too" sloppy.

The Palmer Method, in combination with high expectations, worked for everyone (save those children who were destined to become physicians). Not that all children or my government (the last generation to be taught by drill) wrote equally well. But we wrote legibly. We had to, and we have been the case since Adam and Eve, children will only do what they have to do.

Now, my equally simple "cure": Find a left-handed tutor to teach your son the Palmer Method. If you can't afford a tutor, and feel competent to do the teaching, yourself (it's not rocket science), buy a Palmer Method workbook, some ruled primary or grammar pads and a set of the Palmer Method cards. (You know, the ones that used to border the walls of every elementary school classroom in America.) Put the cards up in your son's room, familiarize yourself with the workbook, and then, with patience, albeit high expectations (no condescension), help your son improve his penmanship. Conduct daily 30-minute penmanship drills. Be encouraging, not demanding, but insist that he apply himself to these exercises such that good penmanship starts becoming a habit.

Just be sure you're going to discover that this "disorder" is nothing more than a hurdle.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

Prefab for preschoolers

By Jeff Turzillo
The Washington Post

The modern-prefab phenomenon, celebrated in the pages of modernist magazines such as Dwell, has trickled down to the toddler set.

Designed with your family's little Le Corbusier in mind, the Modern Playshed, from Seattle-based Velocity, boasts a strikingly graded roof, a clerestory window and custom options—including red, yellow and blue panels evoking the Dutch de Sijm movement that will satisfy a child's desire for a stand-alone playhouse while lending architectural sophistication to the backyard.

Other custom features include walls of chalkboard or whiteboard (perfect for budding artists) and a deck that makes for a smart front porch. The prefabricated components arrive at your door within four weeks of your order and can be assembled quickly and easily—according to the folks at Velocity—as with a power drill, a couple glue sticks and the tools found inside most any toolbox.

Does your toolbox happen to have \$3,000 stuffed inside it, too? Good. You'll need it to buy the Modern Playshed. But it will all be worth it when your child wins the Pritzker Prize someday and can afford to buy you the grown-up version, www.velocityartanddesign.com.

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"Real Estate Corner"
LENDER GETS FIRST CRAWL

by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/Max American Dream Realty

When you sell a portion of your property, keep in mind that your mortgage probably has a clause that provides for the proceeds to go to your lender.

For example, if you sell part of the frontage of your lot to the city for street-widening purposes, the proceeds normally would be applied to the balance of your loan. However, if

your balance is sufficiently reduced, the lender may release a portion of his security. Then, the proceeds could go directly to you.

In either case, you must inform your lender before selling any portion of the property on which it holds a mortgage. ☐

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How to pick a guardian for your children

By John Maynard
The Washington Post

Parents, a sobering thought: Sometime in 2006, you and your spouse may die — perhaps from a heart attack — leaving your offspring orphaned.

OK, enough. Chances are you'll survive the year and see your children grow up to be adults, able to take care of themselves whenever your time does come.

But, if you're a parent of minor children, you must be sure your kids are spoken for in the unlikely event of your demise. Parenting magazine estimates that two-thirds of American parents haven't chosen a guardian, and if you're one of them, you may be setting your survivors up for a potential nightmare involving family division and extended court battles.

The easy way out: Pick a guardian. Now.

It might seem daunting to consider the issues involved: death, money, in-laws and lawyers — since, of course, there is nobody quite like Mom or Dad.

"There is not going to be anybody perfect, because the only perfect person is you," says Alvin Rosenfeld, a fellow at the Washington-based Center for the Study of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. "Everybody is going to be less than ideal."

That said, here are some ways to start figuring out what will raise your child if you cannot.

- **Narrow your candidate pool.** Once you get past some of the obvious reasons someone

might be a candidate to take your place — physical well-being, age, finances — the No. 1 criterion is to choose someone who's going to act the way you would act in any given situation, according to lawyer Nihara Choudhri, author of "Parent Savvy" (Nolo, \$19.99), which contains a comprehensive chapter on choosing guardians.

You need to pick someone who you are most comfortable with and who has a parenting style most like your own," Choudhri says. What factors do you hold most dear: Location? Religion? Politics?

Gerette Braunsdorf, a Cleveland-based insider, says she and her husband named their siblings on both sides of the family for "political and religious reasons." For the Braunsdorfs, it came down to family friends who already had children. "We're not identical couples," she says. "But they value the things that we value — education, travel, things that we want for our kids."

Picking someone who already has children is often a bit easier for all involved. Luisa Smith of Washington didn't select her single sister because she worried becoming a guardian would be too much of an imposition on her. "It would be so much more difficult," Smith says.

- **Manage the money.** The person you pick as a guardian doesn't have to also be responsible for your estate. In fact, it's sometimes better not to set up that way. By assigning one party to raise your child and another to oversee the checkbook, a system of checks and balances

is established, according to trust and estate lawyer Carr Stogner of Alexandria, Va.

"The trustee looks to the guardian to be sure the funds are being appropriately and properly funded to the child and not being used by the guardian to fly around the world," Stogner says. "The guardian is watching the trustee to be sure that the trustee is accounting for the money they have and investing it appropriately."

Family politics may also play a factor. Smith chose her husband's brother as guardian but named her mother as executor of the estate. For one thing, Alvin is fairly good with money, but her mother's feelings also played a part in her decision. "I felt I wanted my side of the family involved," Smith says. "It seemed like a common-sense approach."

- **Have a candid conversation.** Once you've narrowed down your choice for guardian, a one-to-one meeting may provide insights as to how the potential guardian is truly feeling about this decision that could alter their life.

"Sometimes when you just discuss it with them, you get a feeling just from how they react to it," says Paul Pearlstein, a Washington lawyer who specializes in estate planning. "It's like a poker game. You can learn an awful lot by the responses and questions."

You can also let those you did not choose know your decision — but that doesn't mean a discussion has to happen if hurt feelings might be involved. "Those are hard conversations

to be having," Choudhri says. "It can be very emotional and very hard." Another option: Choudhri recommends writing a letter to those who might be a candidate to be read at the distribution of your will.

- **Make it legal.** Once you've decided, it's time to name that person in a written will or trust. For legal reasons, even if you have a couple in mind to raise your child, it's often recommended to name only one person as guardian.

If your situation is simple, you can consider purchasing software such as those put out by Nolo, a do-it-yourself legal solutions company. The "Simple Will Book" is \$36.99 while the Quicken "WillMaker Plus" is \$79.99 and has more detailed forms; both are available at bookstores and at Nolo.com. There are also online options from Last Will Shop (\$9.95 at www.lastwillshop.com), which the Wall Street Journal rated as "barbecue" and LegalZoom.com (\$59 to \$109, which includes a review by a specialist).

Others may opt for more professional guidance — meaning it's time to call a lawyer and spend some cash. (Plan on at least a few hundred dollars.) State bar associations may provide lawyer locators on their Web sites, but old-fashioned word of mouth may be the best way to track down the right lawyer for you.

If you're a 20-year-old or 30-year-old, you probably have friends who are 30-year-olds with kids — and a lot of them have thought about that," Stogner says. "So ask them."

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Under the clock

Love takes time; singles say they don't have any

By Laura Sessions Stepp
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Think romance is alive and well among young singles? That twentysomethings are checking each other out in the office and cruising the bars at night, looking for someone to love? You might want to think again.

The major love story these days is this: maybe later.

It's not that they seek relationships lightly, or that they don't want to become attached — eventually. It's just, who has the time? They're working their butts off in college or in jobs that barely cover the rent and feel obligated to find fulfilling, well-paid careers. It will be easier to make their marks, they think, unfettered by relationships that, like face it, can be so distracting.

This came as something of a surprise to researchers Leo Batain and Mary Madden at the Pew Research Center when, in going over data in a larger dating survey, they discovered that among 18- to 29-year-olds, only slightly more than a third said they're in committed relationships. Among the remaining, more were not looking than looking.

The numbers do not astonish Pooja Dhanot, 26, or Montana Wojczak, 26, however.

"My job here is the most important thing I do," says Dhanot, a staff photographer for the Diamondback, the student newspaper at the University of Maryland in College Park. A junior workaholic who has been known to sleep overnight in the office, he says, "I want to be the best. Any girlfriend would have to put up with that. ... If she stumbled in front of me, I might get interested. Otherwise, no."

Wojczak breezed through jobs in advertising, retail sales and grant-writing before ending up as an assistant in a talent and agency in Manhattan, N.Y. "A relationship takes so much time and energy, and there's so much stuff I want to do with my career," she says. "I'm not that interested in looking."

Are they saying there's no use in starting to look until they're ready to stop looking? Not exactly, says Phyllis Cole, a professor of sociology at Duke University. They're simply being strategic: "Active looking requires altering their routine in some way, and they're not willing to do that yet."

Even flirting with the idea of a relationship requires effort.



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Relationships imply commitment, and commitment can consume too much personal space and time, says Matt McFarland, a 25-year-old sales rep. "I have guy friends who can't go out on Friday nights, or have to leave parties early. Who needs that?"

sometimes more than they're willing to give. "Sometimes I make plans to have a drink with someone, but I'm too tired," says Tiffany Sharples, 24, who works at a travel magazine in Manhattan. "Or a press event comes up at the last minute, so I cancel. Things get stymied before they get off the ground."

All of this raises questions among those a generation or two older. Are our young children simply afraid to love? Afraid of the potential for either being hurt or hurting someone else? Maybe. Many of them have been in at least one relationship that ended badly or dragged on longer than it should have. They've also observed a fair number of marriages fall apart, from those of their parents or friends' parents to their own friends.

Relationships, they say, imply commitment, and commitment can consume too much personal space and time. College students talk about couples they know who take courses together, eat all their meals together and sleep together. But together, they continue, after college, says Matt McFarland, a 25-year-old sales rep who lives in Rockville, Md. "I

have guy friends who can't go out on Friday nights, or have to leave parties early. Who needs that?"

McFarland works 65 hours a week. He also goes to the gym three or four times a week and spends Friday and Saturday nights in bars or clubs. He and his buddies aren't lonely, he says. "There's a lot of casual hooking up."

Looking up, an uncommitted sexual encounter, has become synonymous with dating, says Elizabeth, a 21-year-old senior and Diamondback writer Easy to do and carrying no obligations. It's a convention that is color-made for the time-pressed. And it has turned laid off to any relationships at this time. "All guys want is the physical," she says.

Some singles still date occasionally. But after the second or third date — or hook-up — with the same person, they find they must confront a question: "What are we?" Leah Neuberger, 25 and a sometime TV guest host in Philadelphia, is in that situation with a guy whom she has seen four or five times, moving toward a relationship, and I don't want those restraints." She is about to call it off.

The researchers at Pew, a nonprofit initiative of the Pew Charitable Trusts, were pursuing a larger project about online dating when they came across the young-singles data: 38 percent in committed relationships and 38 percent neither in committed relationships nor looking for them. Twenty-two percent were not in relationships but looking. Wojczak, the agent's assistant, is certainly in no hurry. "I aspire to have it all," she says, "and not just in my career but my appearance, my activities and, at some point, a partner who reflects my best self."

And what kind of man would that be?

"Someone who's really smart and driven, but leaves work at work. Someone who goes out in the world, who likes the arts and doesn't take himself too seriously. Someone who gets my jokes, has a sense of humor and can get me out of my worry."

She admits she has "a lot of expectations. I'm sure I'll come to the point where I'm willing to compromise."

Until then, she's enjoying her girlfriends. "It's a lot safer just to hang out with them."

THE SCHENKS

RUPERT — John and Rose Schenk will be honored at an open house for their 70th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 968 Eighth St., Rupert. The couple requests no gifts. Cards and memories are welcome.

John A. Schenk and Rose J. Wolf were married April 5, 1936, in Rupert.

They are lifetime residents of Rupert and still reside on their farm south of Rupert.

His passion is fishing. Her hobbies include crocheting, gardening and tending flowers. They enjoy attending family gatherings and visiting and are lifetime members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert.

Their children are JoAnn (Doug) Bagley of Burley and Donald Schenk and Gerald Schenk, both deceased. They have three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

The event is hosted by the Bogleys, Hecky and Luis Aguilarr, Wendy and Mario Calderon and Dallan and Ivay Cantrell.

Greetings can be sent to the



Rose and John Schenk



Bob and Doris Downing couple at 80 E. 200 S., Rupert, ID 83350.

THE DOWNINGS

TWIN FALLS — Bob and Doris Downing of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts. Cards are welcome.

Bob Downing and Doris Coenauer were married April 21, 1946, in Jerome.

They have lived in Twin Falls for 60 years. He worked at the Twin Falls Post Office as postal clerk for 33 years. She worked at the Mayfair Dress Shop for several years.

They have been active in the American Legion Post No. 7 and Rainbow Golf Cancer Camp. He



Bob and Doris Downing

is a charter member of the National Association of Retired and Federal Employees and has volunteered in several local organizations.

The event is hosted by their daughter, Donna Christensen of Boise, and their two grandsons.

ENGAGEMENTS

RYAN-NEMETH

TWIN FALLS — Jack and Elaine Ryan of Grose Pointe, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Elaine Ryan, to John Matthew Nemeth, son of Colleen Nemeth of Twin Falls and John Nemeth of Ashburn, Va.

Ryan earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and Spanish and a master's degree in education from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. She is a high school Spanish teacher with the Shoreline School District in Seattle.

Nemeth graduated in 1992 from Twin Falls High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance and marketing from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., and a



John Nemeth and Maureen Ryan

Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is a senior manager with Amazon.com in Seattle.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 22, in Grose Pointe. A reception will be held July 22 at the Grose Pointe Yacht Club.

ROEHM-STANLEY

FILER — Thomas and Karin Boehm of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Shanna Marie Boehm, to Darin Stephen Stanley, son of Ken and Cynthia Johnson of Conrad, Mont., and the late Stephen Stanley.

Boehm is a 2004 graduate of Filer High School and attends Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Stanley is a 2003 graduate of Conrad High School and a 2005 graduate of Laramie County Community College.

The wedding is planned for



Darin Stanley and Shanna Roehm

Saturday, June 17, in Twin Falls. A reception to honor the couple will follow.

Speaking of instant message shortcuts

By Michelle Quinn
Knight Ridder News Service

Why laugh when you can say L-O-I instead?

Forget matter, saying "99" at the end of an evening works just as well as "nighty night." Need to cheer up a friend? Try whispering, "Less than three." While it's typed, it makes a sideways heart 3. (Use your imagination.)

The strange slang of instant messaging (IMing for those in the know) has infiltrated the ever-changing dialect known as teen speak. It is one thing that teens' online chat-chat is littered with abbreviations, acronyms, phonetic spellings and other short cuts on the computer screen. But now many are talking as if they have keyboards permanently attached to their brains.

Eryn Wilcox, 13, is fluent in typing IM abbreviations, phonetic spellings and emoticons, symbols that typing can make such as a smiley face. Her friends, Eryn regularly says "JK" for "just kidding" and

"B-R-B" for "Be Right Back." Instead of saying "sorry," she apologizes with "S-R-Y," the IM abbreviation for sorry.

Now, the 16th graders S-R-Y all the time (even with her mother Anne on the phone), explaining its meaning to the class.

To adults, this way of talking could seem silly and cumbersome. But to many teenagers, speaking IM is fast, fun and convenient, a natural extension of the multiple conversations they have everyday online. And like all jargon, it separates insiders from outsiders.

"It's a code," says Neil Randall, a professor of English at the University of Waterloo in Canada, who wrote a 2002 study called "Lingo Online: The Language of the Keyboard Generation." "If you don't pick it up, you aren't part of the gang."

No one really knows how many teenagers use IM speak, how many IM terms are spoken, or how girls do it more than boys or if there are regional IM dialects. Over the past 80 years, new English expressions

typically begin as speech, thanks in large part to broadcast media, which then influences writing, says Geoffrey Nunberg, a linguist who teaches at UC Berkeley's School of Information Management and Systems.

But now, says Nunberg, media like e-mail, the Internet, text-messaging have begun to shift the balance the other way. Sending short typed messages over the Internet has supplanted the telephone for many teenagers as the preferred mode for staying connected. Once they become adept with typing IM lingo, they begin to say it out loud.

"They don't do it to exclude other kids but to affirm each other," says Diane Main, a sixth-grade teacher at Milpitas Christian School. She can tell which students have begun instant messaging by who is saying "O-M-G" for "oh my gosh" or, in other circles, "oh my God" or O.L.

Each generation creates its own slang, usually gleaned from pop culture. It is one way

teenagers, determined to prove their independence, carve out an adult-free zone, linguists say.

In fact, the language works so well that some teens say adults seem oblivious to it. "Parents don't hear it," says Francine Han, 17, a senior at Independence High.

The UC Berkeley linguist Nunberg says he has never dropped on his daughter saying "99" and "B-R-B."

"They don't use it with parents," he says. "They can control it. They know instinctively when to do it."

No one should fret that IM jargon will wreck teenagers' speech, education, earning potential, dating prospects. Chances are the lingo will fade away, say linguists. In the meantime, adults might pick up a few expressions, they say.

"I'm not suggesting using their slang," says Edward Finegan, a professor of linguistics and law at University of Southern California. "It will make us look foolish. It's their language. But we have to know what 'B-R-B' means."

ENGAGEMENTS

MERRITT-HUDSON

HEYBURN — Kim and Keri Merritt of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jo Merritt, to Brett Jonathan Hudson, son of Kevin and Bonita Hudson of Rupert.

Merritt was homeschooled and received her GED in 2003. She attends the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and is employed by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Hudson was homeschooled and received his diploma from Midwest Christian Academy in 2002. He is employed by Shaver Oil in Jerome.

An outdoor wedding and re-



Brett Hudson and Sarah Merritt reception are planned for August at the home of the bride's grandmothers, Robert and Jeanette Moline of Gooding.

The couple plans to reside in Jerome.

EBY-CANINE

GOODING — Leonard and Edna Eby of Bonners Ferry announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Eby, to Chris Canine, son of Bill and Cindi Canine of Gooding.

Eby will graduate from the University of Idaho in May in chemical engineering.

Canine will graduate from the U of I in May in electrical engineering.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday, June 28, at the Twin Rivers Resort in Bonners Ferry. A reception will follow. A second reception will be held Tuesday, July 4, at the Gooding Country Club.



Brenda Eby and Chris Canine

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STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Emma Mae Clark, daughter of David and Sarah Clark of Albion, was born Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Cassia-Regional Medical Center in Burley.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Esmy Yolanda Gonzalez, daughter of Robert Gonzalez and Melissa Jimenez of Wendell, was born April 1, 2006.
Tristan Scott Dayley, son of Tyler and Tammy Dayley of Gooding, was born April 6, 2006.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Chelsea Jane Cristler, daughter of Jeffrey and Sara Cristler of Twin Falls, was born March 4, 2006.
Evan Lewis Christensen, son of Rachel Lynn and La's Eric Christensen of Twin Falls, was born March 29, 2006.
Viviana Perez, daughter of Maria Novorio Cardoso and Jose Ivan Perez of Twin Falls, was born April 2, 2006.
Debra Candelaria Rodriguez, daughter of Kristina Jean and Irene Rodriguez of Shoshone, was born April 3, 2006.
Samuel Gary Schutte, son of Leslie Ann and Phillip Gary Schutte of Buhl, was born April 3, 2006.
Blodie Wray Grace, daughter of Sierra Dawn Musick of Twin Falls, was born April 3, 2006.
Joseph Robert Maltes III, son of Emily Nicole and Joe Robert Maltes Jr. of Twin Falls, was born April 3, 2006.
Biley Gordon Graves, son of Crystal Dorothy and Ryan Card Graves of Twin Falls, was born April 4, 2006.
Jose Carl Johnson, son of Mary Jennifer and Jeremiah Frank Johnson of Jerome was born April 4, 2006.
Melchak Joshua Dahlstrom, son of Bridgett Cecile and Jose-Luis Michael Dahlstrom of Twin Falls, was born April 5, 2006.
Jazmin Nicole Garcia, daughter of Christen Leifani Borg and Julia Sesar Garcia of Twin Falls, was born April 5, 2006.
Erik Adrian Lopez, son of Sandra Yameth Perez and Servando Lopez of Twin Falls, was born April 5, 2006.
George Hutchinson Swan III, son of Trudy and George Hutchinson Swan Jr. of Rupert, was born April 5, 2006.
Christian Romeo Trevino, son of Irene-Bohler of Twin Falls, was born April 5, 2006.
Kennedy Lee Anderson, daughter of born to Kristina Anderson of Twin Falls, was born April 6, 2006.
Diana Nieves-Irueta, son of Diana Aidelé Nieves and Manuel Nieves-Irueta of Jerome, was born April 6, 2006.
Ilana Zaidhar, daughter of Cindy Lynn Owen and Pablo Enrique Zaidhar of Twin Falls, was born April 7, 2006.
Gage Wesley Smith, son of Melody Marie Larson and Wesley David Smith of Twin Falls, was born April 10, 2006.
Ivett Thomas-Swan McCall, son of Darcy Lynn Noble and Michael Sean McCall of Twin Falls, was born April 10, 2006.
Sonia Ramirez, daughter of Maria Trinidad Alvarez-Ramirez and El-Carlo Ramirez-Irueta of Jerome, was born April 11, 2006.

PARTY DATE: JUNE 29



Kids get connected to gardening and landscaping through 4-H programs designed to incorporate fun and learning.

4-H gardeners plan a garden party

HAILLEY — Blaine County 4-H junior master gardeners and the Sawtooth Botanical Garden have planned a garden party using quality children's literature to connect kids to gardening and the natural world.

The 4-H Super Gardeners of Blaine County worked with Level One of the Junior Master Gardener curriculum in 2005 and want to include literature in their 2006 plans.

The Super Gardeners completed a summer of garden activities in 2005 becoming certified as Junior Master Gardeners. For certification, each youth must complete one individual and one group activity for each of eight teaching concepts and participate in service learning projects. For the service-learning project, the group helped to maintain a perennial flowerbed in front of the Blaine County Courthouse.

Raylin Lyons, Samantha Goffinanda, Savannah Perez, Kellee Graves, Draven Graves, Ruby Corney, Xavier Haemmerle, Elizabeth Abide and Paul Abide were the 4-11 members that completed the Junior Master Gardener Project and received certification in 2005.

They kept a journal containing weather information, worksheets and creative ideas including healthy menus, landscaping and flower pressing.

The journal and examples of the projects were displayed at the Blaine County Fair.

In 2006, the junior master gardeners want to share the fun with other youth and invite them to a garden party. The Sawtooth Botanical Garden's Sunflower Children's Center will cooperate striving to instill a sense of ecological responsibility and interest in their natural surroundings.

In addition to 4-11 and the Sawtooth Botanical Garden, the First Book organization will provide books to 25 children as a part of their vision to provide all youth with literature.

Youth will hear a story from a popular garden-themed children's book then participate in a garden activity that relates to the story. Six different stories will be read with two of them read in Spanish. Party guests can rotate through the afternoon and participate in several of the stories and activities. Area business and groups are working to supply each station with literature and project materials.

It will be at 1:30 p.m., June 29, 2006 at the Botanical Garden.

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SERVICE NEWS

Local resident reads for deployment

Navy Hospital Corpsman James Bernard Tyler, son of Diana Parizek and the late James Tyler of Twin Falls, is scheduled for deployment to Fallujah, Iraq.

Tyler attended Twin Falls schools and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1998. He graduated from boot camp in 1998 at Great Lakes, Ill. He earned his bachelor's degree in Social May 2005, where he earned the Navy Achievement Medal for his service.

His wife is Holly Tyler of Twin Falls and his sisters are Ilna and Glenda Clark of Twin Falls.

Burley seaman finishes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Anthony T. Johnson, son of Stephanie and Jerry Johnson, of Burley, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Fleet Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Johnson completed a variety of training, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs. First aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Johnson is a 2005 graduate of Burley High School.

FOCUS

Richardson joins national honor group

Minico High School senior Krysta Richardson has been selected for membership to the National Society of High School Scholars.

The society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students

who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize laureates.

Krysta is the daughter of Tom and Tammy Richardson of Rupert.

Tarbet benefit concert on Wednesday

RUPERT — A benefit concert for Stacey Tarbet will be presented by Thom Stimpson, the Singing Janitor, at 7 p.m. Wednesday in auditorium at Minico High School, 292 W. 100 S.

Tarbet is a cheerleader at Minico High School who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information, call Stimpson at 670-3076.

Polysenon layered dinner on Thursday

PAHLI — The Paul Baptist Church Relay for Life team will present the fourth annual Polysenon layered dinner from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday at the Paul Baptist Church on the corner of Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

A freewill donation will be

Gooding hospital auxiliary member nominated for Jefferson Award

GOODING — Edith Silvey was recently nominated for the Jefferson Award, for volunteer service to her community. For more than 11 years, Silvey has volunteered countless hours as a public service to the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop.

At a recent luncheon for nominees of the award, Edith received recognition for her dedicated service but was not awarded the Jefferson Award.

"I felt so honored to be in the presence of such giving people," she said. "Being nominated was such an honor."

Silvey decorates the store window for each season or holiday and keeps the thrift store in immaculate condition. For her tireless dedication to the Thrift Store, she was recently nominated for the Jefferson Award for volunteer service. Along with her service to the Thrift Store, she also volunteers at her



Edith Silvey greets everyone with a helpful hand and a smile while volunteering at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop.

church, the senior center, GCMH Health Fair and member of the Gooding County Fair for the homeless during the holidays.

"Edith's wonderful organizational and creative skills has brought a touch of class to our

Auxiliary Thrift Store. Without doubt or need of approval, she dedicates her life to the betterment of the community," said Earl Fitzpatrick, the hospital's chief executive officer. "Gooding County Memorial Hospital

has benefited greatly from her service and appreciates the increased funds made available for a higher level of community healthcare. We thank her for her hours of volunteer service and devotion."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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