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The Meth Mistake: Chapter 3

REDEMPTION

The hospital question

Town hall meetings to discuss future of local health care

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On May 23, people will head to the polls to make a very important decision on the future of their local hospital.

They'll be asked to decide whether Twin Falls County should sell Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, whose parent corporation is the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Health System.

St. Luke's wants the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to become part of a regional health care network that also includes St. Luke's facilities in Boise, Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as its Mountain States Tumor Institute. County commissioners have signed a definitive agreement to transfer ownership of Magic Valley Regional to St. Luke's and now it's up to voters to decide.

Some people still have questions about the plan, and one of the easiest ways to get them answered is to attend the first of two town hall meetings at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho. A second town hall meeting will be held later this month in Buhl.

"This is a very important issue for the city and its residents," said Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke's president and chief executive officer. "This can't happen without their vote. This is an ideal place for them to get information and ask questions about it."

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Thousands join war protest in Manhattan

By Desmond Butler Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Tens of thousands of protesters marched Saturday through lower Manhattan to demand an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, just hours after this month's death toll reached 70.

Cindy Sheehan, a vociferous critic of the war whose soldier also died in Iraq, joined in the march, as did actress Susan Sarandon and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"End this war, bring the troops home," read one sign lifted by marchers on the sunny afternoon, three years after the war in Iraq began. The mother of a Marine killed two years ago in Iraq held a picture of her son, born in 1984 and killed 20 years later.

One group marched under the banner "Veterans for Peace."

The demonstrators stretched for about 10 blocks as they headed down Broadway. Organizers said 300,000 people marched, though a police spokesman declined to give an estimate. There were no reports of arrests. "We are here today because the war is illegal, immoral and unethical," said the Rev. Al Sharpton. "We must bring the troops home."

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Heather Harbaugh caresses her husband, T.J., during a Sunday school class. Intimate moments like this one are typical in their marriage.

Together, addicts recover, redeem, rebuild

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Click. The gun Heather Bloxham held to her head didn't fire. She squeezed the trigger again.

Click. And again. Sally Bloxham burst screaming into the basement room where her 19-year-old daughter was attempting to take her own life.

"It didn't work, Mom," Heather said, confused. "It didn't work." "What are you doing?" Sally demanded. "I'm calling the police."

Heather sat up straight and focused her eyes on her panicked mother. "Hush, Mom," she said. "Be quiet."

The Twin Falls home's residents — methamphetamine addicts like Heather — gathered at the basement steps, getting nervous.

"Mom, be quiet, please. They'll kill you."

Heather dropped the gun.



Heather Harbaugh, left, and her husband, T.J., right, take a cigarette break with T.J.'s parents, Shauna and Terry Harbaugh, between Sunday school and the worship service at the First Church of God in Jerome. T.J. and Heather say religion is a major factor in their recovery from methamphetamine addiction.

Sally took her daughter in her arms, coaxed her out of the basement and to the car. Heather was 40 pounds under-

weight, frail and weak. Her head slumped. "We're going to the hospital," Sally said. "Now."

The state penitentiary was a lonely place.

T.J. Harbaugh kept to himself the first two weeks. Breakfast in the morning, some time in the community room, then lockdown for most of the day. He tried to sleep as much as he could. Easier to pass the time that way.

All hope was not lost, however, for 24-year-old T.J. If he could complete an intensive drug-rehabilitation program in prison, there was a chance he could be released and have the rest of his sentence for methamphetamine use and trafficking converted to probation. It meant freedom to go home to Jerome.

But T.J. was scared. Could he do it? Could he get clean once and for all? He wasn't sure he had the courage to complete the program.

T.J. began reading the Bible at night. Alone in his cell, he crunched over the book, read and wept.

One night, as he squinted to read the words through his tears, T.J.'s fears vanished in an instant. He prayed.

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"Please, Jesus. Please help me. I know I've been bad."

- T.J. Harbaugh

Three chapters: We present the story of T.J. and Heather Harbaugh's journey through meth addiction and recovery in three parts:

Friday Two Magic Valley teenagers spiral into the pit.

Already abusing other drugs, partying and diagnosed with bipolar disorder, Heather Bloxham of Twin Falls gets hooked on meth when a stranger injects it into her arm at a party.

In Jerome, meth dealing and crime bring T.J. Harbaugh money, power and girls. Juvenile delinquency and probation don't slow him down.

Saturday

The kingdom dealer and the desperate addict sacrifice all to meth.

T.J.'s divorce cuts his last tie with the non-meth-using world. He spends money with abandon and escapes his first meth charge. But when a meth marathon violates his probation, he's locked up in the state penitentiary.

Heather stops eating, sleeping, caring. She crashes a car — nearly killing a friend — gets kicked out of rehab.

and endures beatings and sexual assaults. After her attempt to kill a man fails, she settles on suicide.

Today

Two recovering addicts find hope in faith and each other.

Did you miss the first two chapters? Copies of Friday's and Saturday's chapters are available at The Times-News' office, 122 E. Center St. W. in Twin Falls.

Motorcyclist dies in crash near ice caves

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — A two-wheeler crash Saturday on state Hwy. 75 near the ice caves killed a motorcyclist trying to slow for a turning vehicle, reported the Idaho State Police.

According to police, Patrick Dickson, 47, of Shoshone was

northbound in a Dodge pickup hauling a utility trailer and about to turn west on Buckdake Road when he saw a small headlight coming over a hill behind him. As Dickson was applying his brakes and making the left turn, a Yamaha motorcycle hit his pickup.

Information gathered at the

scene indicated that the motorcycle was northbound and apparently attempted to slow as the pickup began making a left turn, causing the motorcycle to turn on its side and go under the trailer.

The motorcyclist, whose name wasn't released, died at the scene.

COMING MONDAY



SHOSHONE FALLS POSTER

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A shower will be possible early this morning, then skies turning partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.
Tonight: Fair skies and mild. Lows in the middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, dry, and mild weather expected. Highs in the lower 70s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Slight chance of a shower early, then partly to mostly sunny skies. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild overnight. Lows in the lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures. Highs in the lower 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today: Highs in the 70s to 80s, and a few afternoon thunderstorms. Drier weather will make its way into the area tomorrow and for the rest of the week as high pressure builds into the area.

BOISE Today: Highs in the 60s, and a few afternoon thunderstorms. Drier weather will make its way into the area tomorrow and for the rest of the week as high pressure builds into the area.

NORTHERN UTAH Intervals of clouds and showers will be passing today. High pressure will bring drier and pleasant weather for the new week.

Weather icons and regional forecast map showing various Idaho locations like Boise, Pocatello, and Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table showing weather conditions for Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for clouds, sun, and rain.

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Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moonrise and Moonset.

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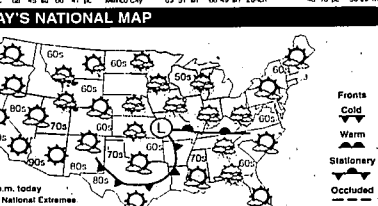
Table listing regional cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello with their respective weather forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing national cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, and Boston with their respective weather forecasts.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing world cities like Anchorage, Auckland, and Amsterdam with their respective weather forecasts.



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Table listing Canadian cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Toronto with their respective weather forecasts.

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Protesters march down Broadway in New York City on Saturday during a mass rally against the war in Iraq.

Protest

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Organizers said the march was also meant to oppose any military action against Iran.

which is facing international criticism over its nuclear program. The event was organized by the group United for Peace and Justice.

"We've been lied to, and they're going to lie to us again to bring us a war in Iraq," said Marjory Ramo, 43, of New York. "I'm here because I had a lot of anger, and I had to do something."

Steve Rand, an English

teacher from Waterbury, Vt., held a poster announcing "Vermont Says No to War."

"I'd like to see our troops come home," he said. The march stepped off shortly after noon on Union Square, with the demonstrators heading for a rally between a U.S. courthouse and a federal office building in lower Manhattan.

The death toll in Iraq for April was the highest for a single month in 2006. At least 2,399 U.S. military members have died since the war began. An Army soldier was the latest victim, killed Saturday in a roadside explosion in Baghdad.

That figure is well below some of the bloodiest months of the Iraq conflict, but it is a sharp increase over March, when 31 were killed. January's death toll was 62 and February's 55. In December, 60 Americans died.

Forum

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People will be invited to ask questions of a panel that will include Dahlborg as well as Larry Cope, Larry Meyerhoefer, and Gary Babbel, all members of the St. Luke's Magic Valley Board; Jeff Harris and Dr. Robert Lamb, who sit on Magic Valley Regional's Hospital Board; Noreen Davis, chief nursing officer at St. Luke's; and Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Miksel.
The town hall meetings are being sponsored by The Times-News, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Answering questions about local health care
Citizens of Twin Falls County will soon vote on whether the county should sell Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional, which has proposed to purchase the center from the county. The center is the largest hospital in southern Idaho. The Times-News, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce will sponsor two town hall meetings to discuss the issue. Here are the times, dates and places:
6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho.
6:30 p.m. May 17 at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

Other sources of information
St. Luke's Regional Medical Center has a campaign office in the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce building at 853 Blue Lakes Blvd. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through May 23. The office also will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 25.
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receive \$3 million to renovate and expand its current offices, and another \$1.5 million to renovate or raze the main hospital campus.
• The system would be responsible for current county hospital debt.
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Rolling Stone falls from tree, hospitalized

SYDNEY, Australia — Rolling Stone guitarist Keith Richards was hospitalized for a mild concussion he suffered while vacationing in Fiji, reportedly after falling out of a palm tree.
Richards, 62, was injured earlier this week and flown to a New Zealand hospital for treatment, band spokesman Fran Curtis said in a statement Saturday.
"Following treatment locally and as a precautionary measure, he flew to a hospital accompanied by his wife, Patti, under observation," Curtis said.
That statement did not elaborate on Richards' condition or explain how he was injured.
But media reports in Australia and New Zealand said Richards hurt his head after falling out of a palm tree at an exclusive Fiji resort and remained hospitalized in Auckland.
A newspaper report Sunday said Richards was flown to Auckland's Accot Hospital on Thursday after the accident. Hospital duty manager Steve Kirby would not comment on whether Richards was a patient there, citing the hospital's privacy policy.
The Fillmore.com news Web site reported that the accident was believed to have happened at Fiji's exclusive Wakaya Club resort.

AROUND THE NATION



Nancy Lacy, left, hugs Shelby White in front of White's Waco, Texas home, Saturday, April 29, 2006, after a tornado hit the area late last night.

Storms batter Texas with wind and hail

GAINESVILLE, Texas — Storms battered eastern Texas with wind up to 100 mph and hail the size of baseballs, damaging buildings and slamming parked airplanes into one another at an airport.

"When you have winds from 80 to 100 mph it can do damage similar to that of a tornado," said Jesse Moore, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "That can do some very, very big damage."

No major injuries were reported in the storms late Friday and early Saturday, authorities said.

Hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged, and some areas still lacked power Saturday afternoon, said Kay Lunnon, spokeswoman for the city of Gainesville, near the Oklahoma border.

Hangars were damaged at the Gainesville Municipal Airport, and the high wind shoved airplanes parked outside, said Airport Director Matt Quick.

Anti-genocide rallies planned for today

WASHINGTON — Massive "Stop Genocide" rallies are planned on the Mall and across the nation today to urge the Bush administration to take stronger action to end the violence in Sudan's Darfur region.

Thousands of people are expected to converge on Washington, including 240 busloads of activists from 41 states; local and national politicians;

and such celebrity speakers as actor George Clooney, Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel, and Olympic speed skater Joy Cheek.

The rallies, scheduled to take place in 18 cities, would be the largest public outcry for Darfur since the conflict began three years ago. There, Sudanese troops and pro-government Arab militias called the Janjaweed launched a campaign of killings and rapes, prompting the Bush administration to label the atrocities as genocide. At least 200,000 have died in the conflict, and 2.5 million have been forced from their homes.

Maryland officials irked by 'Commander in Chief'

HYATTSVILLE, Md. — Prince George's County officials said Friday they were outraged by an episode of ABC's "Commander in Chief" that depicts a small town as a backward, crime-ridden community.

Thursday's show, which stars Geena Davis as the nation's first female president, focused on protests over a series of unsolved homicides in Hyattsville, just outside Washington, D.C. Davis' character, President Mitzekende Allen, visits the community to try to calm the unrest.

ABC released a statement emphasizing that "Commander in Chief" is a fictional series, but apologizing for any offense. The network said it embellished crime statistics to enhance the story.

"Our goal is not to document actual events, but to create characters and compelling sto-

ries for our viewers," the statement read. "The episode focused on the violence in all too many U.S. communities and referenced a specific location in Prince George's County because of its proximity to Washington, D.C."

Disaster response improvements lacking

WASHINGTON — Most of the changes in natural disaster preparedness proposed by the White House and Congress since Hurricane Katrina are years away at best, leaving the Gulf Coast and other areas vulnerable to new devastation. Only a few of the 211 suggest-

ed improvements from three federal reports will be ready when the hurricane season starts June 1, and limited dollars and political squabbling already are complicating the progress. "Nature doesn't care about reports," said Kathleen Tierney, director of the National Hazards Center at the University of Colorado. "Nor does it care about the fact there are people still suffering, and we're not ready."

"The big question in everybody's mind is whether entities that proved themselves incompetent to handle Hurricane Katrina can become competent by the summer of 2006," Tierney said Friday. "So far, we've seen no evidence of that."

Cuba, Bolivia, Venezuela reject U.S. trade.

HAVANA — Bolivia's new left-leaning president signed a pact with Cuba and Venezuela on Saturday rejecting U.S.-backed free trade and promising a socialist version of regional commerce and cooperation. Cuban authorities did not release copies of the so-called Bolivarian Alternative for the

Americas signed by Bolivia's Evo Morales, so its contents were unclear. Local media reported that it had the same language as the declaration signed last year by Cuban leader Fidel Castro and Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, which contained much leftist rhetoric, and few specifics, but was followed by closer economic ties between the two vehemently anti-U.S. leaders.

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Redemption

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"These, Jesus. Please help me. I know I've been bad. I know I've hurt people. But please help me." A calm washed over him, he said. He stopped crying for the first time since T.J. got hooked on meth about eight years earlier. He saw himself for what he'd become: a malicious, manipulative, junkie and dealer. And he wanted to change.

T.J. threw himself into the rehabilitation program.

For three months, T.J. spent six hours a day in counseling. He did two hours of homework each night in his cell. Then he prayed and read the Bible.

Five months after being locked up on April 22, 2003, T.J. completed the rehabilitation program in October.

He was a free man.

On Sept. 14, 2003, Heather was admitted to the Cayuga Area psychiatric hospital again after her suicide attempt. She underwent a psychiatric evaluation.

This is what the doctor noted: "The patient presented as alert and oriented. She was well kept in hospital attire. Eye contact was fairly good. Speech was of normal rate, rhythm and volume. Motor activity was somewhat restless but otherwise unremarkable. She was tearful at times discussing her recent suicidal thoughts. She was also tearful at times discussing the mess her life has been in recent months. Her mood was described as just wanting for certain things (support, hugs from mother, a chance to get on with her life). Memory was intact for recent and remote events. She denied continued suicidal ideation and reported no intent to harm herself. She stated she only wanted to get a hug by my mom and watch movies with her."

Heather was released after 24 hours. She'd hit rock bottom, but her troubles weren't over.

The next day, Heather and her family went to the old apartment to gather her things. While she was taking out garbage, Heather ran. "I don't know why I did," she said. "I was just so used to that life, and I didn't know how to get clean."

Sally panicked. She was sure Heather had run off to kill herself. But two days later Sally got a call from her daughter. Heather was in a grocery store parking lot, and she was finally ready to come home.

For two days, Heather stayed in bed fighting withdrawal. Then her half-brother, Dusty Blasham, drove her to the Jerome police department where she was wanted for failure to appear on her felony possession charge stemming from a car accident.

Heather spent two months in jail and was released on bail to await trial. Her lawyer worked a deal that would allow Heather to stay out of jail if she completed an outpatient drug-rehabilitation program through the court.

She lived with her mom. Got a job. Reunited with pre-meth friends and avoided ones from her addiction days.

Heather was on her way to recovery, soon to meet the person who'd help keep her clean.

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Two days after T.J. was released from prison, an old meth buddy visited. "I want you to unload this for me," the friend said and tossed T.J. a bag of dope.

T.J. held the baggie in his hands for a moment, then tossed it back.

"Call me in a month," he said.

"I couldn't get a job. Who's gonna give a convicted felon a chance?"

— T.J. Harbaugh



In a moment of prayer, the Harbaugh family — T.J., Heather and T.J.'s mother, Shauna — embrace at the end of a service at the First Church of God in Jerome.

T.J. promised himself he'd stay clean for a few weeks.

If, after that time, he still had the urge to use again, he'd start dealing. If not, he'd be done for good.

That month was the most difficult of T.J.'s life. Friends kept calling, "Come get high with us," they'd say.

He declined. He stayed with his parents, who were also struggling to stay clean. Together, the family conquered their cravings. They went to rehab meetings. No one in the family wanted to be the first to relapse, so together, they stayed clean.

"It was tough," T.J. said. "I hadn't been clean that long since I'd first started, and I was tempted many times by old friends. I couldn't get a job. Who's gonna give a convicted felon a chance?"

One man did.

T.J. got a job as a mechanic. He began going to church. He attended rehab meetings. He turned the corner.

"For the first time in my life, I knew who I was," he said. "I was a different person. And that person was clean."

Now, he was ready to think about someone else's needs.

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In the summer of 2004, after 11 months in outpatient drug rehabilitation, Heather met T.J. at a rehab meeting.

It was, they said, love at first sight.

She saw a good-looking, clean young man. Ambitious, kind and caring. He saw a sweet young woman, headstrong and determined.

"I knew all the other girls at the meetings wanted T.J.," Heather said. "But I was the one who was going to have him."

They were a good match. He understood what she'd been through, how she still struggled to stay clean. And she understood him.

Three months later, they were married. T.J.'s family is clean now, too. And their support has been invaluable to the couple.

"We're so close with my mom and dad," T.J. said. "I understand now how bad I hurt them in the past, and if I did that again, they'd be devastated. I don't want to let them down anymore, so just being close to them helped me stay clean."

T.J. and Heather spend more time with his family than hers — T.J.'s folks understand recovery.

The newlyweds still go to meetings every week. They still have urges. But it's easier, they said, to resist together.

They'll never completely escape what the drug did to their lives. T.J.'s probation means he can't stick around when friends drink. Sometimes he and his wife run into meth friends from the old days in the grocery store; the lost look — and the envy — in their eyes is a constant reminder of the past. And it hurts.

Today, the former junkies are co-owners of a rental property business. T.J. works a mechanic

job, and Heather recently earned a license to sell insurance.

Now, they're helping folks who were once like them — lost to drugs. They go to a church in Jerome where some other members, too, are recovering addicts. They pray before dinner each night.

When T.J.'s grandma died last month and left the family a large house near Gooding, T.J. and Heather found a new way to reach out. They hope to turn the house into a transition home for mothers recently out of jail and their children.

Heather still bites her nails, and T.J. remains a few pounds underweight. But other physical signs of their abuse are gone.

Gone, too, are the drug-using friends, the meth, the violence, the crime. They don't need that anymore. Now, they need each other.

"They refinished the floors in their new house. They installed new kitchen cabinets and covered old walls with a fresh coat of copper-colored paint."

Earlier this month, they went to the cleaners, fresh home.

"Look at this faucet, T.J.," Heather said as she held the shiny spigot to the new kitchen sink. "It's gonna look great in here."

"Sure is," he said.

"Today was a good day."

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Heather Harbaugh, 21, assesses the kitchen paint job in her Jerome home while her husband, T.J., then 26, paints window trim in January. The former junkies are co-owners of a rental property business. T.J., now 27, works a mechanic job, and Heather recently earned a license to sell insurance.

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— Heather (Bloxham) Harbaugh

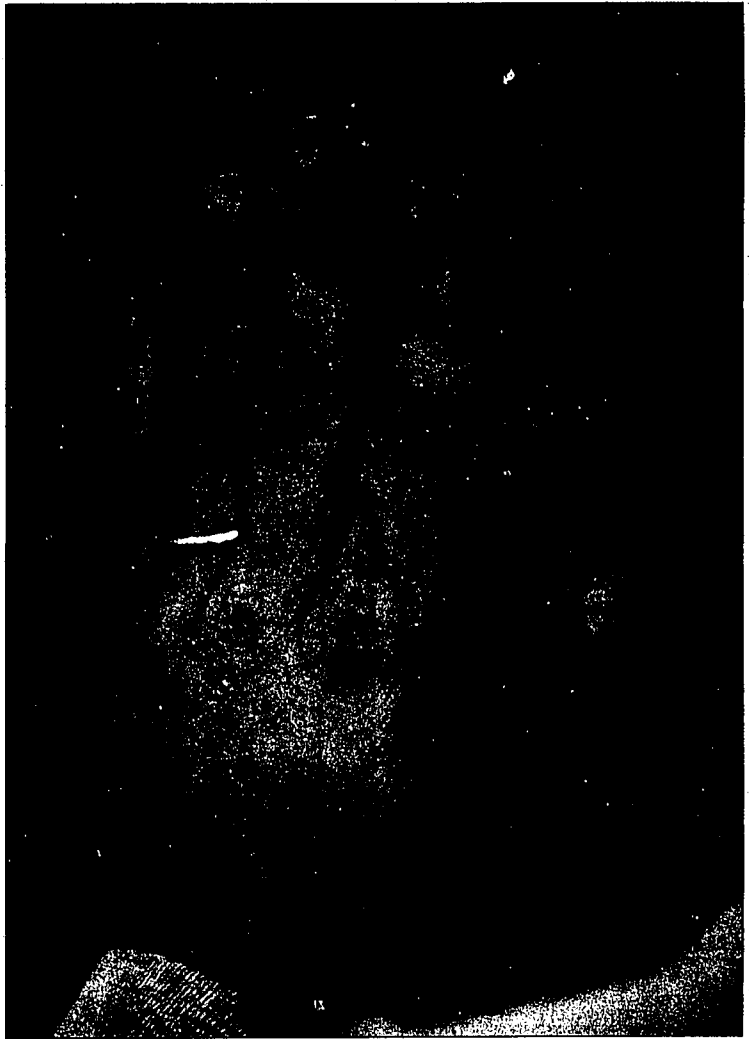


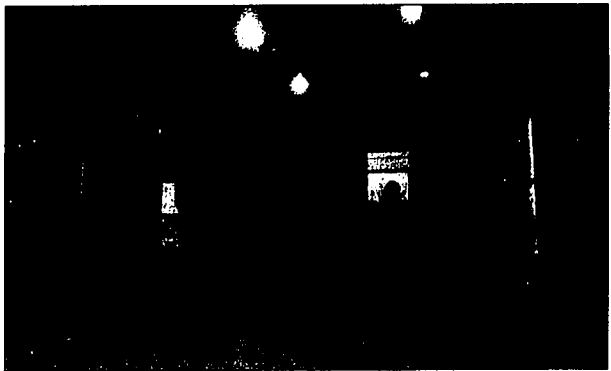
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T.J. Harbaugh prays during a church service in Jerome. T.J.'s hands are perpetually stained by grease from his mechanic job in Wendell.

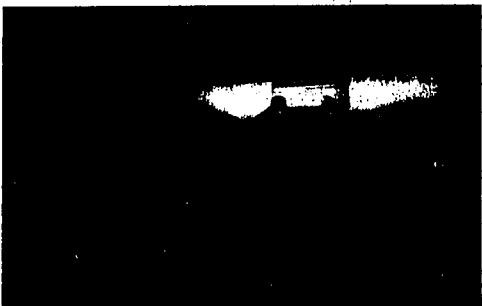


T.J. and Heather Harbaugh listen to a Sunday school discussion — about why men might cheat on their wives — at the First Church of God in Jerome in February. The Harbaughs say understanding each other's drug-addled pasts strengthens their relationship.

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Lori Demaray, left, discusses home improvements with T.J. Harbaugh, Heather Harbaugh and Lori's husband, Darrin Demaray, at the Harbaugh home. The Harbaughs try to avoid friends from their drug-addiction days and build other friendships, like this one.



After eating a church lunch with their congregation, T.J. and Heather Harbaugh ascend the staircase from the basement of the First Church of God in Jerome.

Reporting the story



Photographer Ashley Smith joined the project in late January, photographing the Harbaughs over the next two months — during their home renovation project, at church functions and with their families.

Justice Department's single-faith prison program inspires outcry

By Alan Cooperman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department plans to set up cellblocks at up to half a dozen federal prisons for an ambitious pilot program to prepare inmates for release. But it has produced an outcry by saying that it wants a private group to counsel the prisoners according to a single faith.

The plans do not specify what that faith must be, but they appear to rule out secular counseling or programs that offer inmates guidance in a variety of faiths.

The Washington-based advocacy group Americans United for Separation of Church and State charged in a letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales that the Justice Department's Bureau of Prisons has tailored its bidding requirements to fit one particular program: an institution in evangelical Christianity offered by Charles W. Colson's Prison Fellowship Ministries.

Outlining 10 ways in which the Bureau of Prisons' request

for proposals from private contractors dovetails with Prison Fellowship's "InnerChange" program, Americans United contended that the plan is unconstitutional and urged Gonzales to withdraw it. Gonzales has not responded to the April 19 letter, Americans United said.

Independent experts on constitutional law asked by The Washington Post to review the bidding documents also questioned the plan's legality.

"There are all sorts of gray areas in the interpretation of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. This doesn't seem to be in the gray area," said Duke University law professor Erwin Chemerinsky. "This seems to favor religion over non-religion, and some religions over other religions. By wanting to fund only one religion, I think it runs afoul of what even the most conservative justices would be willing to tolerate."

Douglas Laycock of the University of Texas School of Law said he believes that "you can run religious programs in federal

prisons" and that they "are highly promising." But he said the plan for taxpayer-funded counseling in a single faith, without any obvious provision for a secular alternative, is "problematic."

One of the questions you have to ask is, Does the regular prison program do anything comparable to prepare prisoners for reentry?" Laycock said. "I don't know the answer, but I've read that most prisons don't do much of anything. So in fact there may be no secular equivalent, and if the only way to get preparation for release is to go into a single-faith program, that seems to be coercion of religion."

Department of Justice spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said the plan is noncoercive — and constitutional — because participation will be voluntary and the inmates who choose to take part will receive "no reduction in their sentence... no better fac-

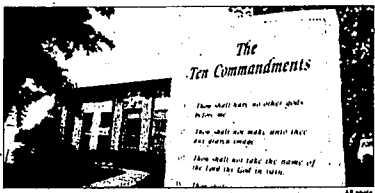
ilities, same food, same privileges and disciplinary rules."

In fact, Roehrkasse said in an e-mail, "chances are good that if they apply and are accepted for (the program) they

must be moved farther away from home to participate, meaning they probably receive no family visits for the 18-month term of the program."

Roehrkasse said the bidding

requirements were not tailored to Prison Fellowship Ministries. "Any and all organizations — of any faith or none — are eligible and invited to submit a proposal," he said.



A monument with the Ten Commandments stands on the grounds of the Haskell County Courthouse in Stigler, Okla., on April 25.

Ten Commandments display going to trial

STIGLER, Okla. (AP) — The 8-foot granite slab on the Haskell County courthouse lawn makes the Ten Commandments easy to read and hard to miss from the highway that doubles as this town's main thoroughfare.

The monument, erected with private money in 2004 with the county's approval, doesn't stop traffic and courthouse visitors on a recent morning barely gave it a glance.

"I don't see anything wrong with it," said 73-year-old Ianna Medlock. "We've got to have religion, too."

Still, it has drawn national attention, and county officials have been preparing to defend it in a trial that begins Monday in federal court.

Public support for the monument is strong in this town of 2,700, sitting 90 miles southeast of Tulsa. There's a church for roughly every 125 men, women and children, and two signs advertising places of worship

flanking the courthouse lawn.

John Alstott, a 42-year-old contractor who does business with the county, said some people might see the marker as "church pushed down their throat." But he expressed ambivalence.

"I don't have to look at it if I don't want to," he said.

The lawsuit challenging the marker's location comes amid national debate over displays of Ten Commandments on public property. Court challenges have yielded mixed results.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in a pair of 5-4 rulings last year, allowed the Ten Commandments to be displayed outside the Texas state Capitol but not inside two Kentucky courthouses, where the justices said they promoted a religious message. The court ruled religious displays are not inherently unconstitutional and must be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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"They know they are hiring illegal aliens and breaking the law. They are contributing to the illegal immigration problem."

— Joseph Turner, who is trying to force San Bernardino to outlaw taxpayer-funded day labor centers



Illegal aliens or not, homeowners say the day laborer system works

By Peter Prengaman
Associated Press writer

BURBANK, Calif. — Chris James needed help moving a piano and three dozen boxes of records from his music studio, but instead of corraling some buddies he rented a truck and hired day laborers outside the local Home Depot.

The two Guatemalan men finished the job in an hour and a half, hauling a piano and wedging a sofa into his condo, then stacking the boxes in a back room, for less than \$40. It was the first time James hired day laborers but it won't be his last.

"Absolutely satisfied," said James, 31.

No. 1 employers of day laborers, many of whom are illegal immigrants, are homeowners — not construction contractors, not professional landscapers.

"Day labor is not a niche market," said Abel Valenzuela, a UCLA professor and one of three authors of the first national day labor study, which was released in January. "It's now entering different aspects of the national mainstream economy."

Forty-nine percent of day labor employers are homeowners, according to 2,660 laborers interviewed for the study. Contractors were second, at 43 percent. The study also found that three quarters of day laborers were illegal immigrants and most were from Latin America. Homeowners like the men who call themselves "journalers" because they make up a flexible labor pool with no red tape and no overhead. And they'll do backbreaking jobs much cheaper than regular contractors.

Day laborers like homeown-

The No. 1 employers of day laborers, many of whom are illegal immigrants, are homeowners — not construction contractors, not professional landscapers.

ers, too. Staff contractors routinely shuff them. Not homeowners — the workers know where they live.

"At in houses, they give us food, water and soda," said Herminio Velazquez, 48, one of the men who worked at James's condo.

While some homeowners are uncomfortable hiring people who likely have no work documents, they often don't believe they are doing wrong.

That position is rejected by anti-illegal immigration activists. "They know they are hiring illegal aliens and breaking the law," said Joseph Turner, who is trying to force San Bernardino to outlaw taxpayer-funded day labor centers. "They are contributing to the illegal immigration problem."

Agents for Immigration and Customs Enforcement occasionally arrest day laborers, but they almost never go after homeowner employers. Their priorities are national security work sites such as seaports and the networks that smuggle illegal immigrants into the country.

"We need to stop unlawful spokeswoman Virginia Kice,

"But working day laborers sites is not an efficient way to use finite resources."

The federal debate on immigration reform has been on either criminalizing illegal immigrants — a proposal that has stirred widespread protest demonstrations — or giving them temporary work visas that might eventually lead to citizenship. Though Senate leaders promise progress, legislation may not pass in this election year.

David Peters, a 37-year-old salesman, is bothered by illegal immigration and believes he's part of the problem, but he says it isn't always possible to hire people with work papers.

He hired day laborers over several months while remodeling his Hermosa Beach house. One man tiled a floor and installed a granite countertop for \$1,000, jobs that Peters estimated would cost \$5,000 if he used the Yellow Pages.

"I know if they didn't have a job, they wouldn't be here," said Peters. "But we all shop at Target and Wal-Mart, and all their stuff is made overseas with cheap labor."

Margie Colly started hiring day laborers after her husband died six years ago because she needed somebody to clear brush, pull weeds, trim trees and sweep windows. She pays them \$11 an hour and serves them a hot lunch.

"They have been fantastic," said the 78-year-old Malibu resident. "I speak a little Spanish and they speak a little English, and we have a good time."

She doesn't ask about immigration status or worry about breaking the law.

"This is a system that works for most people," she said. "If lawmakers can't figure out how to fix it, I certainly can't."

Lawsuit accuses vet clinic of faking dog's death

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A couple who thought they were watching their epileptic dog being euthanized actually witnessed a simple sedation procedure concocted so the veterinary clinic could later give the canine to another owner, they claim in a lawsuit.

Dana and Gary Ganey said they cried while watching what they thought was the death of Annie, a 2-year-old German shepherd that had interesting frequent and debilitating seizures.

But in a lawsuit filed in Bucks County last week, they contend Annie was not euthanized in February 2005 at the Mill Pond Veterinary Clinic in Milford. Instead, the lawsuit says, the dog was given a sedative to make it appear she was dead. The clinic then gave Annie to a new owner, Gene Rizzo of Northeast Philadelphia, who cared for the dog until he had her euthanized on Nov. 2, according to the lawsuit.

"When I heard she was still alive I literally screamed and went into hysterics and I was in shock for three days," Dana Ganey said. "My nerves were totally torn up that this vet could do this."

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, accuses Mill

Pond Veterinary Clinic, Mill Pond Kennels and three of its employees of fraud, negligence and defamation.

A lawyer for the veterinary clinic did not return a call Friday from The Associated Press.

In the lawsuit, the Ganeyes say they were told by a former employee of the clinic that they

were considered "heartless" and that a meeting was called the morning Annie was scheduled to be euthanized to devise a plan to "rescue" the dog.

The Ganeyes contend they are loving owners who decided to put Annie down only after weeks of research and soul-searching.

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Republicans may face first election losses of Bush era

By Steven Thomma
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — For five years, President Bush has defied political history.

He won the White House while losing the popular vote. He expanded his party's majority in Congress in 2002, the first president to do so in his first term since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934. He added seats again in 2004, the first to do so while winning re-election since FDR in 1936.

Now, six months before another Election Day, history appears to be catching up to Bush and his party.

Republicans are poised to lose seats in the House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time in the Bush era — as has happened to every president in his sixth year in office since the Civil War, with the sole exception of Bill Clinton in 1998.

Republicans could well lose control of the House, and if the political tide runs strong enough, possibly the Senate. If Democrats capture either chamber, Bush will lose any chance to set the nation's agenda or to block investigations that could harass him through his last two years in office.

Republicans also appear in danger of losing some of the nation's most prominent governorships, including such mega-states as California, Florida and New York.

The reasons: an unpopular war in Iraq, a Congress seen as out of touch and a president who, at least for now, has lost control of the national agenda — remember his bid to overhaul Social Security, the top goal of his second term — and has lost the approval of a majority of Americans.

Even good news about the growing economy is overshadowed by anger over gasoline

prices. People are sour, and the party in power is in trouble.

"This is the worst shape I've seen the Republicans in since at least 1982," said independent analyst Stuart Rothenberg, editor of the Rothenberg Political Report, an independent newsletter. "They're running uphill."

Democrats have to gain 15 seats, net, to take control of the House from the Republicans. This week, Rothenberg increased his forecast for Republican losses in the House from a range of five to eight seats to a range of seven to 10 seats, "with a bias toward even greater Democratic gains."

"The House definitely is in play," he said.

He and other analysts also expect Republican losses in the Senate. Five Republican seats are vulnerable right now — but Democrats must gain six, net, to take control.

A critical question is whether more Republican seats will become vulnerable over the summer.

Good news from Iraq or the gas pumps, could shore them up.

Bad news could push even more House and Senate seats into competitive contests, opening the way to more Democratic wins.

"The political environment couldn't be better for Democrats," said Amy Walter, an analyst for the Cook Political Report, another independent newsletter. "If the environment looks as bad in September as it does today, that puts a whole new set of districts into play."

It's still possible, of course, that Republicans will resist the tide of historic losses by the party in power, which since 1906 has lost an average of 32 House seats and five Senate seats in the sixth year of a presidency.

Students turn admissions tables

By Stuart Silverstein
and Rebecca Teunison
Los Angeles Times

College-bound high school seniors have fretted for months about which four-year schools will accept them. Now it is the admissions officers' turn to sweat.

Although colleges have gotten more sophisticated in predicting how many of the applicants they admit will show up in the fall, administrators endure high anxiety until just after May 1, the commitment deadline for incoming freshmen at many schools.

When a college's enrollment falls short — costing the school revenue, not to mention academic talent — "admissions deans are on the

carpet," said Richard H. Shaw, Stanford University's dean of admission and financial aid. "Careers have been made and broken on this basis."

On the other hand, if too many freshmen decide to attend, the result often is overcrowded classrooms and a race to come up with enough housing.

And forecasting incoming freshman classes has grown harder lately because the most academically competitive students are applying to more and more schools.

To minimize unwelcome surprises, college administrators and their consultants have turned calculating yield rates — the percentage of accepted students who enroll — into something of a science.

It is a little-known fact of college admissions that schools typically accept many more students than they can take, knowing that most of them won't enroll. So they rely on their yield rate predictions to determine how many students to admit.

Many admissions officials say some schools turn down a number of their top applicants, in favor of students with lesser qualifications, if the academic stars don't seem likely to attend. One reason: An improved yield rate can boost a school's academic rating.



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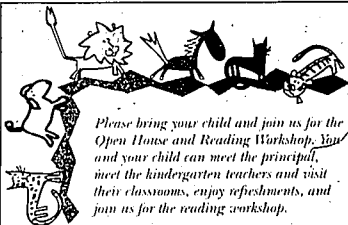
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Another important thing to know is that coal gasification technology isn't in development or at an experimental stage. Twenty-four countries employ gasification at 117 operating plants around the world.

China and American Electric Power, two large American companies, have even announced plans to build two gasification plants.

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NATION

Civilian go undercover online to catch potential child predators

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — This was Stacey DeLuca's plan: Chat online with child predators while pretending to be a young girl. Just a few hours.

"I'd rather have them talk to me than a real 13-year-old," the 21-year-old said.

It didn't take long before a 50-year-old California man allegedly told DeLuca — who was posing as 13-year-old "Jess" from Massachusetts — that he likes "younger girls" and that she wouldn't be his first.

DeLuca called police, and stayed in character for a month, saving screenshots of the man's lurid comments and graphic photos from the Yahoo Inc. chat room.

The result: Lawrence J. Katz of Oceanside, in San Diego County, was charged with attempting to send harmful matter to a minor via electronic means. He's fighting the charges.

"I was totally surprised," said DeLuca, a Worcester resident who works in the promotions department of a local radio station. "You get in a chat room and you get tons and tons of instant messages. These guys wait to talk to some little girl."

DeLuca is among a growing number of civilians across the nation who are conducting online sting operations to catch potential child predators. Perverted Justice, an organization that is dedicated to using text and graphics, expects to double its volunteers, to 100, by year's end.

Critics say it borders on vigilantism. Criminal defense attorneys argue that attempts to entrapment and that the nature of the charges — rather than the weight of evidence — forces people to plead guilty to avoid publicity.

Law enforcement officials warn that sloppy civilian investigations will push predators further underground, and that civilians may be endangering their own safety.

"In criminal justice matters, control is key," said Gerry Leone, a former state and federal prosecutor in Massachusetts. "Civilians who haven't been trained lose the aspect of control."

NBC's "Dateline" program has helped popularize the practice by teaming with Perverted Justice to lure adult men to a "meet." The men expect to find a young sex partner, but are instead met by TV cameras, and more recently, by police officers as well.

In the program's fourth sting, 17 men were arrested in late March when they traveled to a home in Greenville, Ohio, where they expected to meet an underage girl, according to the Darke County Sheriff's office.

Perverted Justice, which was paid by NBC to run its latest sting, boasts of having contributed to more than 50 convictions nationwide, all detailed on its Web site. The Portland-Ore.-based group enlists volunteers to go undercover online.

It has inspired a rival organization, called Corrupted Justice, which decries Perverted Justice's practices as vigilantism. Corrupted Justice says investigations should be conducted only by law enforcement.

The Justice Department says snatching online predators is a top priority. Total federal prosec-



Stacey DeLuca, 21, of Worcester, Mass., sits in front of her computer April 23 at her home. She is among a growing number of civilians across the nation who are conducting online stings to catch potential child predators.

cutions of child pornography and abuse cases increased nearly fivefold from 344 in fiscal 1995 to 1,576 in fiscal 2005, a top Justice attorney told a congressional panel in April.

And the federally funded Internet Crimes Against Children task forces' investigations resulted in 3,423 state charges and 563 federal charges in the first half of 2005, according to DOJ attorney William Mercer's testimony.

Sgt. Jeff Skuza, head of investigations for the Fargo, N.D., Police Department, said civilians can be helpful, especially because many departments have limited manpower. Working with a Perverted Justice volunteer in March, Fargo police arrested four men who showed up to a meet.

"We're happy with the integri-

ty" of the evidence, Skuza said. Civilians inadvertently can damage a case, some police say, by scaring off the target. A Massachusetts man burned the hard drive of his computer in his first drive before police searched his home two years ago after Perverted Justice publicized the man's solicitation of a minor. He wasn't charged.

DeLuca rejects the notion that she's taking the law into her own hands.

"I'm just sitting in a chat room. They're the ones contacting me. I'm not starting any of the sex talk," she said.

DeLuca, who is engaged and has no children, visited the Perverted Justice Web site after watching a recent "Dateline" special. She learned how to be a chat room monitor, created a fake Yahoo profile using a photo

of a child actress, and a day later was contacted by "Paul Robinson," who allegedly turned out to be Katz.

"There was one night a week when his wife wasn't home, and he'd stay on for hours," said DeLuca. "We'd talk until he had to leave to pick her up."

Each day, she forwarded transcripts to police.

DeLuca, with police guidance, eventually set up a meeting. But before they could get together, another chat room monitor who was running a similar sting from Maryland revealed her identity to him, and he was scared off, DeLuca said.

Nevertheless, the transcripts and Webcam images allegedly depicting Katz involved in sexual acts while alone were enough to persuade San Diego County authorities to charge him.

Katz, a casino dealer, did not respond to calls seeking comment. His lawyer, Ivan Schwartz, declined to comment.

DeLuca used another fake screen name to pose as a 12-year-old in a sting that led to the April 2 arrest of Cory A. Renwick, 25, of Boston, who police said is a registered sex offender in Florida and Massachusetts, stemming from a 1998 Florida conviction on possession of child pornography. Renwick pleaded not guilty to enticement of a child after he allegedly arranged a meeting with DeLuca.

Renwick has no phone listing in Boston. His lawyer, Patrick Sheehan, would only say: "He feels he's innocent. He looks forward to having it tried in court."



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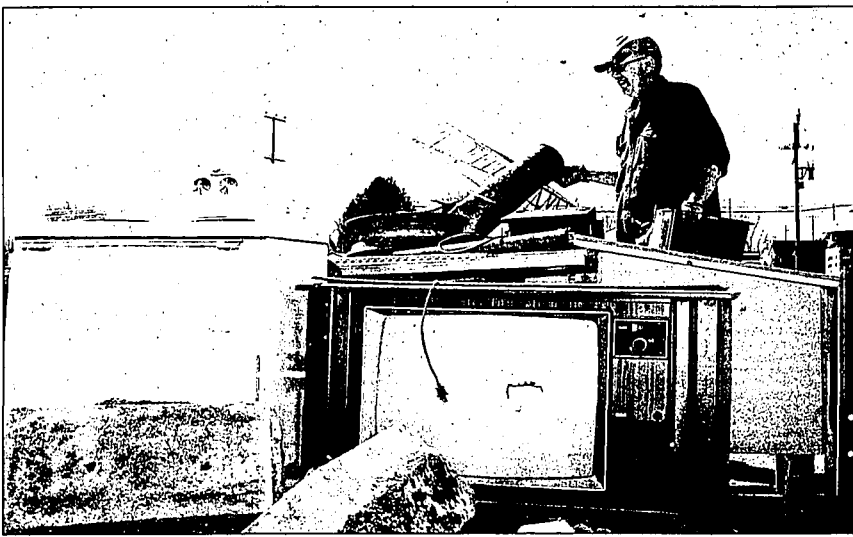
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United Electric Co-op considers breaking out salmon costs

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — At least 20 percent of electric bills paid by many Mini-Cassia consumers support fish and wildlife programs, including salmon recovery.

The money is required to offset environmental damages caused by federal hydropower dams that block fish migration routes and otherwise alter aquatic habitat.

United Electric Co-op, Inc., which serves about 5,700 customers in Minidoka and Cassia counties, is considering listing fish and wildlife costs as a line item on customers' monthly bills.

"Most people probably don't know how much is being spent," said Ralph Williams, general manager for United Electric.

Customers are willing to contribute a portion of their power bills to fish and wildlife programs

to environmentally be responsible, Williams said. Saving the salmon is the right thing to do, he said.

Ratepayers probably aren't aware that they pay at least \$2 for every \$10 spent. A \$70 residential power bill includes \$14 for fish and wildlife programs.

Farmers who operate electric pumps for irrigation water use a lot of power. The portions of their bills going to fish and wildlife programs easily can reach several thousand dollars during the growing season.

The associated environmental costs can be as high as 30 percent if indirect costs are included, Williams said. Power generation is lost when water is spilled from dams to help fish migrate. It is water that otherwise would run through turbines.

"Ultimately what I would like to do is just raise awareness," Williams said.

Legislation is pending in Con-

gress that would require Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), which sells power to United Electric, to do just that for all of its customers.

Environmental groups are watching such efforts.

"We agree with the general idea of providing ratepayers transparency," said Michael Garrity, associate director of Columbia Basin programs for American Rivers in Seattle.

But American Rivers can't support a bill that only would require BPA to calculate indirect costs associated with salmon, Garrity said. Other indirect costs including water diverted for irrigation should be included, he said.

Operating the dams to help fish migration reduces power generation by about 9 percent, and irrigation withdrawals reduce power generation by about 5 percent, according to a 2006 analysis by the

Northwest Power and Conservation Council. The council is charged with balancing the Northwest's energy needs and environmental health.

Just looking at the dollars spent doesn't necessarily provide a complete picture.

"We may devote enough resources, but I'm not sure we're spending it the right way," Garrity said.

The federal salmon recovery program once again has been thrown out by a federal judge in Oregon and must be rewritten.

Although much of the Magic Valley is served by Idaho Power Co., electric service in the Mini-Cassia area is provided primarily by city electric departments and nonprofit utilities such as United Electric that buy power from BPA. BPA is a federal agency that markets power generated by federal dams on the Columbia River system, including

Minidoka and Palisades dams on the Snake River. BPA on average supplies about 75 percent of electrical needs in the northwest.

BPA expects to spend about \$700 million in a single fiscal year on fish and wildlife programs. That is about 30 percent of BPA's revenue from power rates and includes indirect program costs such as lost generation.

Inland Power and Light Co. in Spokane, Wash., broke out fish and wildlife costs for its customers beginning more than two years ago, said Fred Rottenmund, power specialist for the utility and a former BPA manager. They amount to 21 percent of customers' bills. It has helped raise awareness. It hasn't necessarily led to a deep reaction from customers.

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Man dedicated life to serving his country through flag education

By Trona Togan
 For The Times-News

RUPERT — Otha McGill dedicated his life to his country by teaching the children to "honor the American flag through knowledge."

Otha McGill passed away Thursday, April 20 at the age of 91.

Otha, or "Othie" as many knew him, was born in McLeansboro, Ill. When he was 8 years old, Otha moved with his family to Idaho, settling west of Paul. In 1934 they moved into Paul and Otha's father served as postmaster there for several years.

In 1942, Otha was inducted into the United States Medical Corps and became a Sgt. Tech 5. While in the service Otha met a man who changed his life. The man had been a prisoner of war and had told Otha that he thought the foreigners knew more about the United States than he did. Otha made a vow that he would do everything in his power to change that, and his primary goal would be to teach people to honor the symbol of our country: the United

Remembered

Otha E. McGill

Born: April 6, 1915
 Died: April 20, 2006
 Survivors: His children Linda (Dore) Frank, Diana (Barry) McGill, Jim (Lorelei) McGill and Mike (Brenda) McGill; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

States flag.
 After returning home from the service, he married Agnes Mae Burman in 1944. In 1955 he went into the gravel business, owning and operating Moe Valley Sand and Gravel, which is still operating today under his sons Jim and Mike.

Customers often commented on the quality of both the product and service offered through McGill and his business.

Otha began to promote flag education intensely in 1964 when he founded the United States Flag Education Program and developed a flag study program entitled "Honor Our United States Flag through Knowledge."

Otha was often known to say, "How can you be patriotic without knowing about the flag?"

To this end, Otha worked hard to influence improvements in legislation and policies regarding flag education and was instrumental in the state passing a bill requiring public schools to teach flag education to fifth-grade students. He personally visited schools in Minidoka and Cassia counties promoting the program and presenting certificates to the children who completed the program.

The program was funded through the sale of flags, poles and accessories and the handbooks, but Otha often took money from his own pocket to advance the program.

He paid for the printing of the books, delivering most of them himself, and even had a traveling plaque made to present to the school in the district that had the highest test scores.

Otha has been recognized on numerous occasions for his efforts to promote patriotism through flag education, including receiving the Distinguished Service award from the Idaho Association of School Administrators, the Volunteer of the Year award from the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, Person of the Year by Modern Woodmen of America and numerous other recognitions and awards locally and statewide.

Steve Thompson, who worked with Otha in United States Flag Education Inc., as

the endeavor came to be called, said that Otha would often remark that he wished he were 30 years younger. "There's still so much to do," he'd say.

Audrey Newirth, who began working with Otha in the program in 1995, says she intends to keep the flag education going. "It was his life's work," she said. "We have to keep it alive."

Otha's tenacity and dedication was greatly admired by all who knew him.

He was not a tall man, and upon one of his many visits to the Minidoka School District office, Nick Hallet, the current superintendent, was informed by a secretary that a "little man" was there to see him. When Hallet saw who she was referring to, he remarked, "That's not a little man, that's a great man."

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WORLD

High gas prices drive lifestyle changes throughout Europe

By Kevin Sullivan
The Washington Post

LONDON — David Graham pulled up to the gas pump in his shiny black Jeep SUV with a "for sale" sign taped in the window.

Graham, 48, a London building contractor, pumped at the price of the pump — the equivalent of \$6.62 a gallon, which means it costs him \$125 to fill his tank. "That's why this is a necessity and I can't afford it anymore, I have to walk everywhere. Things have gone mad."

As Americans contemplate the end of a summer of \$3-per-gallon gas, drivers in Britain and much of Europe look on with a resigned jealousy. Taxes and rising crude oil prices have created some of the world's most expensive gasoline on this side of the Atlantic, where a family car is deemed more of a luxury than a necessity and many people rely instead on extensive public transportation networks.

But even in Europe, where motorists have long been paying pump prices double — or more — those paid by Americans, there is growing alarm over climbing fuel costs.

Many motorists are driving less and altering their daily habits for shopping, vacations and other routines, according to interviews and opinion polls. Many airlines, delivery services and other fuel-dependent businesses are passing increases on to consumers through higher prices or taking deep profit cuts.

Andris Piebalgs, the European Union's energy commissioner, warned last weekend that high oil prices were "destroying economic growth" in Europe.

Kate Gibbs of Britain's Road Haulage Association, which represents truckers and other hauling companies, said the prices are driving many small trucking companies out of business. "They just can't take it anymore," Gibbs said.

Uncertainly about the West's growing confrontation with Iran, the world's fourth-largest oil exporter, instability in major producers such as Nigeria and Iraq, continued fallout from Hurricane Katrina, and growing demand for oil in China and India are among the reasons analysts cite for why pump prices have risen sharply worldwide.

Drivers in 11 European countries are now paying an average of more than \$6 a gallon, according to Britain's AA Motoring Trust. "We have always looked upon you Americans with a lot of envy" about gas prices, said David Williams of the Trust, an independent research group that advocates for British motorists.

European governments have

long used gasoline taxes not only as an important source of revenue, but as a policy tool to drive down oil consumption and reduce pollution.

Williams said taxes account for about 66 percent of the pump price in Britain — so of this month's average price per gallon of \$6.40, about \$4.22 goes to the government.

U.S. drivers pay an average of about 46 cents per gallon in combined state, federal and local taxes, according to the Tax Foundation, an independent organization in Washington.

"We would like to see zero fuel duties, of course," Williams said. "But we have to put our hands on our hearts and admit that the government needs money for all kinds of things, and this is one way to get it. People do want their schools and hospitals to be better, so this is just practical politics."

Six years ago, when government tax agencies an even larger share of fuel costs, truckers, taxi drivers and other protesters blockaded Britain's oil refineries and storage depots to stop delivery to gas stations. The week-long strike nearly paralyzed the country.

British government officials said that in order to lessen the pain to consumers, they have frozen the primary tax on gasoline since 2003. It has remained at 47.1 pence per liter — about \$3.19 per gallon at today's exchange rates. On top of that duty, consumers also pay a 17.5 percent consumption tax.

In his 2006 budget announced last month, Gordon Brown, Britain's finance minister, continued the freeze until at least September.

"The government doesn't believe in temporary measures," said a Treasury spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity following standard practice here. "As soon as you start making decisions based on short-term fluctuations in the market, you take yourself out of a stable situation."

In the Netherlands, gas is selling for about \$6.16 per gallon, which includes \$3.10 in duty and 19 percent sales tax, said Jelle Wils, spokesman for the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Wils said the government has had "heavy discussions" about tax cuts or other relief measures for consumers but decided not to interfere with market forces.

"We cannot do anything about these prices because they are market prices," Wils said.

But consumer anger is clearly on the rise. "It's extortion," said Alan Pirrie, 54, an industrial cleaner who lives near Coventry and drives 100 miles to London and 100 miles home six days a week — a 200-mile a week.

Pirrie said it costs him almost \$120 to fill the tank of his small Fiat van, and he has to fill up three times a week. "Of course

they should cut the tax, but there's no chance," said Pirrie, who said he and other drivers expect prices to continue rising. "It's life."

The average gasoline price in Britain has risen 19 percent

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WORLD

Holloway investigation clouds future of tourism on Aruba

By Jonathan M. Katz
Associated Press writer

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — From the dusty, cactus-studded center of this Caribbean island to its palm tree-lined resort beaches, few leads have been explored in the disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway.

All the investigations, arrests, rumors and intense media coverage in the 11 months since Holloway disappeared have taken a toll on islanders. Hundreds of people have been questioned, said prosecutor's spokeswoman Marianne Groes, from beach workers, fishermen and the homeless to the sons of well-off families. At least nine have been arrested and released without charges.

Hundreds of volunteers, Dutch Marines, the local coast guard, the FBI and others have scoured the island's dunes, beaches and trash dumps. Scuba divers and sonar-equipped coast guard ships have examined the seabed offshore.

With the case still unsolved, islanders now fear that Aruba, which gets 70 percent of its gross domestic product from tourism, will be permanently scarred by the mystery.

The island off the coast of Venezuela has beautiful white sand beaches and is home to a lively mix of Europeans, Caribbean immigrants and descendants of the original Arakaw Indians. But islanders now fear they'll be known only for the night when a single U.S. tourist vanished.

A recent "Lonely Planet" guide devoted one of its four paragraphs on Aruba's 4,000-year history to the Holloway case.

"We're concerned about the negative publicity," said Myrna Hansen-Feliciano of the Aruba Tourist Authority.

Locals are quick to call the case a tragedy and say they hope Holloway — last seen leaving a bar with three young men early on May 30, 2005 — will be found alive. But most also believe criticism of the investigation is unfair — and they worry the case is scaring away visitors, most of whom are Americans who patronize U.S. chain restaurants and hotels that accept U.S. dollars.

They're especially angry that

cable-TV crime shows echo criticism by Holloway's mother, Beth Livitt, that Aruban authorities are corrupt and incompetent. And they're enraged that the governors of Arkansas, Georgia

and Alabama have criticized the investigation and backed a travel boycott of Aruba.

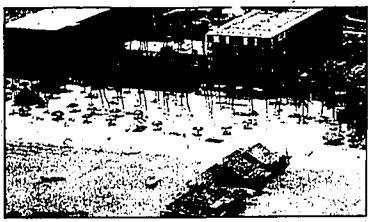
"They're saying bad things about Aruba. Maybe if it is Aruba's fault, they can say bad

things. But if it's not, they shouldn't," said Jason Angela, a 15-year-old Oranjestad student.

Hotel occupancy was down 3 percent through February compared to the year before.

Hansen-Feliciano said. Big hotels were hit particularly hard — down 10 percent. It is unclear whether the drop is a result of bad publicity and the boycott or of rising hotel rates.

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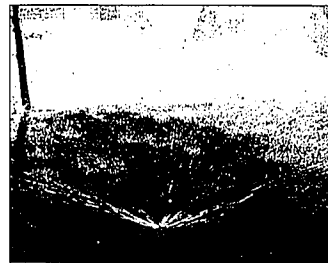
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WORLD

Three years after Bush declared 'mission accomplished,' Iraq's outlook still mixed

By Lee Keith and Sally Zuhre Associated Press writers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — At the edge of a southern Iraqi city, a refugee family huddles in a tin shack, its hope of jobs and security gone. A northern businessman dreams of opening a store in Baghdad, but the violence puts him off. In the south, a young woman glances nervously around a crowded bus station, fearful a suicide bomb will steal her life even as she celebrates new freedoms.

Three years ago Monday, aboard the USS Lincoln, "The tyrant has fallen" and Iraq is free, President Bush declared, standing underneath a banner proclaiming: "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED."

Those two words have lingered uneasily since. A look at Iraq today shows that despite progress toward democracy, billions spent on reconstruction and the best effort of its own people and an international coalition, the battle for Iraq's future is far from over.

Kut in insurgency's grip

The building boom in the small city of Kut in southeastern Iraq started soon after Saddam Hussein's ouster in spring 2003, and lasted through his capture and into 2004. Jobs blossomed as empty lots filled with new apartment buildings and homes.

Then the construction dried up. Although Kut was relatively peaceful, private investors became nervous as the insurgency took hold. Now, says construction worker Mohammed Nasser Atwan, "out of 30 days in a month, there are 10 days of work" — not enough to feed his family of eight and pay the rent. "My kids have had to leave school to work."

It is even tougher for the estimated 5,700 Shites who fled this spring to Kut, leaving behind sectarian violence in Baghdad, Diyala and Kirkuk. Some live in donated tents, others in tin shacks on the edge of town.

Supporters of a radical Shiite cleric roam the streets. Weeks choke the Tigris River, disrupting irrigation because the Water Resources Ministry is paralyzed. "We're the refugees in our country," said a 52-year-old man, a Shiite Muslim who fled from a Sunni area near Baghdad. "We've been waiting for years, asking

when true freedom will come," he said.

Some Iraqis see progress

Lawyer Hussein Ali says freedom has already arrived. From the holy city of Najaf in the south, a Shiite stronghold now relatively free of violence, the 39-year-old lawyer sees long strides that his country has made in three years.

Iraqis have twice voted for a national government and have passed a new constitution. Recently, political leaders in Baghdad broke a logjam, agreeing on a new prime minister who many hope will forge a united government and stabilize Iraq.

Ali said it's time for U.S. troops to leave. Hussein Abdul-Zahra, a 35-year-old seminary student, agreed. Iraq now has "very good achievements" from which it can move ahead without "regional and foreign interference," a reference to the United States and Iran, Abdul-Zahra said.

The optimism in Najaf reflects the blossoming of Shiite political and religious hopes. The Shites were brutally suppressed by Saddam, a Sunni.

But Shiite power has spawned a "bitter backlash" from Sunnis, who lost power and prestige when Saddam fell. Shiite militias, fighting in response, are accused of operating death squads. The violence has seceded fear even in stable Najaf.

Each day as she waits at a bus stop in her veil and black robe, Marwa Mahdi Karim worries about suicide attackers. Head-to-head to her computer college, even as she celebrates Iraq's progress, the 21-year-old student looks nervously around.

"We did not expect to reach such a stage of fear — three years after the fall of Saddam," she said.

It's different in the north

In the Kurdish city of Sulaimaniyah in the north, it is different.

There, apartment towers and villas sprout up. Workers come from around Iraq to work for jobs, many sleeping at construction sites.

Inflation is high and corruption suspected. But the people here — safe in their pocket of security — think themselves lucky.

Saman Karim does not even feel as if he lives in Iraq. The 25-year-old physics student used to

believe the war would open a new chapter — "Like Bush said ... a model of democracy in the Middle East."

Now he says the country has become worse. "It's on the verge of civil war," he said.

Saleh Ayoub, 59, sells cheap clothes and had hoped for a commercial boom across Iraq.

He dreamed of opening a big store in Baghdad once Saddam fell. But in the capital, tension grows. Residents hastily throw up roadblocks of wrecked cars and mounds of dirt to keep out attackers. A once-mixed Shiite-Sunni neighborhood is now Sunni only, its Shiite-owned homes abandoned.

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- Final pictures and story in The Times-News, Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Entry Form

Date of Application: _____

Your name: _____ Age: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Occupation: _____ Email Address: _____

Teammate's name: _____

Teammate's relationship to you: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Address (if different from yours): _____

Occupation: _____ Email Address: _____

Area to be transformed: _____ Measurements: _____

Why have you chosen this area? _____

Do you own your home? _____

When was your home built? _____

What style is your home? _____

Who else lives with you? _____

Have you ever tried landscaping before? _____

Tell us a little about yourself (30 words or less): _____

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U.S. Marine Pfc. Joseph Nelson, of Puyallup, Washington, runs during a patrol in Karmah, 50 miles west of Baghdad last Monday. Three years ago Monday, President George Bush declared the United States had done what it intended in Iraq — removed a tyrant and freed a people.

EDITORIAL

Tax district idea comes full circle in Boise region

Brilliant minds in the Treasure Valley have finally found a way to get their bull retolling for their much-wanted community college.

Pressed by the Albertson Foundation and its support for community college programs, the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce will have produced a lawmakers, business officials and local educators chime in on creating a college.

Among the options: Forming a property tax district in the counties that will utilize the college.

Which just proves the old adage, when all else fails read the directions.

For almost half a century, Idaho law has detailed how areas wanting community colleges can create tax districts to support them. State law also allows the schools to be supported by state funds and student fees. But it's local taxing authority — such as that created by Twin Falls and Jerome counties in the 1960s — that make community colleges unique, flexible and independent from other state colleges.

Property taxes may not be popular in today's Idaho for plenty various political reasons. This year's push for a new community college in Treasure Valley — supported heavily by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Boise State University, the State Board of Education and Boise media — skirted the local tax issue because of those same political factors. But Kempthorne or any other state leader for that matter, cannot sign the praises of the College of Southern Idaho, and then advocate a funding mechanism that breaks the standard CSI was built upon.

In spite of a plan to throw \$5 million into community college programs and a move to dismember the tax district authority, legislators didn't decide make any changes. Lawmakers chose to study the plan for another year.

That didn't sit well with the loudest voices clamoring for

a college. But legislators' inaction was truly the wisest course because the delay is forcing Albertson Foundation and Boise entities to revisit local property tax districts.

The foundation is willing to make a multi-million dollar investment into a Treasure Valley community college, and it wants a coalition of partners to come up with ways to create it. But aside from the initial foundation investment, Joe Scott, the grandson of grocery magnate and foundation creators Joe and Kathryn Albertson, says sustained funding will be needed.

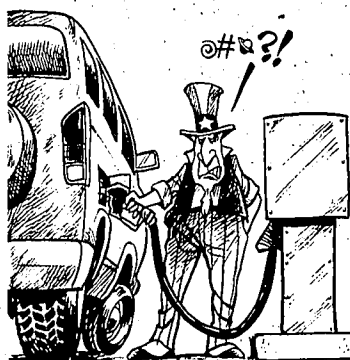
That's precisely what a tax district in Ada and Canyon counties would provide. Passage would require a two-thirds supermajority from voters in those counties. But that's attainable in a growing region which is setting the pace for school facility investment. If the same tax rate levied on Jerome and Twin Falls county property owners were assessed in the Ada and Canyon counties, it would earn that area about \$23.6 million annually.

Why should CSI be so concerned about this? CSI leaders have never raised a fuss about Boise having its own community campus. But CSI has much to lose if the property tax standard is dropped from Idaho law. When one new community college becomes totally reliant upon state dollars, it places a financial squeeze on the others available for the others. A movement would then begin to drop all property tax districts. That move would not enhance local education, especially at a time when one new community college and higher ed are fighting for every dollar.

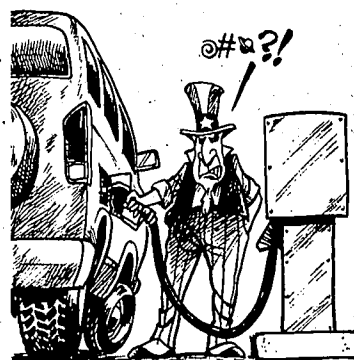
Boise business leaders and Albertson Foundation officials have every reason to take the initiative and consider ways to build a Treasure Valley community college. The more they study up on tax district laws, the more they'll believe in them.

Our view: Boise business leaders are on the right course by considering tax districts for a community college. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

A Short History of Gas Prices



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Gasoline outrage is pure stupidity

If you thought the Dubai deal market would lead to high in Washington cynicism, think again. Nothing can match the spectacle of politicians scrambling for cover during a spike in gasoline prices. And this time, the pandering has gone all the way to the Oval Office. President Bush has joined the baying congressional hordes by ordering the Energy and Justice Departments and the FTC to launch an investigation into possible gasoline price-fixing.

What a disgrace. Precisely 10 years ago (April 29, 1996) as gas prices reached a shocking \$1.27 a gallon, President Clinton ordered his Energy and Justice Departments to launch investigations to find out why. In my column that week, I offered a wild guess as to why "Supply is down and demand is up." I offered Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and Attorney General Janet Reno a \$100 bet (I roll high on sure things) that their million-dollar probes would do nothing more than confirm my hunch.

No takers. Even Cabinet secretaries don't throw C-notes away. Sure enough, months later these perfectly pointless investigations discounted charges of price gouging and increased the price hike like ... increased demand and decreased supply.

Today, every time an Iranian mullah opens his mouth about nukes, the risk premium for



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Persian Gulf supply interruptions jumps again. Crude oil prices alone account for about \$1.70 of what you pay for a gallon at the pump. So 10 years later, I'll swager again. Here's what the Bush search for price gougers and profiteers will find:

1. Demand is up.

China has come from nowhere to pass Japan as the number No. 2 oil consumer in the world. China and India — between them home to eight times the U.S. population — are industrializing and gobbling huge amounts of energy. American demand is up because we've lived in a fool's paradise since the mid-1980s. Until then, beginning with the oil shocks of 1973, Americans had changed appliances and cars and habits and achieved astonishing energy conservation. Energy use per dollar of GDP was cut by 40 percent in little over a decade. Oil prices collapsed to about \$10 a barrel.

Then amnesia set in. MPG ratings disappeared from TV ads and we became "a county of a million Walter Mittys driv-

ing 75 mph in their gas-guzzling Bushback-Safari sport-utility roasters with a moose head on the hood, a country whose crude oil production has dropped 32 percent in the last 25 years but which will not drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for fear of disturbing the mating habits of caribou.

I wrote that during the '96 witch hunt for price gougers. Nothing has changed. Except that since then, U.S. crude oil production has dropped an additional 12.3 percent. Which brings us to:

2. Supply is down.

Start with supply disruptions in Nigeria, decreased production in Iraq and the continuing loss of 5 percent of our national refining capacity because of Katrina and Rita damage. Add to that the mischief of idiotic new regulations. Last year's energy bill mandates arbitrary increases in blended ethanol fuel that so exceed current ethanol production that it is causing gasoline shortages and therefore huge price spikes.

Why don't we import the missing ethanol? Brazil makes a ton of it and very cheaply. Answer: The Iowa corn and Iowa grows corn and chooses presidents. So we have a ridiculously high 54-cent ethanol tariff and ethanol shortages.

Other regulation requires specific ("boutique") gasoline

blends for different cities depending on their air quality. Nice idea. But it introduces debilitating rigidities into the gasoline supply system. If Los Angeles runs short, you cannot just move supply in from Denver. You get shortages and more price spikes.

And don't get me started on the missing supply of might-have-been American crude, Arctic and Outer Continental Shelf oil that the politicians kill year after year would have provided us by now with a critical and totally secure supply cushion in times of tight markets. In March 2000, the price of gas hit \$1.80. Scandalized congressional Republicans shamelessly pushed for repeal of Bill Clinton's whopping 4.3-cent gas tax increase. Now that the president is a Republican, what do you think Senate Democrats are proposing? A 60-day suspension of the federal gas tax. It would cost \$6 billion and counteract the only good thing that comes with high gas prices — the incentive to conserve.

George Shultz once said, "Nothing ever gets settled in this town." But even Shultz, who has seen everything, must marvel at the perfect regularity, the utter predictability, of the bottomless cynicism of Washington in the grip of gasoline fever.

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A new event center can preserve fair tradition

On May 23, the Twin Falls County Fair Board is going to ask the residents of the county to support funding for the construction of a multipurpose event center to be located at the fairgrounds. During the next few weeks, there will probably be many letters and comments both for and against this issue. I would only ask that everyone consider all the information concerning this proposal before making their own decision.

Having been a member of the fair board for the past seven years, I certainly support this project. But my support and that of the fair board does not come from our wanting a building just for the fairgrounds. The building



READER COMMENT
Tim Zarth

proposal is for a year-round facility — one that will provide a location that will attract to Twin Falls County a wide range of events all year long.

As the county continues to grow, the need for this type of building is growing as well. Just the initial planning for this building has generated interest from event promoters that are looking for a venue within our area.

Give pet operation regulations some bite

323 cats, 117 deads and it's been a week, and we've seen nothing of charges against the owners.

This shows you that something has to be done about the antiquated rules and laws that govern businesses like this one.

I can't name the owner or the business because I could be arrested for being libelous — go figure.

Today, every call your state representative today.

PHILLIP GREGORY
Twin Falls

Support Kramer and vote for merger

I believe it is time for Twin Falls County to move forward on the merger with St. Luke's. There have been no tax dollars on this issue, but I believe that among other things, the increase in cancer treatment services and what should be more comprehensive care overall merit voting yes on the proposed merger.

With regard to the race for county commissioner, there are clearly legitimate concerns that must be debated.

Why are we still spending several hundred thousand dol-

lars to house prisoners outside of the Twin Falls County? There have to be some low-cost alternatives that would allow us to spend less money and house minimum or medium security inmates here in buildings other than the Twin Falls County Jail.

Why did the county pay an expert \$280,000 for six months to work on the hospital merger question, yet it won't appropriate \$10,000 to the help defray part of the cost of a building in Castelford? The city could pay the remainder of the cost and a contract for enforcement of city ordinances could then be entered

into with the sheriff's department.

Terry Kramer and his supporters deserve the opportunity to fully and fairly campaign for a resolution of these issues and other important issues facing the county.

These questions are far more important than the future of any one person involved in the political process. Like others in the Castelford area, I have known and respected Terry and the Kramer family all my life, and I know he is well qualified to serve as county commissioner.
MARK J. GURRY
Castelford

Just the initial planning for this building has generated interest from event promoters

current board to continue to maintain all the buildings on the fairgrounds and we want to be able to uphold the current history and atmosphere of the fair.

But we also want the fairgrounds to remain self-supporting without having to be subsidized by the county. One of the main goals for this event center is to have the ability to generate enough income each year from outside events that can be used to

maintain the rest of the grounds.

From time to time over the past several decades, the citizens of Twin Falls County have had to step forward and support the fairgrounds with tax dollars in order to replace existing buildings or construct new buildings as the fair expanded. Many of these buildings were designed as single-use facilities that were mostly only functional during six days of fair time each year. The idea has slowly been changing for the past several years. Past fair boards began recognizing the need for the grounds to have the ability to support the fairgrounds during the off season while still meeting the needs during

fair time.

This is the driving force behind our proposal for the new Pioneer Event Center. It is time once again for the voters of Twin Falls County to decide if they want to continue to support the long-standing tradition and history of their county fair. This event center will provide for many year-round events for all the citizens of the county while, at the same time, generate the needed funds to continue the upkeep of our existing historical buildings. Please join us in supporting the Twin Falls County Pioneer Event Center.

Tim Zarth, of Twin Falls, is the chairman of the Twin Falls County Fair Board.

OPINION

LETTERS

Who pays for the cat resort clean-up?

Just wondering. How many people did it take to clean out the Rasmussen house of all those poor animals? Who is paying for all the expenses involved — vet fees, food, etc. I hope Janet Rasmussen and not the taxpayers.
ARDITH LAND
Burley

Letter writer was the cause for the litigation

In reply to Mr. Lee Halper's letter (April 22), I am reminded of a description I read several years ago: "There are people who value their own personal opinions so highly that they believe it is their responsibility to impose those beliefs on others regardless of the means." Mr. Halper is certainly familiar with the first two matters of litigation that he mentions in his letter as he is the plaintiff in those cases as well as numerous other legal actions he has brought against Jerome County over the past six or seven years. Obviously, he understands that the taxpayers of Jerome County do pay for the defense of such actions brought against the county.

The board of commissioners has already taken necessary actions in all cases where the county has been challenged in court.

I cannot comment on his third example, as I do not know to what case he is referring.
VERONICA LIERMAN
Jerome
(Editor's note: Veronica Lierman is the Republican Jerome County commissioner running for re-election in the two-year term for District 1.)

Confusion over NCLB is easy to clarify

An April 13 story in The Times-News regarding highly qualified teachers contained an odd statement by State Superintendent Marilyn Howard. She was confused about the definition of a "highly qualified teacher" under the No Child Left Behind Act.

As the article itself noted, NCLB sets the definition as a teacher having a four-year degree, full state certification and an odd statement by State Superintendent Marilyn Howard. She was confused about the definition of a "highly qualified teacher" under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Furthermore, the U.S. Department of Education has provided additional flexibility and alternative options for veteran teachers, rural school teachers and multi-subject teachers. The U.S. Department has worked closely with states, including Idaho, to tackle the unique circumstances and challenges each state faces in implementing these options and working to ensure a highly qualified teacher in every classroom, particularly in core academic subjects.

Idaho's own SAT scores have confirmed that the law is working and that students can achieve at higher standards when adults believe in them. As State Board of Education President Rod Lewis said last year, "More Idaho students are performing on grade level than ever before, and some achievement gaps are actually narrowing."

That partnership between states and the federal government and NCLB is simply profound; the federal government provides more funding and flexibility, and states commit to improving their own education systems so that all students receive the quality education they deserve.

There's nothing confusing about it.
ERIC EARLING
Seattle, Wash.
(Editor's note: Eric Earling is the deputy secretary's regional representative for the U.S. Department of Education for the region 10, which includes Idaho.)

Pit bulls require firm state legislation

To Sen. Cameron: On April 14, a neighbor's pit bull dogs slaughtered my dog's pets. These dogs have roamed freely and been

chased from my daughter's yard several times. The neighbors have been asked to keep their dogs at home and out of my daughter's yard.

My 10-year-old granddaughter went out on Saturday morning to feed her 4-1/2 pet dog, Putch. She found him mutilated and crushed, still chained to his doghouse. The pit bulls had freed him from a tree with the chain around his neck and attacked him. There was no escape. Then the pit bulls proceeded to find and crush the heads of their pet cats, including a mother cat that had defended her kittens.

The investigating officer told my daughter that all he could do was issue a citation to the dog owners. It could have been my grandchildren or my daughter who was attacked and killed. I am outraged at the blatant disregard for the safety of others by owners of these vicious animals and the helplessness of authorities to do anything but "issue a citation." These animals are a real threat to my daughter, her husband and my grandchildren. They are afraid to play in their own yard.

People keep animals for many reasons — its pets or as work animals. Pit bulls were bred to fight and kill and they do so indiscriminately.

Colorado is one state that took steps to ban the ownership of these killer animals. Don't you think it's time Idaho did the same? Do we have to wait until they kill one of our family members before something legally is done?

I urge our legislators to address this issue before anyone is forced to bury a family member because of their inability to had to bury their beloved pets.

BARBARA WALKER
Rupert

Grindstaff went extra mile on county news

Absolutely nothing ticks me off like innuendo I'm referring to rumors and slander against our county commissioner, Gary Grindstaff.

Gary has made his work for this county a priority and full-time job. He encouraged our other two commissioners not to rush to judgment concerning the hospital. In return, he saved the county \$20 million by making sure the residents of Twin Falls County got a fair price for their existing ownership of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. By doing so, he helped ensure that the merging of the county hospital with St. Luke's would provide the county with the necessary revenue to convert the old

clinic into much-needed county offices.

Gary has proven his leadership qualities on the many boards he serves on. He understands energy, the kind that converts dollars into development. Gary has the energy that runs a farm, energy that deals with water, energy that deals with soil conservation and comprehensive planning. He has proven his leadership abilities.

Gary's willingness to let someone else run his farm so he can be a full-time commissioner is commendable. He gives all of his energy and talents to serving the citizens of Twin Falls County.

Gary Grindstaff is much too humble to tout his own horns; therefore, I felt the urge to encourage voters to vote for Gary in the upcoming election on May 23. Be an informed voter.

I also encourage you to vote for St. Luke's for a new Idaho health care system.
BILLEE HASHBROUCK
Twin Falls

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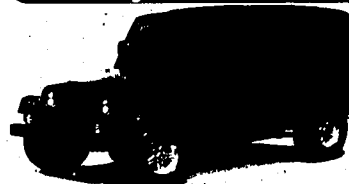
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View to a thrill

By Will Sites
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wow! Awesome! Cool!
A few of the words used Saturday to describe the ride over Shoshone Falls aboard a sightseeing helicopter, Reeder Flying Service, Inc. of Twin Falls took advantage of excellent weather and a roaring waterfall to offer locals

and tourists alike the view to one of the greatest natural shows in the Intermountain West.
The four-passenger Bell Jet Ranger III helicopter got little rest as an influx of passengers boarded the chopper from a makeshift heli-pad near the canyon rim visitor center. For \$35 a seat, fliers trekked along and across the canyon, highlighting the aerial thrill with a buzz over the falls.

"Today's a perfect day," said Reeder's Laura Arrington Saturday afternoon while manning the business side of sightseeing. "We've been flying nonstop all day and we have a waiting list." The plan Saturday was to stop flying at 6 p.m., but the demand pushed plans on stopping the clock.
"We did this a few years ago," said Arrington. "But this year it is really good."

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Racing the clock



Rusty Lowe jokes with family at their home in Twin Falls shortly before departing for his senior prom.



Photos by MARKET BIRTH/The Times-News

Rusty Lowe, 15, and his prom date Katrina Wicker, 18, talk with his Twin Falls High School English teacher Marsha Atkin Saturday evening before entering the school's prom. Rusty suffers from two types of cancer — leukemia and medulloblastoma, a form of brain cancer. He traveled from Boise Saturday while suffering from a fever to attend his senior prom.

T.F. senior fighting cancer makes sure he attends prom — no matter what

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Senior prom only happens once in a lifetime, and nothing was going to take that dance away from Rusty Lowe.

Lowe, 18, has been fighting a deadly combination of medulloblastoma, a form of brain cancer, and leukemia for almost a decade. Although illness is something he has learned to live with, anything as common as a cold virus can make things deadly serious for him — which is exactly what happened the day before prom.

Lowe was rushed to St. Lukes in Boise for treatment when he came down with a fever, and he thought he would miss his one opportunity to attend the senior prom. But he asked for a pass from the doctor, who reluctantly approved it, and Lowe was able to leave the hospital for the Twin Falls Senior High prom.

"We left the hospital just after four this afternoon," said Debi Lowe, Rusty's stepmom, as they arrived home around 6 p.m. "I'm just so happy that he gets to go to prom. We really thought he wouldn't be able to go."

Lowe hurried as fast as he could, with the help of his cane, to put on his tuxedo and top hat before his limousine arrived. With only minutes to spare, Caitlin Grover, 18, knocked on the door and told Lowe that the limousine and his date were waiting outside.

"We kind of said that if Rusty couldn't make it to prom then we would put on our tuxes and go have a prom at the hospital," Grover said. "But we're glad he

could come here because most of the school is here."

Lowe's parents were also glad he could be there — and in some ways they didn't want him to go.
"I wanted him here. I told them I would serve them anything they want," said Andy Lowe, Rusty's father. "I would even have somebody serve them, but Rusty said no, (that) they wanted to go out and eat. That's just how determined he is in everything."

Even though you could see the exhaustion in Lowe's eyes, he still maintained his sense of humor.

"They say you can't live with women, and you can't live without 'em," Lowe said, poking his dad with a black-and-white dress cane. "But you know, the same goes for parents too."

However, his parents would be by him wherever he went to monitor his fever.

Lowe joined his date, Katrina Wicker, in the limousine and they left for dinner before the dance.

But the fever was wearing him down. And by the time he stepped out of the limousine and onto the dance floor, he looked as if he wouldn't last the first dance.

When asked how he felt, Lowe said, "I'm here, aren't I?"

Lowe wouldn't be able to stay for the last dance — his doctor only allowed him to leave if he would be back at St. Lukes before midnight.

But Lowe did live a fairy tale Saturday night. He was able to attend his senior prom, and he was back in his bed before the clock struck midnight.



Rusty Lowe gets a hand from his father, Andy, putting on a bow tie at their home in Twin Falls.



Rusty Lowe, 18, gets a hug from his stepmother, Debi Lowe, Saturday evening after she saw him in his prom tuxedo. His father, Andy, looks on at their home in Twin Falls.

Just another rotten day in paradise, courtesy of umbrella drinks

As you read this, I'm slowly recuperating from my first night on vacation in Key West, Fla. I suspect my condition this morning has a lot to do with umbrella drinks.

An "umbrella drink" is for those of you who're total or live in Alaska, is an aperitif that is difficult to imbibe without putting out an eye. If the paper umbrella, which is stiffened with bamboo sticks, doesn't blind you, then either the straw or the swizzle stick probably will.

Nevertheless, one cannot sojourn in climates tropical without an umbrella drink in at least one hand. The umbrella drink proclaims, for all the world to see: "I'm from Idaho, and I have pale, hairy legs."



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

It also lets everyone know that you are about to lose at least two of three falls to Demon Rum.

Rum, the essential component of all umbrella drinks, has a colorful history.
The average bottle of distilled spirits that you buy in a liquor store is 40 percent alcohol; rums from the Caribbean basin range up to 80 percent. That's 160

proof, if you're keeping score.

The name comes from the French word "rumbullion," meaning "a great tumult or uproar." Things have pretty much gone downhill from there.

A 1651 document from Barbados said: "The chief fuddling they make in the island is rumbullion, alias Kill-Devil, and this is made of sugarcane distilled — a hot, hellish and terrible liquor."

Barbadian rum is so formidable that the British navy dumped Admiral Horatio Nelson, fatally wounded in the Battle of Trafalgar, into a barrel of grog to preserve his remains for the long voyage back to Bristol. Drink it or bathe in it: Either way, it's fatal.

After Prohibition was ratified in the U.S. in 1919, a Florida excursion boat captain by the name of William S. McCoy — a nondrinker, the story goes — began running rum from the Bahamas into South Florida and making ginormous profits in the process. But while other rumrunners would water down their booze, to boost profits, McCoy never did. His rum, history would record, was "the real McCoy."

Unhappily, McCoy elected to shoot it out with the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Seneca in 1923, after which there were no more McCoy, real or otherwise.
In Florida as in Idaho, Ernest Hemingway drank a lot of rum — think of Key West as Ketchum

without the icicles.

During the nine years the author lived in the Keys in the 1930s, Hemingway's favorite drink — a mixture of light rum, grapefruit juice, sour mix, 7-Up and key lime juice — was called a "Papa Double" and served by his favorite Key West bar Sloppy Joe's.

Hemingway drank so many Papa Doubles, evidently, that he acquired a fondness for cais with extra toes.

You could look it up, Hemingway added a codicil to his will leaving money to care for these "polydactyl" cais and their descendants in perpetuity. There are now about 60 of them wandering around the author's former home in Key West.

It is this lamentable legacy of umbrella drinks in South Florida that I'm sure I ignored completely last night. I'm also fairly certain that I'd like to forget it, but I don't think that's possible.

See, my wife and I have a young niece and nephew who love these little paper umbrellas — so much so that whenever either of us orders an umbrella drink, Victoria stuffs the tiny bamboo straws into her purse.

Sooner or later, she's gonna empty her purse and we'll find out just how much fun we had in Key West.

So here's bamboo in your eye.
Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223. But not before noon.

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OBITUARIES

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Jack Simpson



BOISE — Jack Simpson of Boise, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2006, after a courageous battle with liver disease.

Jack was born January 14, 1951, in Delta, Colorado, to Bill and Evelyn Simpson. He resided in Colorado until 1979 when he relocated to Idaho.

Jack is survived by his spouse, Mary Pierce; daughter, Kerri; son, Kris (Amber Whimble); granddaughter, Bailey; and adopted son, Gabrielle, all of Boise. Jack is also survived by his brother, Jim, and sisters, Judy Elder (Howard) and June Stephens (Dag) nephews, Doug Elder (Donna), Brian and Brad Stephens, William Simpson and their families, all of Colorado. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, including the late, David, Jim (Christina),

Randy Sherry and Peggy (Russell) and their families, all of Colorado.

Jack loved being outdoors, the sun on his face, and the Oregon coast. He was a lover of music, his "sitar" and the Denver Broncos.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jack will be remembered by those who knew him for his forthrightness, love of his children and grandchildren, stubbornness, and determination to make it to the top of the world transplant list, in which he succeeded.

All of those around him admired his determination.

Private cremation will be under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home followed by a celebration of his life with all of his loving family in Denver, Colorado.

Donations can be made in his name to: Living Legacy Foundation, 11245 Astor, Suite 100, Bellemead, WA 98004. You can reach the foundation at 1-877-275-5269. Please register to be an organ donor today. The life you save may be someone you love.

Betty Zimmers



BUHL — Betty Zimmers, 62, of Buhl, Idaho, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Betty was born January 6, 1944, in Colorado to Elizabeth and Sofia Martinez. She married George L. Zimmers on June 24, 1961, and they made their home in Buhl. She worked for Idaho Trout Processors for several years. In 1989, Betty and George purchased the Black Bear Bar, where she worked until her passing. Betty was a very outgoing lady, had many friends, and she influenced many young people throughout her life. Wednesdays were her "Jackpot Day," which she enjoyed very much. The most special day of her life was Friday. On Fridays, Betty spent time with her two very special grandchildren, Shelby and

brodie Zimmers. She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, George; two sons, George Zimmers and Dean (Traci Murdoch) Zimmers; two special grandchildren, Shelby and Brodie Zimmers, and their

mother, Jennifer Zimmers; one daughter, Sandra (Dennis) Marzich; brothers, Pete (Kathy) Marzich, of Rush Valley, Utah, Leo (Debbie) Martinez, of Buhl, Idaho, and Rudy Martinez; sisters, Lynn (Austin) of Tropicville, Idaho, Myrtle (Brian) Kerrey of Castleford, Kathy (Bud) Liptrap of Buhl, and Linda Martinez of Buhl; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family friends. Betty was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Gilbert, Hank, Jimmy, Eddie and LeRoy.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006, with a Rosary beginning at 6 p.m. at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Kent Alan Cameron



RUPERT — Kent Alan Cameron, born April 24, 1937, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Clark Cameron and Beatrice Alice Garbett Cameron, died of complications of pneumonia, April 29, 2006, at Moscow, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his sister, Margaret A. Suhr, North Ogden, Utah, and brothers, Robert J. Cameron and John C. Cameron, Rupert, Idaho, and his brother and legal guardian, Lynn D. Cameron, Moscow, Idaho.

Kent was a healthy infant until disabled by measles and encephalitis. In eighteen months of age, his medical equipment was severely limited, although he physically matured to manhood. He was cared for at home until age fourteen when another severe illness required expert residential medical care at Idaho State School and Hospital, Nampa, Idaho. He resided there, under good care, for the next eight years. He was active in their dairy and sheltered work.

In 1999, Kent moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he received 24-hour residential habilitation services that en-

abled him to live in an apartment. In 2001, he moved to Moscow, Idaho, under the care of Milestone Decisions, Inc., where he could be closer to his guardian and extended family. His quality of life improved greatly once he "had his own place." He remained in the able care of Milestone Decisions until his recent illness.

Kent lived a very full life in spite of his limitations. He loved to walk, run and go to the swimming pool. He enjoyed camping, fishing, massages, picnics, music, parties, TV, cowboy videos and animals. His character was such that his caregivers grew to love and appreciate him for his clear-eyed stare, stubborn streak and infectious laughter. He especially enjoyed family visits, car rides, and family gatherings, where he could be with his nieces and grand nieces and nephews. He appreciated his roommate, Jim, and the Milestone Decision supervisors and staff, who became like family to him.

His life had extra meaning to those who were able to attend school or care for themselves and their families because they were employed to care for Kent. He helped his siblings learn responsibility, compassion and how to care for others. His support for the self-development of his young relatives will last a lifetime. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial services were held Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Short's Funeral Chapel, Moscow, Idaho, and private family graveside services were held Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the Rupert Cemetery. Memorial donations may be sent to Milestone Decisions, Inc., Moscow, Idaho. Arrangements were under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

He was preceded in death by his mother. In 1997, she moved to Applegate Assisted Living Facility due to her Alzheimer's disease and began her long good-bye. She is survived by her daughters and their spouses: Barry and Kathy Sperber (Spokane, Wash.), Don and Judy Mooney (Grand Junction, Colo.), Ben and Denise Mahannah (Buhl), and Kevin and Lora Ahlm (Buhl), and her son and his wife: Ty and Julie Bybee (Twin Falls). She has 11 grandchildren, five and six grand-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband, parents, five brothers (Harold, Shelby, Lawrence, Ralph and Boyce) and one sister (Ruby Kirkman).

A memorial service for Ruth will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the First Christian Church of Buhl. Memorial contributions may be made to the Buhl Animal Shelter (201 11th Ave. S., Buhl, Idaho 83316), or the Alzheimer's Association (225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60601).

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Applegate for treating Ruth as if she were in the family — with love and respect.

Penny Lou Heworth of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls LDS 11th Ward Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

at the LDS Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls; viewing from 3 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the stake center.

family from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Thornh May Hansen Gough of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S. in Jerome; friends may visit with

Norma L. Andrews of Ellert, memorial service at 4 p.m. Monday at the Ellert First Baptist Church (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

Ruth Morgan — Ruth Morgan, 92, of Burley, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley.

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

Cathy Goff — Cathy Goff, 52, of Malta, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

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

Ethel Horn — Ethel Horn, 91, of Jerome, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Herbert A. Renn — Herbert A. Renn, 83, of Jerome, died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Norah E. Nelson — Norah E. Nelson, 80, of Rupert, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Buhl.

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

Karen Lynn Brutke — Karen Lynn Brutke, 59, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Leroy 'Lee' Coates II — LEROY — Leroy E. "Lee" Coates II, 39, of Garden City, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at a local hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City.

Pfc. Jacob Allcott — CALDWELL — Pfc. Jacob Allcott, 22, of Caldwell, died Saturday, April 22, 2006, while serving in Iraq.

The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center, 3015 S. Kimball Ave. in Caldwell.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the Relief Society room of the church.

Interment will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Ionia Cemetery in Ionia. There will be no video recording of the service in the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

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Sun Valley magazine wins design award

By Jennifer Liebrum
Times-News correspondent

HALLEY — Sun Valley Magazine was deemed the best of its kind in the West recently, earning the prestigious Maggie Award honoring magazines and electronic publications for editorial and design excellence.

SVM was named "Best Semi-Annual and 3-Time Consumer" publication at a ceremony in Los Angeles April 21.

This is the fifth time out of 10 nominations as a Maggie finalist since publisher Laurie Sammis took the helm in 2001 that she has accepted this award on behalf of her staff.

"Given the caliber of regional and national magazines that are competing for the Maggie Award, it is an incredible privilege to have been chosen as a Maggie finalist," Sammis said.

"Winning was a tremendous honor and it was thrilling to have our magazine recognized at an event with so many national players present. There were many entries and more finalists this year than any past years, and to continue to win in the category of general excel-

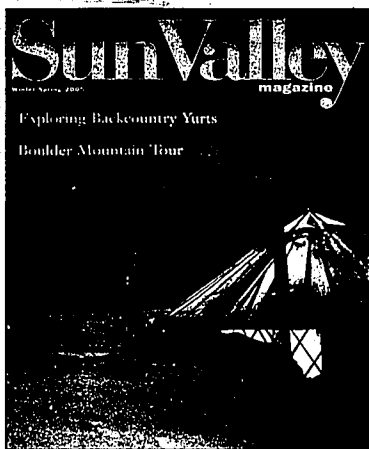
lence overall is a wonderful tribute to the creativity and strength of our entire team.

Awarded by the Western Publications Association, the Maggie Awards are chosen from nearly 2,000 entries with past winners and finalists including the publications Shape, Sunset, Yoga Journal, Climbing, Soha Barbara Magazine, Arizona Highways and Sun Valley Magazine.

This year's winning magazine was published in winter/spring 2005 and featured an exploration of backcountry yurts, the Boulder Mountain Tour and a profile on The Fabulous Varnettes.

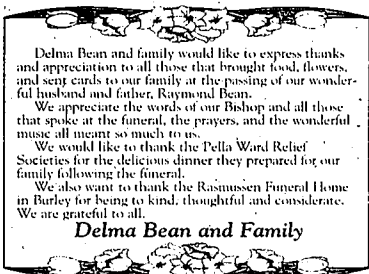
SVM is the only paid local publication and has the largest requested circulation of any magazine in the area with local and national distribution in more than 380 locations, including bookstore chains Barnes & Noble and Borders and is the No. 5 selling magazine at Atkinsons' Markets after People and TV Guide.

This is the sixth national award for SVM, which also previously received the national Ozle Award for design excellence.



Get into the outdoors

Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, the Times-News guides Magic Valley residents to recreational opportunities.



Delma Bean and family would like to express thanks and appreciation to all those that brought food, flowers, and sent cards to our family at the passing of our wonderful husband and father, Raymond Bean.

We appreciate the words of our Bishop and all those that spoke at the funeral, the prayers, and the wonderful music all meant so much to us.

We would like to thank the Pella Ward Relief Societies for the delicious dinner they prepared for our family following the funeral.

We also want to thank the Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley for being so kind, thoughtful and considerate. We are grateful to all.

Delma Bean and Family

Fruitland man cleared in fatal bar shooting

CALDWELL (AP) — A second-degree murder charge has been dropped against a man who was in a Fruitland bar during a fatal shooting.

Armando Landin was cleared in the April 23 death of Gabriel Flores of Ontario, Ore., after officials reviewed eyewitness accounts and footage from security cameras at Club 7, said Landin's attorney, David Posey.

Landin still faces an aggravated battery charge related to a fight that occurred before the shooting.

"There are cameras in the bar that take time-sequence photos," Posey told the Idaho Press-Tribune on Friday. "The police were eventually able to get those off a computer and get some still photos of the incident."

Caldwell police have since arrested another man in Flores' death.

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Latino leaders seek support for boycott

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Latino community leaders hope momentum from a huge immigration rally four weeks ago carries over to the next push for immigration reform.

"The 'Walk for Liberty' is scheduled for next week coinciding with nationally planned 'Day Without Immigrants' boycott aimed at raising awareness of the effect and value immigrants have on the country."

Local leaders are urging people to support the boycott as much as they can.

"In the spirit of civil disobedience, we want to have a meaningful event, but not at the risk of people losing their jobs or facing retaliation from their employers," said John Renteria, president of Consejo Civico Mexicano in Salt Lake City.

Volunteers have made thousands of blue ribbons for people to wear to show their support.

The national boycott is for workers and students to take the day off.

On April 8, a downtown march up State Street to the state Capitol drew an estimated tens of thousands of demonstrators.

Another march is planned Monday around Liberty Park southeast of downtown.

"They might surprise us again," said Tony Yapias, director of Proyecto Latino de Utah.

Yapias organized the April 9 event and Proyecto Latino is also behind Monday's event at Liberty Park.

A small contingent of illegal immigration opponents is also expected at Liberty Park Monday.

Nearly 100 demonstrators staged a counter-protest at immigration reform rallies earlier this month. Many wore Utah Minutemen T-shirts.

Yapias, the former director of the State Office of Hispanic Affairs, said Latinos are still getting the message behind Monday's boycott out, even if they still have to go to work.

"They have my total support as to what they want to do individually. It's a personal decision for everybody," Yapias said.

"I'm going to take the day off because I can afford it. There's a lot of people who don't. They can't take the day off, we encourage them to wear a blue ribbon as a show of support."

Some employers aren't leaving them up to the decision, they're making it a company holiday.

Greccley, Colo.-based Swift & Co. will shut down four of its five beef processing plants, including the one in Hyrum, Utah — and two of its three pork processing plants.

Greg Schirf, owner of Wasatch Beers, said a few of his Latino employees approached him and shyly asked if they could take the day off because of the national boycott.

Schirf's response: "How about this? We'll just take a company holiday. We'll call it 'Latino Appreciation

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Dr. Don Smith
OB/GYN

"As a physician, I've appreciated the opportunity to have an active involvement in the discussions surrounding the potential partnership with St. Luke's. I think we have a unique perspective on how health care should be delivered, and it's important that we are able to sit at the table and share our feelings with those making the decisions."



Chuck Pomeroy
St. Luke's VP, Finance

"Without the support we've received over the last year from the physicians, this entire relationship could have never formed. We've had a chance to meet with the medical staff on many occasions, both on the design of the relationship and on the actual construction of a new hospital facility in this community."



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OBITUARIES

Pat Neale



TWIN FALLS — Pat Neale passed away April 26, 2006, from complications due to cancer.

Pat is the youngest of identical twins born July 9, 1934, to Bert and Margaret Lathin, in Pocatello, Idaho. She graduated from Mackay High School in 1952, following graduation she started work with the AEC, in Arco, Idaho.

She was married briefly in 1952, and from that union was born a son, Charles. She then moved to Twin Falls and married Wayne Hankins. Wayne passed away in 1969. In 1970, she met and married Jay Neale, and they had two children. In May of 1956, she began work at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a Medical Librarian where she was just over 50 years of dedicated service.

During her hospital career, she held numerous positions. She moved from Medical Librarian to Medical Technology. As the hospital and medical needs grew, so did her desire to broaden her medical training. She attended Nuclear Medicine Training and brought back and assembled herself, the hospital's first nuclear medicine machine. Again, as the needs of the hospital grew, she attended and became certified in the use of CT and MRI equipment. In June 2001, she added her name to the National MRI registry, bringing her certifications to three.

Pat was a woman with an intense desire to learn and better herself and those around her. In 1977, she graduated from CSI with an Associates Degree. In 1979, she graduated from Idaho State University with a Bachelor's Degree. Devoted to learning, she continued to be seen attending medical conferences across the country.

In fact, as late as the summer of 2005, she took a break from career treatment to attend a conference in Las Vegas covering the latest in MRI technology.

Pat always felt it important to give to her community, especially MVMTC.

She and Jay decided property to the Foundation for use as living quarters for families who are undergoing care at MVMTC. In 2005, she and her husband Roy were named Philanthropists of the year by the MVMTC Foundation.

Outside of work, her hobbies included shooting, hunting, gardening, spending time at her cabin in Featherville, and she absolutely cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren. Featherville was her oasis.

from her busy life. While there, she snowmobiled, snow-shoed, rode her ATVs, liked, and loved to put her feet in front of her standing fireplace. A lifelong love of shooting garnered her title of Idaho State Class B Pistol champion in 1950.

Every fall would find her searching the hills and valleys around Featherville during her yearly deer hunt. Very few years went by that she did not succeed in bringing home a deer. This consummate outdoors woman could be found talking to the "cabin deer," as she nicknamed the deer that wandered through her yard at the cabin. These were perhaps the only deer safe from her keen hunter's eye.

Winter was a very special time to Pat. It brought about a bevy of snow to her beloved cabin in the woods.

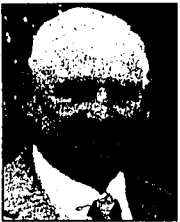
She could be found there nearly every weekend astride her beloved Polaris snowmobile, exploring every nook and cranny of that lovely valley. If she was not astride her snowmobile, she had snow shoes strapped to her feet as she walked the trails surrounding her property.

She found great joy in children. She could often be found with her niece's children in Featherville, shopping at Christmas, or cheering them on at dance recitals and soccer games.

Family visits from her grandchildren brought special joy into her life. She could be found with them virtually anywhere, from Featherville to Disneyland. However, her favorite times with them were spent in Featherville and its nearby hot springs.

Pat is survived by her husband, Roy Neale of Twin Falls; a son, Charles (Molly) Hankins, and four grandchildren, Stephanie (Chris) Rawlins, Jennifer Hankins, Sarah Hankins, and Wayne Hankins, and a great-granddaughter, Madalyn.

Charles Paulin



BLISS — Charles Paulin, 76, of Bliss, died suddenly at his home of a heart attack, Thursday, April 27, 2006.

Charles was born September 13, 1929, in Meridian, Idaho, to Henry, Bernard and Margaret Belle Shaw Paulin. He attended Blue Valley School and Meridian High School. He was proud of his Army service, where he spent the summer of 1952, with a select Army team mapping the back country of Alaska. He married Arline Brown in Boise on October 9, 1955. He was a can milk handler for 18 years at Ada County Dairyman's Association. Charles was the first President of Contract Handlers Assn., handling bulk milk. He started his own farm in Star and was the Secretary of the Star Irrigation Ditch.

The family moved to a Magic Valley farm in 1971. Charles was a dedicated farmer who said he never intended to retire.

He enjoyed square dancing with the Magic Squares of Twin Falls. He was a member of Fairfield American Legion Post #19 and the Forty and Eight.

He is survived by his wife, Arline of over 50 years, and his children, Steve Scott, Susan (Hegson) Hatch and Kevin (Cindy) Paulin; grandchildren, Mark, Craig, Brent, Melissa, Brad, Erin and Jim; and one new, great-granddaughter, Heather. Lee Paulin, John (Andrea) Paulin and Jim (Gloria) Paulin, all of Boise; and sisters, Alice (Bill) Walden of Texas, Dorothy (Bob) Murphy of Boise and Frances Bishop of New York, Carol (John) Coombs and Joy Schuck, both of Boise, and Ewarda Paulin of Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill and Jerry Paulin; sisters, Mary Jones and Shirley Miller; sister-in-law, Wanda Paulin; and brother-in-law, Darrel Schuck.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Bliss Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 45, Bliss, Idaho 83314 or the

Rawlins — all of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Also surviving Pat is her sister, Fran Maughan, of Sun Valley, Idaho, three nieces, Vesta, Cindy, Terry and their children, as well as four step-children who live throughout the U.S.

A Celebration of Pat's Life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Family will greet friends on Sunday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Pat asked that memorial gifts be sent to the MVMTC Foundation. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff at the service or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Students may face charges after mercury spill

WEIPPE, Idaho (AP) — Three students are expected to face felony charges after allegedly spilling mercury throughout Timberline High School.

The mercury spill forced officials to evacuate the school and call in a special hazardous material clean up team from Seattle.

The spill happened after the three boys, whose names have not been released, allegedly took a container filled with about a cup of mercury out of a science lab.

"I think they were horsing around, fighting over who could play with it next," Clearwater County Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris Goetz told the Lewiston Tribune. "It was spilled in several parts of the school."

The spill was discovered on Thursday, and school officials evacuated the joint junior and senior high that day, officials said. Timberline, which operates on a four-day school week, was already scheduled to be closed on Friday, and school officials canceled classes on Monday as well.

The school may be closed longer, depending on the cleanup required, officials said. Workers with an Environmental Protection Agency Hazardous Materials Team found mercury levels in the school as much as 60 times the amount normally found in homes, the sheriff's office said. No injuries or illnesses have been reported in connection with the spill so far, the sheriff's office said.

The three boys — all juveniles — are expected to be charged with malicious destruction of

property, the sheriff's office said. Experts say handling liquid mercury for a very short period of time usually does not result in any problems, though it can cause an allergic rash. Mercury poisoning generally happens when the vapors are inhaled, because mercury is well absorbed by the lungs. But experts say that in order to suffer harmful effects, a person generally must experience a large, one-time exposure or long-term exposure to smaller amounts. A small, one-time exposure is not likely to cause problems.

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Castleford to decide on water

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Elzo and Kerry Neild moved to Castleford in February.

The new homeowners took the chance during Tuesday's town hall meeting to be updated about the city water arsenic dilemmas and to learn about the opportunity Castleford has in securing the finances to pay for it.

"We have heard so many rumors about closing the school and turning off the water if the problem didn't get fixed," Kerry said. "Even though I am not afraid of the arsenic, I think that it is a good idea to clean it up."

Residents learned about the status of their \$1.6 million project, including an arsenic treatment facility and other system upgrades, such as a new water tank, pump system, fire-protection loop around the school and mechanical and electrical upgrades.

The system improvements are needed because arsenic levels in Castleford's water have been most recently measured at 22 parts per billion. In order for the water to come into compliance with guidelines created by the Environmental Protection Agency, arsenic levels will need to be at or below 10 ppb.

"I was worried that our property values could plummet," Neild said.

However, her husband stood by the city. "Castleford is such a tight community. They are strong and close — the problem

will get taken care of." A proactive attitude in coming into compliance with the EPA standards has never been an issue.

However, for a city with only 120 water-service connections, finding the money to pay for the system's construction has proved to be anything but easy.

After securing \$1 million in grant money from the EPA and passing a bond in November for \$106,000, officials banked on receiving an Idaho Community Development block grant to cover the remaining \$500,000.

Once the city learned that they wouldn't receive the grant, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality stepped in and offered the city a loan opportunity.

The (bondship) loan offer is unique because half of the loan would be forgiven with the remaining portion due over 30 years at zero percent interest.

"One other system out of our region may get a loan (like yours)," said Brian Reed with the DEQ.

Reed explained that he has been with the department for eight years and has never heard of any other city getting the same opportunity.

"Normally, plans are paid back at two percent interest for arsenic treatment. It is a further selling point for this fabulous offer to the city," Reed said.

"During the meeting, the estimated water bill for the city was also discussed. When the \$106,000 bond was approved in

November, residents were expecting their bill to increase from \$26.50 a month to \$54.53.

With this new scenario, residents could expect a bill of about \$37.54.

"The majority of the bill is for the operating and maintenance of the system," said Don Acheson, an engineer with Riedesel and Associates in Twin Falls, which is working under contract with the city.

"That could change once the city gets better cost estimates.

"We are asking vendors to give us a two-year guarantee on operating costs," he said. "We need a better idea."

If the city doesn't pass the bond, they will still be mandated to correct the arsenic level in the water. Even though the city could get an extension to clean the water, construction costs for the system are certain to rise.

"It could cost about 30 to 40 percent more to construct this if we wait," said City Clerk Patsy Kinyon.

If funding is not secured, Castleford could also lose out on the grants already offered.

"If you don't approve this bond, I don't know where we'll be," Mayor Rita Ruffing told those in attendance.

"If the bond passes, citizens could see work begin as early as the fall," said Acheson.

Blair Koch covers the Castleford City Council. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

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Elderly woman victim of sign hoax

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — County officials say an 80-year-old woman was the victim of a hoax when she received a postcard, purportedly from a local judge, threatening legal action if she removed campaign signs.

The woman, whose name has been redacted, took a postcard to the Kootenai County clerk's office Friday, worried that she was going to be sued for removing campaign signs

from her lawn. County Clerk Dan English said the letter was supposedly from 1st District Judge John Mitchell, but that Mitchell said he had absolutely nothing to do with it and didn't know anything about it.

Mitchell, who is seeking reelection, said he had checked with his campaign committee, "and nobody from our committee issued that. Nobody I know

would do that." He said he had called and written the secretary of state's office to complain.

Attorney Rami Amaro, Mitchell's opponent in the May 23 election, said she had no idea who sent out the postcard.

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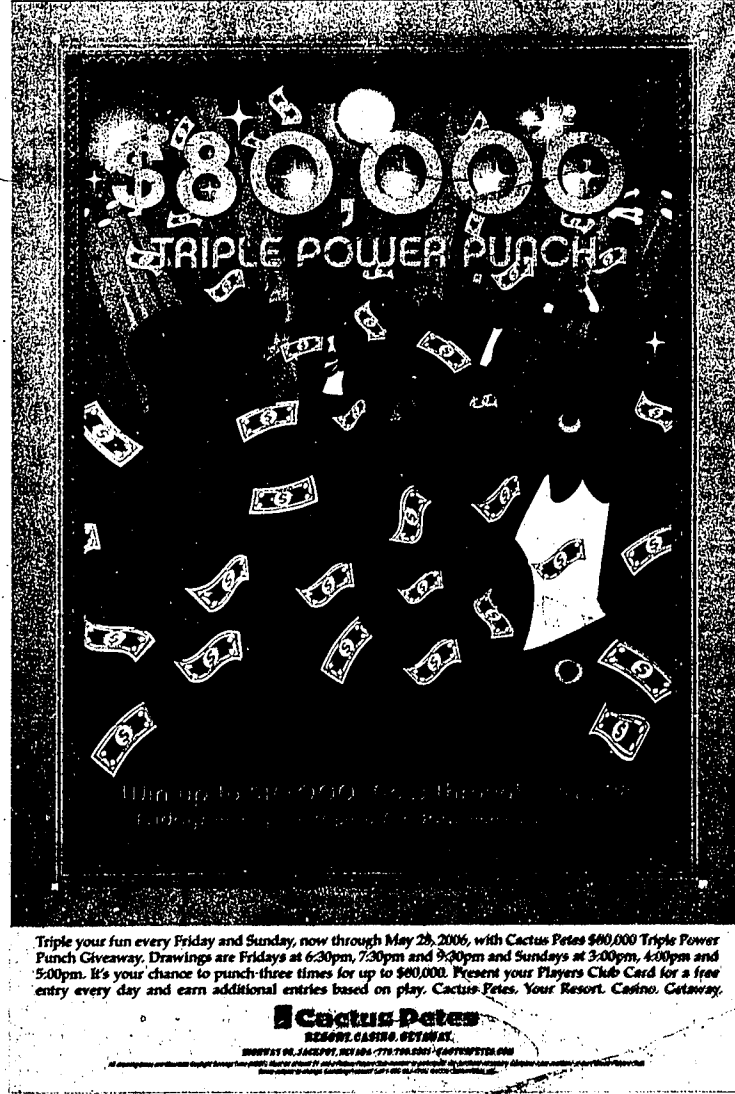
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Underground experiment

Colorado mine a finalist for prestigious lab

By Jon Sarchie
Associated Press writer

DENVER — A far-flung group of scientists, government officials and a mining company are working to help the United States accomplish something Albert Einstein himself struggled with over the last 30 years of his life: develop a theory to account for all the forces of nature.

The group is looking to the Colorado Rockies — deep inside a working molybdenum mine west of Denver — as a possible site for a new laboratory that would house experiments thousands of feet under Harrison Mountain.

If everything works as planned, the work could include a search for a "grand unified theory," said group leader Chang Jung, a particle physicist at Stony Brook University in New York.

The Henderson Mine, about 60 miles west of Denver near the base of Herkimer Pass, and the shuttered Homestake gold mine near Lead, S.D., are the finalists for the \$300 million Deep Underground and Science Engineering Laboratory that will be run by the National Science Foundation.

Jung said the lab would help restore the United States' status as a world leader in particle physics after years of seeing top scientists join labs in Europe and Japan.

"I came here to be a leader, but I'm involved in pioneering and cutting-edge experiments," he said. "We really need to do something in the U.S. to get that leadership back and do something exciting."

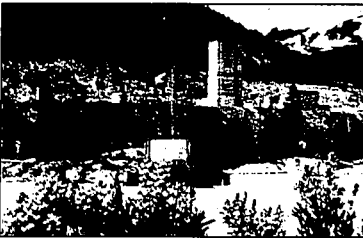
Jung and others believe Henderson is an ideal site. It's a short drive, mostly on Interstate 70, from Denver International Airport and the amenities and other services of Denver. Brief car rides also could bring scientists to the University of Colorado, the Colorado School of Mines or Colorado State University, all partners in the project.

Among other things, the lab will house experiments in geology, microbiology and other disciplines. Jung's group and a similar group promoting the Homestake mine each received \$500,000 from the agency to conduct tests and develop detailed proposals to build laboratories deep underground, insulated from cosmic rays that would contaminate certain experiments.

Those proposals are due June 23. After a site is selected, Congress and the president would have to approve funding before



Heavy equipment moves tons of earth inside the Henderson Mine near Empire, Colo. The mine could become the site of the National Science Foundation's Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory.



This undated image shows the exterior of Henderson Mine near Empire, Colo.

construction can begin. Jung said the earliest that could happen here would be 2009.

To help sweeten Colorado's bid for the lab, the Legislature is working on a bill to provide \$20 million from mineral severance tax revenue over five years to build a visitors center and some administrative offices if Henderson is chosen for the project. The measure won unanimous approval in a Senate committee earlier this month.

Jung hopes the lab someday could include highly sensitive particle detectors that would gather information on some of the fundamental building blocks of matter. That would cost an additional \$500 million and require separate approval, Jung said.

Backers of the South Dakota mine tout qualities including its depth, with shafts sinking to 8,000 feet. The mine already has scientific credentials: a University of Pennsylvania researcher was a co-winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize for physics after using the mine to house equipment to detect "neutrinos," tiny particles that provide valuable insight into how stars work.

But the Canadian mining company slated to donate the mine to the state of South Dakota shut down its pumps in 2003, allowing deeper areas of the mine to fill with water. Officials said the water has not risen to the 4,850-foot level, where backers hope to build an interim laboratory that would be the

deepest in the United States and the second deepest in the world. If the national lab is built at Homestake, it would include a lab area 7,400 feet below the surface.

Besides the mine's proximity to Denver and three universities, Henderson's supporters point out the mine has an industrial-strength lift that can carry up to 50 tons of material, that no new environmental permits would be needed for excavation and that the Phelps Dodge Corp. mining company is backing the project.

"You may call it subjective, but it isn't," Jung said. "It's really a no-brainer."

The mine is owned by a subsidiary of Phelps Dodge, which is expected to halt mining there in about 20 years.

"We have a responsibility to plan for the long-term use of the property there and a life after mining," company spokesman Ken Vaughn said. "If this project can be developed concurrently with mining but have a life extending beyond mining, providing jobs and economic stimulation and also making good use of the property, that's something we look at with all our properties."

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Senior citizens learn self-defense

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A swift cane to the groin keeps thugs at bay.

A couple of dozen residents of the Seville retirement home in Orem gathered for an hour-long "Defense with a Cane" self-defense class last weekend.

It is important for seniors to remember they can defend themselves, said Cheryl Nymman, who manages the Seville with her husband, Greg.

"We thought it was a great idea to bring this to our residents," she said. "These are all vital seniors. A lot of them still drive their own cars and we have an active walking group and I worry about them."

Any senior with a cane also has a weapon against thugs and muggers, said Rod Carmichael, physical therapist and self-defense enthusiast who teaches Combat Cane classes across Utah.

The key is to strike decisively the first time.

If you have to defend yourself with a cane, do as much damage as you can do because it may be your only chance," he said.

A sturdy cane with a shepherd's crook is preferable because it can be used not only to strike but to grapple, pulling a neck or a knee to throw an assailant off balance, he said.

I can use any part of this for

self-defense," he said, holding up such a cane. "If you have a straight cane, a staff, you have two poking ends. If it's got a flat end, it's a striking cane."

Holding a cane in two hands, you can redirect or block a punch," he said, demonstrating. "The assailant now knows I'm not going to take whatever he gives me."

Over and over, Carmichael told those gathered that a strike to the groin is their best defense.

"There are vital targets on the body that are easily damaged," he said. "The groin is one. Strike the groin whenever you can with whatever you can — your cane, your knee or your fist."

The side of the knee, trachea and solar plexus are also good targets when trying to quickly debilitate an attacker, he said.

"What is another delicate area?" Carmichael called out to the audience.

"Eyes," shouted a resident without missing a beat.

"Very good," said Carmichael. "Martial artist Bruce Lee was once asked if he could only do one punch in a fight, what would it be, and he said poke out the eyes."

At this suggestion of violence, there were disapproving murmurs from a couple of residents.

When an attacker tries to

choke you, the natural response is to try to pull their hands away — a mistake, Carmichael said. Instead, "make two claws-and-pluck," he said, demonstrating a swift yanking motion using sharply cupped fingers to knock an assailant's hands away.

"Have you ever had to do all this?" called out one resident in a determined but wobbly voice.

"Wild a cane? No," he said. "But some of my students have."

One 60-year-old dentist at an ATM grew nervous when a young man began acting strangely behind him, he said.

"He felt threatened," Carmichael said. "He hit him in the groin. The kid went away. Now the kid may not have threatened him but he knew he wasn't going to take that."

A woman walking on the street was twice touched inappropriately by a stranger and when she turned around, the man grabbed her throat, Carmichael said.

"She plucked and kneed him until he went to the ground," he said. "She broke two of his ribs and his nose. There was a policeman across the street who was not able to get there fast enough. She took care of herself."



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Idaho Power hard drives sold on eBay contained confidential info

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Power sold used computer hard drives on eBay, allowing the new owners to access confidential information including the social security numbers and names of some employees and memos to the company's top officials.

The hard drives had not been completely "scrubbed" as required by company policy, officials said. Company officials

were trying to track down all the purchasers, and so far about 95 percent of the released data had been accounted for according to an Idaho Power news release.

The problem was noticed after Boise television station KTVB and an NBC affiliate in Cincinnati — where some of the hard drives were purchased — conducted an investigation. KTVB reported. The Boise station told Idaho Power

about its findings, and the company issued a news release acknowledging the problem Friday afternoon.

"Idaho Power takes very seriously its responsibility to protect confidential information," company security manager Robin Rice said in a prepared statement. "The company is committed to fully investigating the matter, and is taking steps to secure the return of the equipment

and information." In the future, Rice said, all information disks and equipment containing confidential information will be destroyed.

"Our practice that had been in place was to scrub to the specifications of standards set by the Department of Defense," said Jeff Beaman, Idaho Power spokesman. "So, those are very stringent standards. But, what we will be doing going forward

is we will not be recycling or salvaging any discs that contain data, we will be destroying them instead."

Within the past year, the company recycled about 230 of the server hard drives through a salvage vendor. Of those, 146 were recovered directly from the vendor once the problem was discovered. About 84 of the drives had already been sold on eBay by the vendor to 12 different buyers,

the company said. Though company officials were able to track down 10 of the buyers to recover the drives, two of the buyers had not yet been reached.

"We are continuing to work aggressively to reach the remaining two purchasers," Rice said. "At this point we have seen no information that suggests any confidential customer information has been on any of the released drives."

Dogs adding to northern border security

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Would-be drug runners, illegal immigrants and others seeking to sneak across the U.S.-Canadian border will have to try to avoid a wily Belgian.

A Belgian Malinois, that is, the dog named Gordon is one of 14 specially trained K9 units that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is sending to beef up security along the nation's most remote stretches of border.

K9 calvary

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is sending 24 specially trained K9 units to beef up security along the nation's most remote stretches of border, in northern Idaho, eastern Washington and western Montana.

The move will make the region the only stretch of U.S. border where all K9 teams have the most advanced level of training possible, said Robert Harris, the region's chief agent who pushed to get the dogs added to the local patrols.

"I realize what an asset they are," Harris told The Spokesman-Review. "What I want to do is give my agents all the best tools, whether it's a searchable, a K9, an all-terrain vehicle or a horse."

All the dogs have 16 weeks of training and experience along the U.S.-Mexico border. Gordon has 190 successful manhunt under his collar, including one 11-mile track through dry desert, his handler Chad Hickman said.

"Though the northern border doesn't see as much illegal immigrant action as the southern border, the wet forests of the Inland Northwest provide ideal scent conditions for the dogs," Hickman said.

"The more vegetation the better for tracking," Hickman said.

Still, the dogs' noses are sharp enough to follow fugitives across pavement. Experts don't know exactly how the dogs do it, Hickman said, but they may track the tiny skin cells that fall from the body with each step, or they may follow the micro-puffs of scent released from the ground with each footfall.

"They haven't really been able to factor out how or why," said Hickman, a certified K9 instructor stationed at Metaline Falls, Wash. "Maybe they smell the fear or the adrenaline."

When Gordon catches a suspect, he doesn't attack. Instead, he's trained to sit until his handler offers a reward — a simple dog toy.

During a recent demonstration at the Border Patrol's headquarters near Spokane, one agent said his dog has found humans hidden inside dashboards and one person squeezed inside a suitcase.

The dogs will mainly patrol the mountains and backcountry between the highway border crossings, but may also be used for occasional checks at the border stations, Harris said. The animals may also be used to help find missing people and lost hikers.

Agent Virgil Armstrong, who is stationed at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, with a 17-month-old German shepherd, said the dogs are eager to go to work each day. It's hard not to be in awe of their dedication and abilities, he said.



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April 30, 2006

Eagles, Rebels split

Hagen comes up huge in Game 2 win

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Happenstance and irony are apparently running mates. Happenstance put College of Southern Idaho reserve second baseman Jonathan Hagen on the Skip Walker Field infield midway through Saturday's first game against the visiting Dixie State College Rebels after Golden Eagles starter Nik Gumeson was ejected after arguing a call in the bottom of the third. The irony was this — with Gumeson and his surging power stroke out of the lineup, it was Hagen who exploded for a 2-for-3, three-RBI effort in CSI's 4-3 Game 2 win to help the 36-14 Golden Eagles recover from a 5-1 loss in Game 1.

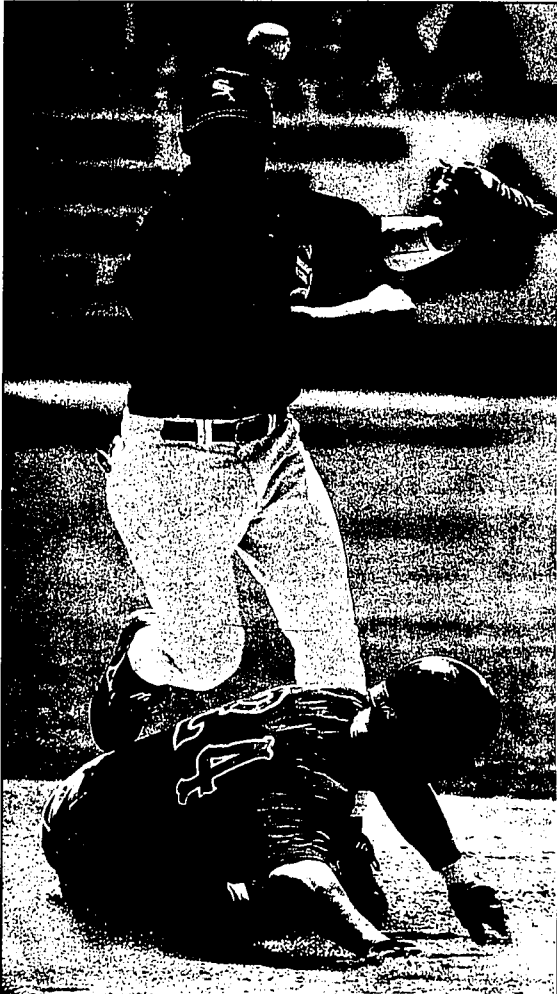
"Well, I've been waiting for this chance a long time," Hagen said. "You know, sitting on the bench is real tough, but coming in, especially in a tough situation like this when a guy gets tossed and stuff and having to go in for him, do a good job — I was sweating out there, having a great time."

With Alex Hancock and AJ Rucker on and no outs recorded in the bottom of the second game's third inning, Hagen faced a two-RBI single to left and advanced to third on a Tim Mott fielding error to give the Golden Eagles a 2-1 lead. Hagen was tagged out at home on the ensuing Ken Fuglerud grounder, but Jordan Daley's RBI-single would give CSI a 3-1 lead heading into the top of the fourth.

"Things almost completely unraveled in the top of the fourth, as a pair of uncharacteristic throwing errors by the CSI shortstop, Daley, drew first baseman Mike Griffin off the bag. With two men on, Dixie's Mott singled to short, but Daley's diving stop kept Chad Murray from rounding third and scoring. CSI starter Zach Privett came up with a huge pitch to force Rebels No. 9 hitter James Dever to fly out to Griffin in foul ground and end Dixie's bases-loaded threat.

"I tell you what, to have Jordan have back-to-back errors when he hasn't made an error in a hundred at-bats, that's not fair. I think five or six weeks. But have him make two on what for him are kind of routine plays for him — just throw the ball across the infield — that's just not going to happen. CSI head coach Boomer Walker said, 'I give Zak Privett a lot of credit because he battled through that. He didn't lose his focus, he didn't get frustrated.'"

"The Rebels narrowed the CSI lead to 3-2 in the top of the fifth, when Kyle Resser misplayed an important base single, allowing Bruden Wells to score and Jones to make it all the way to third. Hagen came up big in the field on the next play through, taking a hard hit from Daley and gunning a spot-on throw to catcher Jeff Vickers, who easily tagged out Jones at home to save a run.



College of Southern Idaho second baseman Jonathan Hagen tags out Dixie State College's Jack Amidel at second base to complete a double play during the fifth inning of Saturday's first game at Skip Walker Field.

Hagen was able to drive in what would become the winning run in the bottom of the sixth, plating Vickers with an RBI-single that gave the Eagles and reliever James Wallace the necessary breathing room for the top of the seventh. Wallace walked Mott before Kyle Pratt doubled to narrow the CSI lead to 4-3. But Wallace would rebound and strike out Jones to end the game and earn his third

save of the season, along with the series-split with the Rebels. "James did a great job," Walker said. "He made it real exciting, but he was able to get finished and get the job done for us." Privett battled through a hurrying back to go five complete innings and give up two unearned runs on five hits and two strikeouts. Daley finished 1-for-12 with an RBI and a walk for the

Eagles, but Saturday was Hagen's day. "I'm really proud of Jon because he's had a tough year as far as having playing time, but he's stayed ready and just kind of been waiting patiently for his chance," Walker said. "That was awesome. I'm just really proud of Jon." Wells finished 2-for-4 with two runs scored to lead the 31-11 Please see EAGLES, Page C2

Bruins triumph over Timberline

Twin Falls takes pair from defending 5A state champs

By Brad Guile Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fortunately for the Twin Falls softball team, there were more smashed windshields in the parking lot from foul balls than Timberline hits. The Bruins got a glimpse on Saturday of what state tournament play could look like in a 2-1 Game 1 victory over the defending 5A state champion Timberline Tigers at the Southern Idaho Conference. "Knocking off the defending state champions is a good thing," Tim Pater, head coach Ken Johnson said. "They've got better pitching, more aggressive baserunners, just more experience." Bruins sophomore pitcher Amber Pe-

terson said. "They play good teams their whole league. When we get a chance to play them, usually we look a little less mature than they probably see. But that's the teams we need to play to get ready for state." Peterson accumulated more strong numbers as she mowed down eight batters, walked one and gave up only one hit and one earned run to improve her record to 12-1. "This is one of the fastest pitchers I've seen this year," Timberline head coach Annie Schmidt said. "She's a little quicker, but she doesn't have a lot of junk, which we typically see." For Timberline, the lone hit came from Alex Vlamis in the first inning, who eventually made it to third. The single ul-

timately led to nowhere as Twin Falls finished out the inning with a fly-out and a strikeout. However, Timberline pitcher Shay Craig is nobody to overlook either, as the senior threw nine strikeouts of her own. "She's probably thrown the hardest we've seen so far," Peterson said. Bruins Junior Dusty Easter, who went 2-for-3 in both games, agreed with the assessment. "She's a faster pitcher. They were tough," Easter said. On the other hand, Craig allowed 10 Bruins hits as Twin Falls was not intimidated. "One of the big things we did this year is a lot of live pitching (in practice)," Johnson said. "I've pretty much banned the machine. They get to swing off

Amber and Katelyn (Fjeld) day-in and day-out. It helps them." Despite the solid shots, Timberline boasted a strong defense. Twin Falls couldn't always get around the bases, whether the Bruins girls were thrown out advancing or just leaving more girls stranded than Gilligan's Island (six total). Yet in the third inning, the stars aligned enough for the Bruins to score two. Junior Alicia Simono walked to start the inning, but was thrown out at second as Kelli Roemer bunted to attempt to move her. Roemer then advanced to second as Natasha Brenner picked up a single. Sarah Standley hit a sacrifice grounder to the second baseman to advance Roemer and Brenner to second and third. With runners in scoring position, Peterson nailed one to deep right, scoring both girls with the triple. Senior Ariel Please see BRUINS, Page C2



Former Southern Cal quarterback Matt Leinart holds up an Arizona Cardinals jersey after being selected in the first round, 30th overall, in the NFL Draft, Saturday at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Leinart and Bush drop in an otherwise pretty predictable first round

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Southern California teammates Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart dropped on draft day. Both should rise quickly after it. The Heisman Trophy winners may turn out to be saviors for their new franchises in different ways. Bush, all but guaranteed the top spot for months, instead went No. 2 to New Orleans after Houston decided that North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams would be a better building block for the next decade. Leinart, who almost surely would have been the No. 1 overall pick last year after winning the Heisman in 2004, dropped all the way to No. 10, where he was taken by Arizona.

Tennessee Titans decided that the heir to Steve McNair would be national champion Vince Young, taking the Texas quarterback with the third overall pick. Still, the USC teammates become instant stars on teams that can use some. Bush will do the one thing in New Orleans that no one in the team's 38-year history has been able to do: sell tickets. Yes, his explosiveness will also help win games, but even if the Saints continue to lose, fans will show up to watch him, something that could keep the team in the Hurricane-devastated city for the foreseeable future. "I'm coming in there strong, I'm coming in there to help win some games, and I'm coming in there to help the city get turned around," Bush said. Bush also comes in amid questions concerning who paid the rent for a home his parents lived in, and whether Please see LEINART, Page C2

Truex makes it three straight at Talladega

The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Martin Truex Jr. picked the perfect race to make his first Busch Series start of the season. Truex, the two-time Busch champion who is now a Nextel Cup rookie, returned to his roots Saturday to win his third straight race at Talladega Superspeedway. Driving a car owned by Dale Earnhardt Inc., Truex celebrated what would have been "The Inmolditor's" 55th birthday by giving the company yet another restrictor-plate victory. Earnhardt, who won 10 races at Talladega, was killed in a 2001 accident at Daytona. "This is up there at the top of my wins," Truex said. "It's just a special day. Everybody at DEI, we kind of had this weekend penciled in our calendars." The entire weekend has been a tribute to Earnhardt, who was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame on Thursday night. DEI is celebrating his birthday with a celebration at their shop in Mooresville, N.C., and all of the company cars are sporting a black paint scheme that mimics Earnhardt's old No. 3 Chevrolet. "It's just an honor to be associated with this whole thing," Truex said. "To be part of the company he started, and able to carry it on to more wins. All this stuff for me is like a bonus. "He was my favorite driver before I ever raced a car." Kevin Harvick finished second in a filled bid to stretch his Busch Series winning streak to three-straight races. He can jokingly blame the defeat on the



Martin Truex Jr. celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Busch Series' Aaron's 312 auto race Saturday in Talladega, Ala.

SPORTS



New Jersey Devils' Jamie Langenbrunner, center, runs into New York Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist, right, during a power play. Langenbrunner is checked by Rangers' Darluis Kaspratt, left, during the first period of first-round NHL playoff hockey Saturday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Langenbrunner received a two-minute penalty for interference.

Devils sweep Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrik Elias scored two goals and assisted on Scott Gomez's power-play goal early in the second period... that wiped out the New York Rangers' only lead of the series... as the Devils completed a 10-0 rout in the first-round series with a 4-2 win Saturday.

Brian Gionta sealed the victory 4:30 into the third period with the Devils' third short-handed goal of the series after a terrible turnover by Petr Sykora. Elias scored another goal, his fifth of the series, with 6:39 left to make it 4-1.

The Rangers scored only four times in the four games, while allowing 17 goals.

New Jersey stretched its winning streak to 15 games, tying the league mark for the longest run that spanned the regular season and playoffs.

Martin Brodeur made 31 saves and broke Patrick Roy's league record by playing his 17th consecutive possession game. His 88th playoff win

moved him into a third-place tie with Billy Smith and Ed Belfour on the NHL career list.

Oilers 3, Red Wings 2
DETROIT — Dwayne Roloson scored three goals in the second period and held off Detroit to take a 3-2 lead in the first-round series.

Fernando Pisani, Ryan Smyth and Shawn Horcoff scored for Edmonton... with Chris Pronger assisting on Craig Conroy's goal before Detroit's Brendan Shanahan scored on a breakaway with 1:21 left in the second period.

The tied Wings had a power play with 4:06 remaining in the game, but didn't come close to scoring. They later pulled Manny Legace with 1:49 to go, leading to Henrik Zetterberg's goal with 22 seconds left.

If Detroit doesn't win Game 6 Monday night in Edmonton and Game 7 on Wednesday night at home in the Western Conference series, the NHL's top team during the regular season will exit the playoffs early for the third straight season.

Senators 3, Lightning 2
OTTAWA — Martin Havlat helped Ottawa finish off defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay in five games, scoring a power-play goal in the second period and adding an assist.

Peter Schaefer and Andrey Meszarsky scored first-period goals and Ray Emery made 26 saves for Ottawa, which advanced past the first round for the fourth time in nine straight playoff appearances since 1985-87.

Evgeny Artyukhin and Brad Richards scored in the second for the Lightning, who twice drew within one in the period, but were unable to tie it.

Lightning defenseman Dan Boyle was penalized for tripping with 3:34 left in the third with 20 seconds remaining on a Tampa Bay power play. The Lightning got their fourth and final man advantage with 55 seconds left, but failed to generate the equalizer as the 20,004 fans came to their feet with an explosive cheer when Ovechkin cleared the puck out of its zone with less than 10 seconds remaining.

Mavericks drop Grizzlies in OT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 36 points, including a 3-pointer, to send the game into overtime and six points in the extra period, to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 94-89 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday for a 3-0 lead in the first-round series.

The Grizzlies, still without a postseason victory, slowed the Dallas attack that has overpowered them in their first two games and held off the Mavericks until late in regulation. However, Nowitzki and the Mavs were simply too much.

Dallas outscored Memphis 18-13 in overtime, led by Nowitzki and Jason Terry who had five points in the extra period to finish with 22. Game 4 is Monday in Memphis.

Nets 97, Pacers 88
INDIANAPOLIS — Just like that, the New Jersey Nets regained home-court advantage from the Indiana Pacers.

Ryan Carter scored 28 points, Richard Jefferson had 22 and the New Jersey Nets beat the Indiana Pacers 97-88 on Saturday to tie the Eastern Conference first-round series at two games apiece. Game 5 is Tuesday night in New Jersey.

Nenad Krstic added 21 points for the Nets and Jason Kidd had 10 points, eight assists and 13 rebounds.

Bucks 124, Pistons 104
MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd scored 40 points and 13. Ford had a career-high 15 assists to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to their first home playoff victory over the Detroit Pistons in 30 years, 124-104 on Saturday.

Milwaukee set a season high for points by an opponent against the Pistons, who still lead the Eastern Conference series 2-1. Game 4 is on Monday night in Milwaukee.

Leinart

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an agent was involved, which could violate NCAA rules. He's adamantly insisted there was no wrongdoing.

Leinart said Titans coordinator Norm Chow — his former offensive mentor at USC — was fighting for him "but it wasn't his decision."

It wasn't, and now Tennessee will find out if the eavesdropper and arm strength that Young used to lead the Longhorns can

translate to the NFL.

"Last night at 2:30, I was on my knees praying... he will rewrite the position," said Floyd Reese, the Titans' general manager.

"This guy, he led the nation in college as a junior in passing efficiency," he said. "This guy is special. Now he wants to get him signed in the NFL and that's why it's going to take a little bit of time. And we realize that. It's a big jump."

For Leinart, landing in Ari-

zona under coach Dennis Green puts him on what should be one of the NFL's most explosive offenses with the newly signed running back Edgerrin James and the outstanding receiver tandem of Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin. He will start his career in a new stadium behind the bridge Karl Warner, who two seasons ago caddied for the Giants' Eli Manning before the No. 1 pick took over at midseason.

Bruins

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Hieb takes Capital Invite

Times-News
BOISE — Twin Falls tennis No. 1 single boy Eric Hieb rolled into Boise's Capital Invite tournament and didn't stop swinging on Saturday until he'd won it all. Hieb took his boys' championship match against Engle's 12-6 and Goelby by 6-615-7, 6-2 5 final.

"They fought back and forth, nip and tuck," Bruins head tennis coach Debbie Van Engelsen said of the match.

The Bruins also saw their No. 1 boys doubles of Brent Little and Chris MacMillan make the invitational's semifinals, as well as singles player Richards and Andrew Harbom.

"I think we have some great opportunities at state," Van Engelsen said. "For these kids to get this much is big... We have a strong boys team this year. They are just motivated."

Wolverines took a pair of one-run nonconference games from the visiting Preston Indians with a 2-0 sweep on Saturday in Hallett.

Samantha Engel pitched a complete game two-hitter to lead the 9-7 Wolverines in Game 1. Engel struck out 10 and threw one only earned run, while Angela Coleman went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI to lead Wood River at the plate.

"It was a pitchers' duel," Wolverines head coach Dale Martin said. "Neither team hit real well. The winning run was unearned." Their third baseman threw it away in the sixth.

Janie Stone went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, a run and a pair of doubles to lead Wood River in Game 2. Catcher Vanessa Valentine went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Coleman notched three hits and two RBIs to help complete the sweep. Sophomore Hannah Cove picked up her first win of the year in Game 2.

The Wolverines (2-3) Great Basin Conference West) hosted conference rival Turley on Thursday.

win of a week ago in barbecue scoring 56 points. In two weeks of rodeo, Luper has been the only full eighth-ranked rider on two of three rides.

"Tonight, I didn't know anything about my horse," said Luper. "They're fresh calves. All events are new. Even if I get bucked off, barbecue is my favorite."

Luper also won bull riding with a score of 53 points. Hayley Harris of Shoshone and Hill share the same feelings of the amount of stress in rodeo being much more than they find in tennis sports.

"Probably because it is more individual. I have to get three horses ready to go," said both Harris, which Hill echoes.

Kath Blane, a senior at Jerome High School, is competing in his first year of bull riding.

"I've been trying to talk him into bull riding for four years," said Blane's Jerome teammate, Luper.

So just what were Blane's thoughts moments before the ride?

"I just try to stay calm and humble. The bull can feel any anxiety," said Blane.

Blane has the words "Return with Honor" written on his number on the back of his vest.

"It really appeals to bull riding," said Blane. "To me, it means that I tried my best even if I don't make the ride."

Amateur football Bulldogs fall

"HAZELTON — The Magic Valley Bulldogs couldn't find a winning combination Friday night at Watrous High School in Hazelton, falling to the visiting Camas Muddogs of Silt Lake City, Utah 39-7.

Bulldogs quarterback Ben Landin hit Brad Coak for a 73 yard-touchdown strike in the second quarter, but the powerful Muddogs passing attack proved too much for 6-4 Magic Valley. Muddogs quarterback Jordan Kjar hit Chris Cooper and Matt Thornton for touchdown strikes in the second to give the Muddogs a 12-0 lead at half before they rallied to widen their lead after the break. Bulldogs turnovers on fourth-and-short situations set the Muddogs up with good field position in the second half.

The Bulldogs opened strong, taking the opening kick and marching the ball for the first time of the first quarter. Defensively, and Jason Blair led Magic Valley with 5.5 tackles and three sacks, while Taryn Pugh had 10 and each finished with three tackles. Kyle Snuggs snagged an interception for the Bulldogs, who host the Davis (Utah) Vipers next Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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Late Friday Rodeo

Hill still tops all-around
GODDING — The District V High School Rodeo moved into its second weekend of action at the Arady James Arena on the Gooding County Fair and Rodeo grounds this weekend.

After Friday night's rodeo, girls all-around rider Amanda Hill of Carey remained in the top spot with wins in goat tying and barrel racing. Hill and her partner, Gary Kulin of Jerome also picked up a third-place finish in team roping.

In the boys all-around standings, Jack Stevens from Gooding began Friday night in third place trailing Gooding teammate Travis Gill and Tyler Wines. After a top finish in calf roping and seconds in steer wrestling and team roping, Stevens moved up to go into Saturday's rodeo with 11 wildcat points to move him into the top spot. Ironically, Wines is Stevens' team-roping partner.

Eighteen-year-old Coby Luper of Jerome repeated his

Friday's results

Barrel race — 1. Coby Luper, 2. Jack Stevens, 3. Travis Gill, 4. Tyler Wines, 5. Gary Kulin, 6. Coby Luper, 7. Travis Gill, 8. Tyler Wines, 9. Gary Kulin, 10. Jack Stevens, 11. Travis Gill, 12. Tyler Wines, 13. Gary Kulin, 14. Coby Luper, 15. Travis Gill, 16. Tyler Wines, 17. Gary Kulin, 18. Jack Stevens, 19. Travis Gill, 20. Tyler Wines, 21. Gary Kulin, 22. Coby Luper, 23. Travis Gill, 24. Tyler Wines, 25. Gary Kulin, 26. Jack Stevens, 27. Travis Gill, 28. Tyler Wines, 29. Gary Kulin, 30. Coby Luper, 31. Travis Gill, 32. Tyler Wines, 33. Gary Kulin, 34. Jack Stevens, 35. Travis Gill, 36. Tyler Wines, 37. Gary Kulin, 38. Coby Luper, 39. Travis Gill, 40. Tyler Wines, 41. Gary Kulin, 42. Jack Stevens, 43. Travis Gill, 44. Tyler Wines, 45. Gary Kulin, 46. Coby Luper, 47. Travis Gill, 48. Tyler Wines, 49. Gary Kulin, 50. Jack Stevens, 51. Travis Gill, 52. Tyler Wines, 53. Gary Kulin, 54. Coby Luper, 55. Travis Gill, 56. Tyler Wines, 57. Gary Kulin, 58. Jack Stevens, 59. Travis Gill, 60. 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Yankees punish Blue Jays, 17-6

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnny Damon prepped for his return to Fenway Park with his first multibatter game for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees tied a team record by scoring in all eight innings in which they batted, and Damon scored a career-high five runs to go along with three hits and three RBIs in a 17-6 rout of the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

Jason Giambi hit a three-run homer for New York, which overcame a 2-0 first-inning deficit and a poor start by Randy Johnson. The only other time the Yankees scored in every inning was in a 14-1 win over the St. Louis Browns at Yankee Stadium on July 28, 1939.

Damon, Giambi and Jorge Posada all hit upper-deck homers for the Yankees, and Giambi drove in four runs, giving him 25 RBIs this season.

Both teams received scarring in the fifth, inning when Gary Sheffield collided at first base with Shea Hillenbrand, and both players left the game. Sheffield, who drew two runs with an infield single on the play, bruised his left knee and right wrist. Hillenbrand, hit on the back of the head, was scheduled for a CT scan.

Josh Towers (0-5) became the first five-game loser in the major leagues. He gave up seven runs and six hits in 2-1/3 innings.

Johnson (4-2), whose ERA rose to 4.71, allowed six runs, six hits and four walks, also hit two homers, leaving after five innings and 109 pitches.



New York Yankees center fielder Johnny Damon follows through on a home run during the second of baseball action against the Toronto Blue Jays Saturday in New York.

Tigers 18, Twins 1

DETROIT — Carlos Guillen homered twice and drove in five runs, leading the Detroit Tigers to their biggest blowout in 13 years.

Maggie Ordonez and Curtis Granderson also connected for Detroit. It was the most runs scored by the Tigers since a 19-6 victory at Texas on Aug. 8, 2001. The last time they won by 17 runs was a 20-3 win over Seattle on April 17, 1993.

Justin Verlander (3-2) cruised to the easy win, allowing one run and six hits in seven innings. The victory was the rookie's first at Comerica Park in three career starts.

Carlos Silva (1-4) continued his season-long struggles, giving up nine runs and nine hits in just 2-1/3 innings.

Mariners 8, Orioles 6

BALTIMORE — Ichiro Suzuki

got two hits in Seattle's six-run sixth inning and Felix Hernandez earned his first win of the season.

Adrian Beltré and Carl Everett homered for the Mariners, and Yuniesky Betancourt came through with a go-ahead single in the sixth. Eddie Guardado worked the ninth for his third save in five chances.

Corey Patterson hit a three-run homer for the Orioles, who finished with 15 hits.

Hernandez (1-3) allowed four runs and 10 hits in five innings. Jim Brower (0-1) got the loss for the Orioles.

Rangers 7, Indians 5

CLEVELAND — Kevin Mench's home run streak ended at seven games — one shy of tying the major league record — but Kevin Millwood won for Texas in his return to Cleveland.

Mench didn't come close to clearing any of the outfield walls at Jacobs Field, going 1-for-3 with a sacrifice fly off Fausto Carmona (1-2) and two strikeouts.

He was attempting to match the mark shared by Ken Griffey Jr. (Seattle, 1993), Don Mattingly (New York Yankees, 1987) and Dale Long (Pittsburgh, 1956).

Instead, Mench will have to settle for being the only right-handed hitter to homer in seven consecutive games.

Millwood (2-2) was back at the Jake for the first time since leaving the Indians as a free agent. The right-hander, who had never faced Cleveland in his nine-year career, allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Brad Wilkerson hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who led 7-2 in the eighth before Ben

Broussard's two-run homer brought the Indians to 7-5. Akihiro Otsuka pitched the ninth for his first AL save.

With runners on first and third and one out, second baseman D'Angelo Jimenez snagged pinch-hitter Todd Hollandsworth's liner and doled Grady Sizemore off first to end it.

Red Sox 9, Devil Rays 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jason Varitek hit a debutting single in a four-run ninth inning and Manny Ramirez homered and tripled, leading Boston past Tampa Bay.

Trailing 6-5, the Red Sox loaded the bases with none out in the ninth against Tyler Walker (0-1) on a single and two walks.

He struck out Ramirez before Tim Lincecum walked to tie it.

Varitek put Boston up 7-6 with an RBI single. The Red Sox made it 9-6 on Mike Lowell's sacrifice fly and a run-scoring single by Willy Mo Pena off Dan Miceli.

Jonathan Papelbon struck out all three batters in the bottom half for his 10th save in 10 chances. He became the first big-league pitcher to get 10 saves in April after entering that season without a save.

Brewers clobber Cubbies

CHICAGO (AP) — Prince Fielder hit two of Milwaukee's six homers, Rickie Weeks connected for his first leadoff shot and the Brewers had their biggest offensive outburst in 22 years.

Bill Hall, Carlos Lee and J.J. Hardy also connected for the Brewers, who beat the Cubs 11-4 around two runs and felled one homer short of the franchise record set on April 29, 1990, at Cleveland.

Hardy had four RBIs, and Fielder and Weeks each finished with three. It was the first multi-homer game of Fielder's career.

The Brewers scored their most runs since a 16-8 victory on Aug. 21, 2000, at Arizona. It was their largest margin of victory since May 9, 1996, when they defeated the Red Sox 17-2.

Milwaukee starter Doug Davis (1-2) took advantage of the run support in an easy victory. He pitched 6-1/3 innings, allowing one run and five hits.

Glendon Rusch (1-4) lasted only 2-2/3 innings. He gave up seven runs, four homers and three walks.



Milwaukee Brewers first baseman Prince Fielder hits a home run against the Chicago Cubs in the third inning of a baseball game Saturday in Chicago.

bles, a triple and two RBIs for Colorado.

Josh Willingham hit his fifth homer for Florida. The Marlins committed a season-high four errors, one short of a franchise record.

With the score tied at 5, the Rockies scored two unearned runs in the sixth off Randy Messenger (0-1).

Willingham's 425-foot, two-run homer off Miguel Ascencio (1-0) pulled Florida within one in the seventh. The Marlins loaded the bases against Brian Fuentes in the ninth but the closer struck out Reggie Abercrombie to get his fifth save in six chances.

Mets 1, Braves 0

ATLANTA — Tom Glavine outpitched John Thomson, and Paul Lo Duca hit his first home run with New York.

The first-place Mets have won the first two games of the series at Turner Field, where they've struggled mightily for years. They stretched their early season lead over the Braves to seven games in the NL East.

Glavine (3-2) improved to 3-0 in 14 starts against Atlanta, his major league home from 1997-2002. The 40-year-old lefty gave up only four hits with two walks and one strikeout in seven innings.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his seventh save in nine chances.

Thomson (0-1) gave up three hits and one run in 6-2-3 innings.

Cardinals 2, Nationals 1

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols set a major league record with his 14th homer in April, a tiebreaking shot in the eighth inning that sent the St. Louis Cardinals to a 2-1 victory over the Washington Nationals in a Saturday.

After NL Cy Young Award winner Chris Carpenter and All-Star Ivan Hernandez locked up in a pitchers' duel, Pujols broke a call tie when he connected off Jon Rauch (0-1) leading off the eighth.

Jason Iringhausen walked the bases loaded in the ninth before retiring Nick Johnson on a comebacker for his seventh save in nine opportunities.

Johnson finished 0-for-5, dropping his batting average to .352. Jose Guillen homered for the Nationals.

Pujols had been tied with Ken Griffey Jr. (1997) and Luis Gonzalez (2001) for the career home runs in April in 13. The St. Louis slugger also leads the majors with 32 RBIs, matching the team record for April set by Mark McGwire in 1996.

Bradren Loper (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win.

The Cardinals set a club record for victories in April with 16.

Giants 3, Diamondbacks 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Randy Winn made two spectacular plays in left field in the top of the ninth inning, and Moises Alou homered leading off the bottom half to give San Francisco a victory over Arizona.

Winn, starting in left because Barry Bonds was given a day off, made a sliding catch in left-center to rob Shawn Green of a hit and then topped that effort on the next batter. Winn leaped high above the wall to rob Eric Byrnes of a potential go-ahead home run, getting a standing ovation from the crowd and hearty congratulations from his teammates as he ran off the field.

The 41-year-old Bonds most likely would not have been able to make those plays on his surgically repaired right knee. Bonds, expected back in the lineup Sunday, has 711 homers, three shy of tying Babe Ruth for second place on the career list.

Alou drove a 2-0 pitch from

Luis Vizcaino (0-2) into the left field seats for his seventh homer.

Armando Benitez (1-0) pitched the ninth for the win.

Reds 6, Astros 3

CINCINNATI — Aaron Harang earned his third consecutive victory and streaking Cincinnati set a club record for wins in April by beating Houston.

Rich Aurilia hit his fourth homer and Brandon Phillips had two RBIs as Cincinnati sent Andy Pettite (1-4) to his third straight loss. The Reds (17-7) extended their winning streak to six, their longest since a seven-game spurt in May 2004.

Harang (4-1) gave up five hits and three runs in 7-2/3 innings, striking out seven. David Weathers got his eighth save in nine opportunities.

Jason Lane hit a two-run homer for the Astros.

Rockies 8, Marlins 7

MIAMI — Garrett Atkins homered and drove in three runs to lead the Rockies to their third straight win.

Matt Holliday had two dou-

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East Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Boston	14	10	.583	—	2-6	W1	8-6	6-4	0-0
New York	12	10	.545	1	5-4	W1	8-3	4-7	0-0
Toronto	12	10	.545	1	2-6	L1	8-6	4-4	0-0
Baltimore	10	12	.455	1.5	2-5	L1	8-7	5-5	0-0
Tampa Bay	10	14	.417	4	3-7	L1	5-4	5-10	0-0

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Chicago	15	7	.682	—	2-8	W1	9-3	6-4	0-0
Detroit	12	10	.545	3	2-8	W2	4-11	11-6	0-0
Cleveland	13	11	.542	3	4-6	L1	7-4	7-7	0-0
Minnesota	9	14	.391	6.5	2-7	L2	6-3	3-11	0-0
Kansas City	5	16	.238	9.5	3-7	L2	5-7	0-9	0-0

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Los Angeles	12	11	.522	—	2-6	L1	8-4	6-7	0-0
Texas	12	10	.545	—	4-4	W1	6-7	6-5	0-0
Oakland	11	12	.478	1	2-5	W2	5-7	6-2	0-0
Seattle	10	15	.400	3	2-6	W1	6-10	4-5	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	16	7	.696	—	5-4	W4	7-4	9-3	0-0
Atlanta	9	-14	.391	7	3-7	L-5	3-5	6-9	0-0
Philadelphia	9	14	.391	7	2-6	L-3	5-10	4-4	0-0
Washington	8	15	.345	8.5	4-6	L1	1-7	7-9	0-0
Florida	6	15	.286	9	3-7	L2	2-6	4-9	0-0

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cincinnati	17	7	.708	—	2-3	W6	7-4	8-4	0-0
St. Louis	16	8	.667	1	2-8	W2	11-4	5-4	0-0
Houston	15	8	.652	1.5	2-6	L2	12-4	3-4	0-0
Chicago	13	9	.591	3	5-5	L1	7-4	6-5	0-0
Milwaukee	13	11	.542	4	3-6	W1	6-7	6-5	0-0
Pittsburgh	7	19	.260	10.5	2-7	W2	6-6	1-12	0-0

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Colorado	14	10	.583	—	6-4	W4	5-7	8-3	0-0
San Francisco	10	10	.500	5	5-6	W2	7-4	6-6	0-0
Los Angeles	11	12	.478	2.5	5-5	W1	5-7	6-5	0-0
Arizona	11	13	.458	3	2-5	L2	4-6	7-7	0-0
San Diego	8	14	.364	5	3-7	L4	3-10	5-4	0-0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Cleveland 7, Texas 6	Detroit 9, Minnesota 0
Chicago 7, NY Yankees 2	Baltimore 5, Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 2	Oakland 5, Kansas City 6
Chicago White Sox 1, L.A. Angels 5	

Saturday's Games

Seattle 18, Minnesota 1	N.Y. Yankees 17, Toronto 6
Detroit 8, Baltimore 6	Texas 7, Boston 7
Oakland 4, Kansas City, ppd., rain	Boston 9, Tampa Bay 6
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, tele	

Sunday's Games

Minnesota (Lobsenz 1-1) at Detroit (Rogers 9-2), 11:05 a.m.
Toronto (Chacin 4-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-1), 11:05 a.m.
Boston (Schilling 4-0) at Tampa Bay (Kazmir 2-2), 11:15 a.m.
Seattle (Mayer 0-2) at Baltimore (Perez 1-2), 11:35 a.m.
Chicago (Blanton 2-2) at Kansas City (Garza 0-2), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Santana 2-0), 1:35 p.m.
Texas (Pankas 1-4) at Cleveland (Weisskopf 2-2), 6:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 5:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.	Texas at Cleveland, 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 5:15 p.m.	Seattle at Minnesota, 6:10 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m.	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 2	Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 5, Houston 2	San Francisco 5, Arizona 2
Colorado 9, Florida 2, 10 innings	N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 3
L.A. Dodgers 3, San Diego 0	San Francisco 10, Arizona 2

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 6, Houston 3	St. Louis 2, Washington 1
Minnesota 3, Chicago Cubs 2	San Francisco 5, Arizona 2
Colorado 8, Florida 7	N.Y. Mets 1, Atlanta 0
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2	L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, tele

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Zambrano 1-1) at St. Louis (Rogers 9-2), 11:05 a.m.
Colorado (Skim 0-0 or Asencio 0-0) at Florida (Mira 1-2), 11:05 a.m.
Houston (Buchholz 1-1) at Cincinnati (Ramirez 3-0), 11:15 a.m.
Philadelphia (Floyd 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Perez 1-2), 11:35 a.m.
Washington (Day 1-2) at St. Louis (Sgapan 2-1), 12:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Capano 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 0-1), 12:20 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Love 1-1) at San Diego (Park 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Woods 3-0) at San Francisco (Cain 1-2), 2:05 p.m.

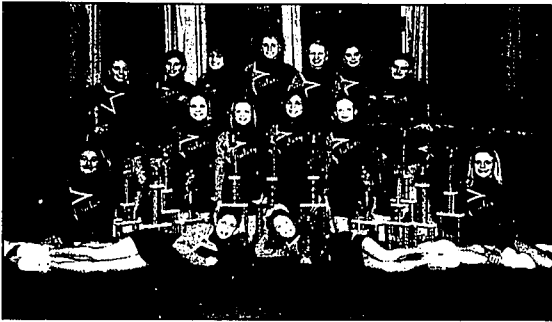
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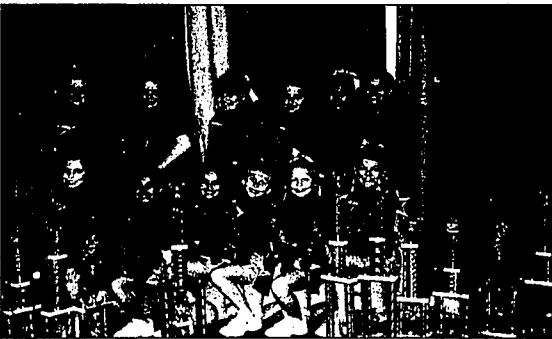
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From left, Sumer McKelvey, Klyanna Cox, Cherrie Zick, Kenned Jones, Haylie Grant, Nik Shaw, Savannah Fitzgerald, Chyna Hopkins, Kynlee Stephenson, Brittany Couch.



Back row: Aspen Jones, Shane Connell, Sydney Cota, Chayenne Loveland, Taylor Stimpson, Alexis Bingham. Front row: Baylee Young, Ashley McCure, Keely Davis, Alexis Wisak, Jane Petruzzelli, Brooke Fitzgerald. Not pictured: Ruth Loza.

Planet Cheer squad announces awards

TWIN FALLS — Members of Planet Cheer brought home three first-place trophies, two second-place trophies and one third-place trophy.

Individual awards went to Lexi Bingham (first in jumps), Brooke Fitzgerald (fifth in jumps), Savannah Fitzgerald

(first in jumps), Keely Davis (third in individual routine), Miyoko Freeman and Katie Kelso (first in duo routine), Emiko Freeman and Kandice Johnson (first in duo routine) and April Cranston and Kayla Loveland (seventh in duo routine).

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Wrapping up season results

More of the bowling leagues have finished the season and here are the final award winners.

Bowladrome

Tues. A.M. Trios champions were "The Little Rascals," Jerica Meyer, Amy Milam and Sandra Milam. This league bowls in thirds so second place went to "Mrs. & A Miss," Shoshona Yovan, Pauline Thomas and Barbara Pidgeon. Third place was "The Pin Ups," Belva Knight, Julia Berryessa and Jean McGuire.

High Average was Londa Stout at 159. High Handicap Series went to Michele Seckel 724 and Handicap Game was Sandra Milam at 284. Most Improved this year was Nalcan Duty upping her average by 10 pins. Most pins over average was Michele Seckel earning the Idaho State Certificate award at 144 pins over.

Also those with perfect attendance were acknowledged and they were Edie Barkley and Shirley Seelbeck. This is a Peterson Point League and the top two places were Pat Kleinken with 157 and Julia Sullivan at 155.

The Monday Ladies bowls in thirds and has three team winners. First place went to "Gutter Busters," Kay Puschel, Lorenna Gould, Lawrence Tolman, Ron Marshall and Teena Thompson. Second place was "Holly Rollers," Melody Collins, Sherry Silvaz Mike MaFee, Bob Giles and Fritz James. Third went to "Just For Fun," Rob and June Love and Freda and Rick Beard. High Average was Kay Puschel 174 and Glenn Bessire 179. Handicap Series: Joelle Moses 742 and Kent Bates 753.



Handicap Game: Stacey Hodges 281 and Ron Marshall 279. Scratch Series: Kay Puschel 599 and Glenn Bessire 660. Scratch Game: Lorenna Gould 238 and Mike Mahler 259. Most improved went to Sherry Silvaz with a +13 and Ron Marshall +22. Bowlers of the Year was Ruth and Duke Stimpson.

City Mixed Championship went to "2 Hot 2 Handle," Lori and Brandon Gentert, Ryan Shull and Julie Waters. Runner ups were "Ham," Jess and Gayle Harrell and David and Barbara Morrison.

High Average: Rod Sorenson 189 and Julie Waters 179. Handicap Series: Brandon Gentert 772 and Crystal Shull 731. Handicap Game: Andy Cheves 294 and Leslie Wheeler 288. Scratch Series: Ryan Shull 585 and Audrey Taylor 520. Scratch Game: Mark Shull 245 and Lori Widdison 234. Most Improved was Stephanie Shull and Bill Taylor.

Snake River Bowl

Ladies Classic Trios winning team was "State Farm Insurance." Team members were Jude Makinson, Clarice Leslie and Stacy Hieb. High Average and High Scratch Game went to Tillyn Hager (194 Average and 277 Game). High Scratch Series was Annette Hirsch 655. Nicole Owens improved 16 pins to

earn the Most Improved award. Snake River League champions were "Peoples Park," with Dee Lindler, Darcia Carter, Jack Jones and Don Howell team members.

High Average went to Darrin Carter at 209. Carter also took the High Scratch Series at 740. Handicap Series went to Gene Smith 731. Scratch Game was Justin Snider with 279 and Handicap Game was Steve Pool 232. Gene Smith improved his average 10 pins for Most Improved.

Faculty team champs were Jay and Annette Eilers. Jay had the high average at 158 and Annette was High Average at 148. High Handicap Game for men was Brad Fowler 245 and Ladies was Carol Garcia 265. High Handicap Series for men was John Eilers 691 and Ladies Helen Wyatt 760. John Eilers improved 5 pins and Annette Eilers 6 pins for the Most Improved awards.

The "Snack Pak," Lori Parish, Kristie Johnston and Alice Gertrud were the team champions of the Monday Marmuers. High Average was Derry Smith at 182. High Handicap Game was Sydni Strand 283 and Handicap Series was Kristie Johnston 687. High Scratch Game was Kathryn Stanger 232 and Handicap Series was Kristi Johnston 587. Most Improved was Stephanie by Brenda Schenk who increased her average 10 pins.

The 2005/2006 Season may be winding down but Summer Fun Events are about to get underway. Join the fun and "Let's Go Bowling!"

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Local gymnast qualifies for nationals

BOISE — McKenziez Martinez, age 11, who competes with Magic Valley Gymnastics, recently competed in a regional meet held at the Boise Fairgrounds in Boise and qualified for the national competition to be held in Oklahoma City, Okla. April 29. Martinez competed in the 14 and under group and placed in the top seven to qualify for the national competition.

Muni Ladies putt for first

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played for fewest putts on April 27.

Barbara Short and Mary Ann Lancaster tied for first place with 30 putts. Charlotte Brunel took second with 31 putts and Jackie Gasser and Barbara Frith tied for third with 32 putts.

Burley Ladies announce winners

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association announces winners for April 26.

Yoursports in brief

First flight winners were, first, Joyce Jensen; second, Joyce Westfall; third, Judy Cutler; fourth, Nanette Woodland; and fifth, Dorothy Schaefer. Second flight winners were, tied for first, Joanne Pates and Yvette VanHouten; third, Sandy Pasley; fourth, Jolene Hines; and fifth, Louise Moffett. Jane Becker was first for nine holes.

Brown competes in air rifle

MERIDIAN — Will Brown, son of Dan and Sue Brown of Twin Falls, competed in the National Rifle Association Regional Air Rifle Championship on April 15 in Meridian.

Clear Lake Ladies play Black Marks

BUHL — The Clear Lake Country Club Ladies played a game of Black Marks on April 20. Oleta Roberts was the only

player with no black marks.

Other scores had Linda Fennel first with 85 and Oleta second with 86. Ted for first net were Deb Richards and Dustie VanWinkle with 70 and second was Carolyn Erickson with 71. Fewest putts went to Oleta Roberts and Theresa West. The only gobbler of the day was made by Chris Oleson.

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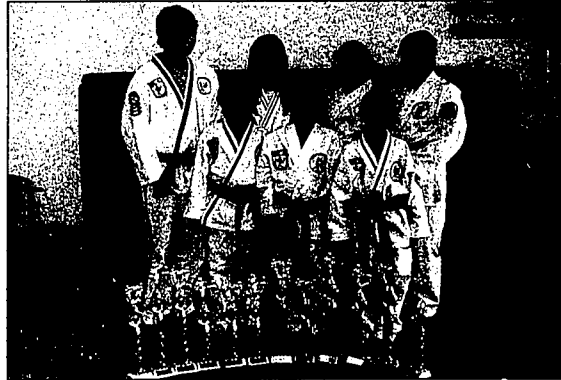
Made Hale, left, took first in forms and one-step sparring, Shawn Chester took second in spring and third in forms. Christian Cohee took third in sparring and one-steps. Kaitlin Wilcox took second in sparring and third in forms. Overall, Pili Sung took 31 competitors and came away with 56 trophies.



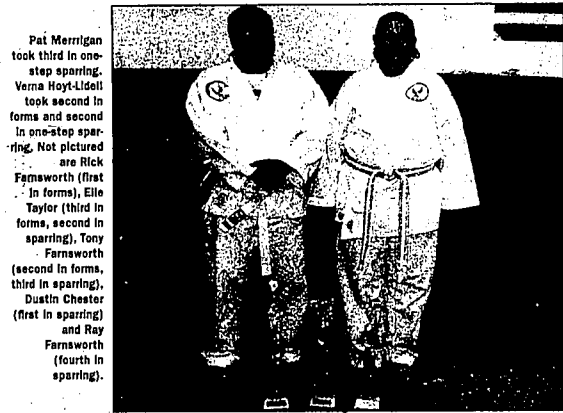
Gabriel Gutierrez, left, took second in sparring and third in forms. Eli Hughes took second in forms and third in sparring. April Gutierrez took second in forms and in sparring. Fletcher Taylor took first in both forms and sparring.



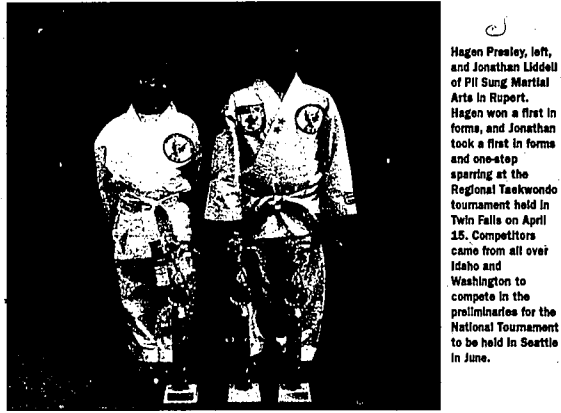
Sarah Woodward took first in forms, Neka Bethke took first in forms and in sparring, Jeffery Sjolom took second in forms and third in sparring, Jessica Woodward took first in sparring and second in forms. Maxwell Woodward took second in forms and third in sparring, Randy Scott took fourth in forms. Brendle Bethke took second in sparring.



Front row: Hayden Wilberger took first in forms and second in sparring, Ethan Taylor took first in forms, Quentin Taylor took first in sparring and third in forms. Back row: Travis Fulcher took first in sparring and third in forms, Haley Wilberger took first in forms and third in sparring, Tareka Roberts took second in forms, Nikki Praegltzer took first in sparring and second in forms.



Pai Merrigan took third in one-step sparring, Verna Hoyt-Lidell took second in one-step sparring. Not pictured are Rick Farnsworth (first in forms), Elle Taylor (third in forms, second in sparring), Tony Farnsworth (second in forms, third in sparring), Duettin Chester (first in sparring) and Ray Farnsworth (fourth in sparring).



Hagen Prasley, left, and Jonathan Liddell of Pili Sung Martial Arts in Rupert. Hagen won a first in forms, and Jonathan came a first in forms and one-step sparring at the Regional Taskwondo tournament held in Twin Falls on April 15. Competitors came from all over Idaho and Washington to compete in the preliminaries for the National Tournament to be held in Seattle in June.

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HOT PROPERTY

Celebrities feeling overexposed on the Malibu Beach

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Pamela Anderson, the Playboy Playmate who went on to portray a life-guard on "Baywatch," liked the beach so much that in 2000 she rented a home in Malibu for \$16,000 a month.

In early 2001, she bought a house there. Now she has the itch to move again. She listed her 2,300-square-foot home, in gated Malibu Colony, at \$6.5 million.

Has Anderson lost interest in the beach? Area real estate agents say she just wants more privacy.

The house she's selling has a large yard and is on what the Multiple Listing Service describes as "the garden side" of Malibu Colony. It is also called "the land side," because it is in a row of houses behind those facing the ocean.

Anderson's house has deeded beach access across the street, and so she has more privacy than homeowners whose houses have beachgoers using their beach frontage.

Because of its location, Anderson's house may not be worth as much as a house on the ocean, but considering that she paid \$1.8 million for it, she should get a nice return.

The 169 houses already had been remodeled when Anderson purchased it, but she also did some refurbishing: It has three bedrooms, three bathrooms and a detached office/guest quarters/game room. And the buyer can arrange to purchase the home, furnished.

"The living areas are warm and inviting, done with amazing taste," the MLS reports, describing the interiors as vintage French Country in style with "a dreamy master, having a covered veranda overlooking an extremely private yard."

Anderson, 36, is divorced with two children. She stars as a bookstore employee in the Fox sitcom "Stacked," which she also produces. It has been on hiatus and is due to air again June 1.

James Denton, who plays mysterious plumber Mike Delfino on the ABC series "Desperate Housewives," has settled into his new Glendale home, which he purchased for about \$1.5 million.

This is the second time that Denton, 43, has bought a home in the area, near Los Angeles. He and his wife, who runs herself and his family, InStyle magazine has reported.

Four he purchased has three bedrooms and three bathrooms in about 2,600 square feet, on an acre-sized lot at the end of a private drive, the house, behind gates, is secluded while being close to the studios.

The ranch-style house, built in the '40s, also has downtown

and valley views, mature trees, a treehouse and a 30-foot-long pool.

Ethan Suplee's decision to buy a \$2-million house in the Studio City section of Los Angeles is the result of his landing the role of Handy Jason Lee's on-screen younger brother in the new NBC sitcom "My Name Is Earl."

Now that he is a TV regular, Suplee, 29, can spend more time with his wife, Brandy Lewis, and their family at home. Before "Earl," he spent the last half-decade on location for movie shoots, in such places as Romania, New Zealand and Montreal.

His new home belonged to actress Jane Fonda; during the 1970s he was with her more than 30 years ago by Richard Kline, co-producer of such game shows as "Win, Lose or Draw." Kline raised 14 children there, most of whom he adopted.

With most of the children grown and gone, Kline decided to sell the house, which has seven bedrooms and four bathrooms in 6,000 square feet. The bedrooms can be converted into additional offices, an exercise room or a media room.

Resembling a mountain lodge, the home, built in 1951, has lofts, skylights, pine floors and beamed cathedral ceilings. It also has three fireplaces, a study, a game room and a deck. Next to the main house in the park-like setting of nearly an acre are the guest house, gazebo, waterfall and pool.

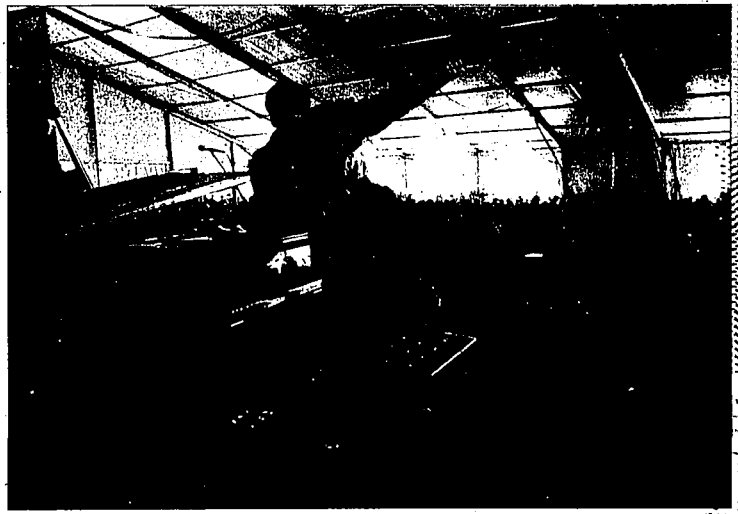
Clay Graham, an executive producer and writer for "The Drew Carey Show" (1995 to 2004), had a great view of the ocean for those of Mount Hood. The switch came with the sale of his four-bedroom, four-bathroom home in the Pacific Palisades section of Los Angeles. The home had been listed at just under \$4 million.

Graham intends on spending more time, and his new, 5,500-square-foot home on nearly an acre in the West Hills area of Portland, Ore. He said he plans to focus on writing movies, and he doesn't need to live full-time near Hollywood to do that. Besides, he has a pied-a-terre in the Hollywood Hills.

Of course, his neighbors will be different in Portland. In the Palisades, they included presidents of two TV networks and 2004's "Seinfeld" and "The Simpsons." He doesn't yet know his Portland neighbors, but his house there was previously owned by Frederick Pustell, one of the original investors in Costco.

Graham's Portland home is surrounded by forests and hiking trails.

Jazz returns



Jonathan Batiste plays the piano while performing with his trio during Jazz & Heritage Festival on Friday in New Orleans. New Orleans' music scene, languishing along with the city after Hurricane Katrina, was rejuvenated Friday as its annual Jazz & Heritage Festival provided electric moments from both its homegrown musical heroes and superstar acts.

Thousands pack second day of first Jazz Fest since Katrina

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — The Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, from one of this city's more devastated areas, had already whipped fans at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival into a frothing frenzy—but the choir's leader didn't think the crowd was excited enough.

He only needed to mention Hurricane Katrina to get the already enthusiastic group out of their seats.

"Didn't he get you through Katrina?" the leader shouted to the hundreds packed inside the gospel tent on Saturday. "He left New Orleans here for a reason. You'll need to get up on your feet."

By the time he finished his sentence, most of the crowd was already standing, giving thanks for what little Katrina didn't destroy—including the city's hope and spirit.

That spirit permeated the second day of the Jazz Fest, the first since the hurricane tore through the city last year, displacing untold numbers of its musicians. Bob Dylan, Dr. John and Ani DiFranco were among Friday's performers, as well as dozens of local acts.

Despite high winds and foreboding clouds that hovered all day Saturday, thousands of fans packed the Fair Grounds for a second day.

While big names such as the Dave Matthews Band, Etta James and Herbie Hancock played at the bigger stages, one star casually dropped in on



Thousands gather to hear the Subduedes during the 2006 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans on Saturday.

One of the smaller sets. The Edge, from supergroup U2, walked on during the New Birth Brass band's already electrifying set, joining them as they sang "Stand By Me" in tribute to New Orleans. The group inserted its own new lyric, singing "New Orleans will never die," defiantly during the song. Band leader and bass drum player Cayetano Hingle said his group, which was forced to relocate to Houston

On the Net:
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after Katrina, met U2 when the Irish rockers saw New Birth performing in the streets of New Orleans. Though The Edge had said he might stop by to see the band perform at Jazz Fest, Hingle was still surprised.

"I looked to the side of the stage and I was shocked," he said, laughing. Hingle said performing at Jazz Fest once again was like a reunion for his group. "That's the big thing, to be playing for family and friends," he said. Jazz Fest continues through Sunday, when headliners will include Bruce Springsteen, Allen Toussaint and Elvis Costello. It concludes next weekend.

Ellen DeGeneres repeats sweep of Daytime Emmys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ellen DeGeneres swept the Daytime Emmy awards, winning best talk show host for the second time and earning talk show honors for the third consecutive year.

"I feel lucky," she said backstage Friday night after winning the talk show award. "I found something that I feel comfortable doing and people seem to like what I do."

DeGeneres will have to make room for another big-name comic in daytime television this fall: Barbara Walters announced that Rosie O'Donnell will return to the talk show circuit, replacing Meredith Vieira on "The View."

"Well, thank God, because I was the one that o' Celebrity Hit Club," said O'Donnell, a former Emmy-winning daytime talk host. Walters added, "We're so

lucky to have her."

Vieira will become "Today" show co-host in September when Katie Couric moves to the "CBS Evening News."

O'Donnell quit her successful show after six years to spend more time raising her four children. "It's a great opportunity to do both—to be in television, to not have to do everything," Walters said. "It also means that she can finish at noon and pick her kids up from school."

The news about O'Donnell was just one of the new twists for the 33rd annual Daytime Emmys. For the first time in the show's history, the ceremony was moved from New York to the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, home of the Academy Awards.

Former '80s teen idol Rick Springfield, who recently returned to "General Hospital"

after 23 years, opened the three-hour show in an outdoor fan zone singing a medley of his hits before moving inside and concluded with "Jessie's Girl."

"Guiding Light" won four Daytime Emmys, including Kim Zimmer as lead actress. Zimmer earned her fourth career trophy for a story line in which her character Reva Shayne Lewis went through menopause and eventually fell down an elevator shaft.

"In at the end of my contract," she said. "Maybe the gods are intervening and saying you can't leave now. We'll see what happens."

"Guiding Light" also had a trio of first-time winners: Gina Tognoni for supporting actress, Tom Pelphrey as younger actor and Jordan Clarke for supporting actor.

"Oh my goodness, I didn't expect this," an exuberant

Tognoni said. "General Hospital" won for best drama and directing. The ABC soap opera has earned a record nine trophies in the drama category.

Tony Geary of "General Hospital" took home his fifth Daytime Emmy as lead actor. He first won in 1982.

"My face may be falling, but my heart and my spirit are still soaring," the 55-year-old actor said backstage. "Those of us over 50 and even 40 sometimes feel overlooked. This is a very gratifying win for that reason." CBS' "The Young and the Restless" topped the nominations list with 18, but its only trophy was for writing. Jennifer Landon of "As the World Turns" won her first Emmy for younger actress. A year ago, the 22-year-old actress was a college student, before getting her big break playing the

scruffy Gwen. "Oh boy, I have heartburn," said Landon, the daughter of the late Michael Landon of "Little House on the Prairie" fame, who never won an Emmy.

"To my Poppa, thank you," she said. Vieira of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" lost as game-show host, to Alex Trebek of "Jeopardy!" The quiz show was

honored last week for game/audience participation show. "Sesame Street" won for preschool children's series, making it 12-for-12 in the category.

Caroll Spinney, the puppeteer who plays Big Bird and Oscar, the Grouch on "Sesame Street," received the lifetime achievement award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

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NATURE

Federal grants fund study of suburban bobcats

By Wilson Ring
Associated Press writer

COLCHESTER, Vt. — For one afternoon earlier this month on the back roads of Vermont's most populous county, a 26-pound female bobcat dubbed B15 became the hunted.

"She's probably maybe a football field and a half in front of us," state wildlife biologist Mark Freeman said. "She's right off in that scrub, some of the thicker stuff maybe."

In tracking B15 in Chittenden County, Freeman and his colleague Olivia LeMaistre are trying to determine how a species that's typically wary of humans is faring as development expands into rural areas.

Their program is among many in a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant program that has spent \$317 million since 2001 to gauge the health of wildlife populations across the country and in U.S. territories.

In New Hampshire, biologists are encouraging school children to plant blue lupines that Karner blue butterflies need to survive.

There are also programs to protect bats in Pennsylvania, bay scallops in New York and the Pine Barren tree frog in New Jersey.

"It's to look at the critters out there that haven't had dedicated funding and direct some funding to them," said Dee Mazzone, who helps administer the grants for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from Vir-



In this undated photo released by Mark Freeman of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife's Cooperative Research Unit, a captured bobcat is examined before being radio-collared. The bobcat is part of a project to judge the health of the bobcat population.

ginia to Maine.

In Vermont, the \$300,000, four-year bobcat study is one of about 40 projects that have been funded with the help of the federal program.

The program has also bankrolled studies of Bicknell's thrush on top of Mount Mansfield and helped develop a butterfly directory and a wildlife planning manual for towns.

"For a lot of these species it's the first time any biologist has had a chance to spend any time on them," said Jon Kart, who has helped coordinate state plans.

Vermont's bobcats are thought to live around rock ledges and wetlands. They probably use regular corridors for traveling, said Kim Royar, who leads the state fish and

wildlife department's fur bearer team.

"We know that bobcats are a fairly adaptable animal," Royar said.

What came as a surprise to Freeman was that many are living in suburban back yards at the edge of the state's most populated areas.

It's where new homes are filling abandoned farm fields,

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The Teaming With Wildlife Coalition: <http://www.teaming.com>
Vermont Bobcat project: <http://www.vmt.edu/v7/Endosg/bobcat/>
Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.nrs.state.vt.us/fw/whome/>

once ideal hunting ground for the bobcats.

They feed on song birds, turkeys, partridge, mice, the occasional rabbit and the even more occasional deer.

Freeman said there have been no reports of problems between bobcats and people.

They are very aloof," he said. "The cats run away right away."

Freeman has led a team that started trapping the bobcats last spring. The cats are lured into box cages using heavier carcasses and other bait.

Over the course of the season, the team caught 20 cats. Some were too small to outfit with the collars and were released. Four cats are now being tracked.

The cats are outfitted with radio collars, which are designed to track their travels and fall off after 130 days.

The information collected can be fed into a computer after

the collars are retrieved.

State fish and wildlife officials hope to use the data to develop a plan to better manage the bobcat population, which could include habitat protection.

B15 was trapped in January on the west side of Colchester Pond. Since then it's been tracked back and forth across Colchester, which lies just north of Burlington, and regularly crosses Interstate 89.

But there are indications it uses an underpass or culvert and does not cross four lanes of traffic.

The two researchers did not see B15 that afternoon, nor did they want to. But they noted her location before heading south.

They later tracked bobcat B17, another female.

They made no effort to let the bobcats know they were being followed.

"All we need to know is that they're OK," LeMaistre said.

"We know that bobcats are a fairly adaptable animal."

"Kim Royar, leader of the state fish and wildlife department's fur bearer team"

China releases first panda born in captivity into wild

By Edward Cody
The Washington Post

BEIJING — Xiang-Xiang, a 4-year-old giant panda weighing in at about 180 pounds, hesitated for a few seconds on the misty slope, as if screwing up his courage, and then lumbered off through a forest of bamboo stalks to a new life in the wild.

With his waddle to freedom Friday morning on a Sichuan province mountainside, specialists said, Xiang-Xiang became the first panda born in a laboratory in China and released into nature to fend for himself.

Zhao Xuemin, deputy head of the State Forestry Administration, told the official New China News Agency that Xiang-Xiang's release, by the Wolong Giant Panda Research and Conservation Center, represented a milestone in efforts by China and other nations to preserve the endangered black-and-white creature in its natural habitat among the bamboo stands of central China's highlands.

Traditionally at ease munching shoots in thinly populated

hill country, pandas became threatened with extinction as China's population grew and farmers and loggers encroached.

Saving the species has become an international cause, with zoos in the United States and elsewhere cooperating with Chinese scientists to foster reproduction and urge the government to set aside nature reserves where the people-shy animals can flourish again.

"This is just a test, only one panda," Wei Rongping, the Wolong center's assistant director, said in a telephone interview. "We haven't begun to train other pandas, yet. But we plan to release more after we observe Xiang-Xiang carefully and make sure he is successful."

Liu Bin, 28, who helped raise the creature, compared Xiang-Xiang to a child leaving his family.

"I hate to part with Xiang-Xiang," Liu said with tears in his eyes, according to New China News Agency, "but I hope it can survive on its own and will not forget me."

Wei sympathized: "Just imagine," he said, "if you send your baby outside, wouldn't you worry about him?"

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SUNDAY
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masterpieces

The quiet Italian town of Trani is home to a towering Puglian Romanesque cathedral, with the Adriatic Sea for a backdrop.

Photos by SUSAN SPANO/The Los Angeles Times

Italian castles are a riddle wrapped in stone

By Susan Spano
Los Angeles Times

BARÌ, Italy — At Castel del Monte, the stage is set for tragedy or black magic. Clouds scuttle across the sky, and a full moon rises. Footsteps echo on cold stone. Startling pigeons into flight.

A medieval emperor hunted with falcons and cheetahs here, consulted astrologers and slept on Oriental silk.

Local people sought refuge during the plague, and brigands hid out in the castle. Vandals over the years stripped it, leaving little more than an empty shell on a lonely hill-top at the edge of the Murge, a barren-looking limestone plateau worlds apart from the sunny Italian south most people know.

This medieval masterpiece, begun in 1240 — about the same time as Westminster Abbey — has eight sides, linked by eight eight-sided towers.

Its seemingly endless repetition of the octagonal form has haunted mathematicians through the ages who see it as a work of pure geometry. The more mystically inclined impute occult significance to this temple of the octagon, noting that great buildings around the world, such as Jerusalem's 1,300-year-old Dome of the Rock, also have eight sides.

Whether icon or equation, the castle has more vibes than "The Da Vinci Code," as I discovered when I came here in February. I love a good mystery. And Castel del Monte is surely one, a model for the labyrinthine library in Umberto Eco's 1983 medieval wadsworth, "The Name of the Rose." I stood in the castle's deserted courtyard at dusk, nerves taut, heart thumping, ears pitched, wishing the walls could talk.

But Castel del Monte, as silent as a sarcophagus and as strange as a UFO, keeps its secrets, glowing like the crown of its 13th-century builder, Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II.

Cultured and brutal, despotic and enlightened, a Christian crusader who was excommunicated, Frederick left a legacy that historians still debate, including David Abulafia, author of the recent biography "Frederick II: A Medieval Emperor," which seeks to demystify the medieval ruler.

Frederick's enigmatic aura has proved hard to dislodge. In his time and afterward, he was called *stuprum mundi* (the wonder of the world)



Castel del Monte in Italy's boot heel was a hunting lodge for Emperor Frederick II and also was a symbol of his strength.

and the Antichrist.

A 1927 biography of Frederick by German historian Ernst Kantorowicz was a favorite of Adolf Hitler's, whose delusions of grandeur were fueled partly by the emperor's efforts to consolidate a realm that included Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, parts of France and Italy, Malta, Cyprus, Israel and Lebanon.

To oversee his vast domain, Frederick traveled widely and incessantly, raking with him his crown jewels and library, elephants, camels, hunting birds, bodyguards, poets who created the sonnet and mathematicians who gave Western civilization Arabic numerals.

Of all the lands he ruled, he loved low-lying Puglia best, in those days a richly forested region bordered on the east by the Adriatic Sea. Here he built his startling octagonal castle, part hunting lodge, part pleasure palace, part symbol of his might.

Among great architectural ciphers, Castel del Monte stands out for its stubborn unlockability, although it is less well known than others chiefly because it is in the relatively untrammeled, ill-reputed Mezzogiorno, at the heel of the Italian boot.

Warnings about the region's poverty and crime rang in my ears. I wore a money belt and resolved not to let my guard down, especially in Bari, the Puglian capital of 300,000, where I began my explorations.

I had planned to pick up a rental car and drive into the city, but I got cold feet on the plane from Rome, remembering an acquaintance who narrowly avoided a carjacking when she went astray in Bari. So I took a cab from the airport through the city's unlovely industrial outskirts and was safely deposited at

the Palace Hotel, which occupies a modern high-rise close to the city's center.

My room's decor was so dated it looked as if Pat Nixon had conceived the design. But it lacked no amenities, and the front-desk clerk gave me good advice about where to eat dinner.

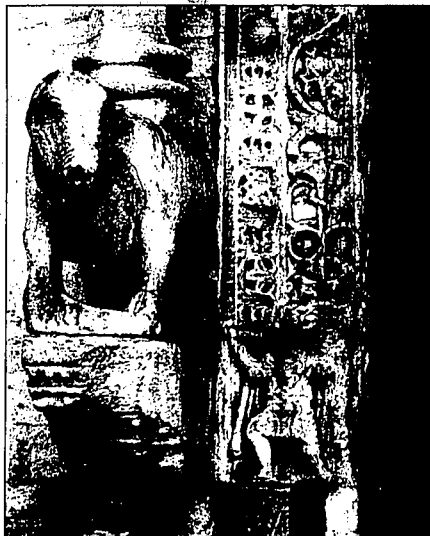
Every meal I ate in Puglia was memorable, starring fish from the Adriatic and produce from the plains northwest of Bari known as the *Tavolone*, which means "chessboard." Its farms, geometrically laid out by the ancient Romans, yield what many consider Italy's best olive oil, as well as almonds, fruit, cheese and grapes for the region's red wines.

But you'd never know about the agricultural hinterland in Puglia's capital. Bari is surrounded by a woady port largely devoted to petroleum shipment, tough, gritty suburbs and a maze of deteriorating streets.

Despite the passage of 800 years, Frederick II still casts a long shadow throughout southern Italy. Streets, piazzas, trattorias and even laundries in Bari are named for him. One of the many fortresses he built or renovated stands on the waterfront, moated and walled. Sculptural details on its western portal, as finely wrought and imaginative as an illuminated manuscript, include Frederick's symbol, an eagle clutching a lion in its claws.

I picked up a rental car after touring Bari and had no trouble finding my way up the coast, first to Trani, a quiet town with another Frederickian castle dating from 1233 and an exquisite Puglian Romanesque cathedral on the waterfront, backed by

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The smoothness of the stone oxen that frame the doorway of the San Nicola basilica in Bari, Italy, attests to the frequency of visitors.

This way to the castle

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TRAVEL

Ship brings new life to Brooklyn neighborhood

By Gary Lee
The Washington Post

Inside Pier Glass, a studio and workshop by off Brooklyn's beaten path, an artisan was working frantically on a shapely blob. In a few deft strokes, with the help of a blowpipe, a jack and a red-hot oven, Mary Ellen Buxton created an elegant, long-necked vase. But the scene outside the window upstaged her: From across the still blue water of the Erie Basin, the Statue of Liberty stared straight into the room.

Red Hook, the long-neglected Brooklyn waterfront neighborhood where Pier Glass is located, is all about the views. The Beard Street Pier promenade, a walkway at the end of the neighborhood's main drag, offers a beautiful glimpse of Lady Liberty. Behind it is the Beard Pier Warehouse, a massive brick Civil War-era structure. The remnants of the once vibrant Brewer Sugar Refinery, now covered with gulls, are reflected in the water.

Now is the moment to catch those views and dig deeper into this scene, because Red Hook is changing. Recently, the 23-story luxury ocean liner Queen Mary 2 berthed just around the corner from the Beard Pier at the spanking-new, \$52 million Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, inaugurating the scruffy neighborhood as New York's latest cruise port. In the coming months, dozens of ships, including the Queen Elizabeth 2 and four British Royal Caribbean vessels, are scheduled to dock here, setting thousands of passengers into these brick-covered streets. Spending a bit and it's not hard to picture Van Brunt Street, Red Hook's main boulevard, lined with souvenir shops and wine bars.

But for at least another season



Recently, Brooklyn's Red Hook neighborhood was inaugurated as New York's latest cruise port. But for at least another season or two, this former stronghold of longshoremen will probably be able to hang on to its working-class character.

or two, this former stronghold of longshoremen will probably be able to hang on to its semi-industrial, offbeat character. While not quite the side of New York that cruise passengers are looking for, it is a place where urban explorers should see. Its raw, Bohemian edge is reminiscent of Manhattan's Meatpacking District or Brooklyn's DUMBO neighborhood, before white-tablecloth restaurants and trendy clubs arrived.

Locals still pack into Sunny's, a tavern dating to the late 1800s, for Peroni beer, blurguss jams and weekly book-and-author readings. For the latest update on the battle for more public access to New York waterfronts,

Red Hookers pile into the Hudson Waterfront Museum, a rough-and-tumble barge moored along Conover Street. "It's a funky, real and pretty unique scene," said Bill Carney, a member of the faux French band Les Sans Calottes and a regular at Sunny's. "But you can feel the spirit of SoHo coming on."

Indeed, a few seeds from the posh side of New York have already been planted. At 360, a tony French bistro on Van Brunt, chef-owner Arnaud Ehrhart dishes out three-course gourmet meals — roasted scallops and "biodynamic" wines are regular menu items — for the incredible price of \$25 a head. For sellable,

stylish wine and spirits shop a block away offers an impressive stock of bourbons, biters and other beverages in a bar-like setting.

But these changes have not taken the working-class heart out of Red Hook. Founded by Dutch immigrants in the mid-1600s, it is like an island apart from the 72.8-square-mile borough of Brooklyn. It's actually a peninsula, separated from Carroll Gardens, the nearest neighborhood, by the labyrinthine Gowanus Expressway. About 20 minutes by foot from the closest subway station (at Smith and Ninth streets), Red Hook is most easily reached by taxi or bus. It's about a 15-minute drive from

Brooklyn's better-known enclaves — Prospect Park, Brooklyn Heights and Williamsburg.

In some ways, the isolation is to the appeal. Along Van Brunt, a mile-long commercial strip, the sight of looms leaning on fences and chatting on front stoops is common. In a neighborhood with an estimated 11,000 residents, faces soon become familiar, even to newcomers just visiting for a day with its sizable African-American and Latino contingents, as well as white inhabitants. Red Hook has a refreshingly multicultural character.

On a recent Sunday, a couple of neighbors gobbled fresh cupcakes and sipped coffee outside Baked, a popular coffee shop. Inside the Hope & Anchor, a diner and gathering spot, regulars swapped neighborhood gossip. A rousing spiritual wafted over from the Red Hook Tabernacle on Van Dyke, a side street.

In the end, isolation has been Red Hook's scourge. In the post-World War II era, when the shipping ports shifted to New Jersey, unemployment rose sharply and the houses and streets fell into despair. In some ways, the place has never recovered. Plywood covers windows on many of the buildings along Van Brunt and side streets. A brick factory building on Imlay Street, next to the cruise terminal, is locked up and covered with black construction netting. And along the Erie Basin, a massive shipyard being demolished to make way for an Ikea store looks like a hurricane zone.

But the new cruise terminal is supposed to change all that. The building, sprawling more than 180,000 square feet, was conceived in 2004, when Royal Caribbean and several other major cruise lines transferred

from the old, outdated port on the Hudson River in midtown Manhattan to a facility in Bayonne, N.J.

Even though the West Side terminal was outdated, it gave arriving passengers easy access to New York attractions. The Red Hook port is the city's bid to recapture the cruise ship market on its side of the river.

Aside from Lady Liberty, cruisers arriving in Red Hook will see a less glamorous New York. But for those who don't rush onto taxis and buses and head up to the Empire State Building and Times Square, there are a few sights worth seeing.

The Beard Street Pier, stretching along the Erie Basin, makes for an inviting place to stroll or bike and take in the views of the Statue of Liberty and lower Manhattan. The biggest architectural attraction is the Beard Pier Warehouse, a sprawling brick complex with magnificent arched iron shutters. The interior, an expanse of wooden beams and massive supporting timbers, houses a mix of studios (glassmaking, woodworking) and a few retail stores. The aroma coming from Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pies, a couple of blocks away, is enough to lure any visitor inside. The house special, at once creamy and tart, is a dessert lover's dream.

And then there is Pier Glass. When a couple of visitors stepped inside, Buxton, the co-owner, greeted them warmly. "It's open-house day," she said. "If you want to know about glassmaking, you're in the right place." Soon she launched into a demonstration, explaining every step she took. Then she turned around to take in the stunning waterfront view behind her and smiled. "New York's discovered the neighborhood secret," she said.

Castles

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the Adriatic. San Nicola Pellegrino, the third of three churches built on top of the other two, a tall, elegant campanile, a fancifully decorated facade featuring all the animals in Frederick's menagerie, including elephants, and a finely crafted 12th-century bronze door (now inside the church for safekeeping).

Barletta, about 10 miles north of Trani, has another striking Puglian Romanesque cathedral and was where Frederick launched a crusade in 1220 to liberate the Muslim-occupied Jerusalem, after repeated promptings from Pope Gregory IX. The emperor's tardiness in getting started earned him excommunication. When he was criticizing Rome's worldliness and hedonism, Frederick came to be seen alternately as God's chastising instrument and the Antichrist to the church establishment.

After my one night in Bari, I took a room in a fortified farm, or *maseria*, with sight of Castel del Monte, about 40 miles northwest of Bari. Like many other *maserias* in rural Puglia, the rambling farm complex welcomes tourists. Accommo-

dations are in a recently built wing of simple but comfortable guest rooms, where the sheets and towels bear the crest of the *maseria's* owner, Salvatore Tannoja, whose family was ennobled around 1770.

It stayed cold and foggy while I was here, which made Frederick's castle seem all the more haunting, especially at night when its ramparts were illuminated. But even in daylight, you can see Castel del Monte from miles away. A winding road leads past vineyards and orchards, then through a pine forest on its way up to the castle, which I first visited at dusk.

It's a stiff climb from the parking lot to the portal, a Classical triumphal arch on the building's east side, sculpted of rose-colored breccia. Besides the main entry and a handful of small, mullioned windows, the exterior walls are blank.

Inside the octagon, the rooms are arrayed around an eight-sided courtyard and open onto one another with no corridors. The towers between them have vestiges of 13th-century latrines, vaulted Gothic ceilings and spiral staircases leading to the second story, almost a mirror image of the first. Although most of the castle's embellish-

ments are long gone, some marble fireplaces, graceful three-tiered columns and cunningly sculpted capitals remain, hinting at the original decor.

The chamber above the entrance is thought to have been Frederick's throne room, although he never spent much time at Castel del Monte, stopping occasionally to indulge his passion for hunting.

Around 1240, the emperor wrote "The Art of Hunting With Falcon," an ornithological treatise that survives in illustrated manuscript form at the Vatican Library in Rome. In it, Frederick identified himself as "one who cared nothing for the size of the kill but only for the threat of understanding between man and bird, (for) the skill that enabled a man to extend his will into the sky and to draw back his emissary from the clouds."

That is the man I thought of rattling around his castle in the dying light, not the heretical monster abhorred by the pope or the medieval tyrant admired by Hitler, although historians suggest he may have been something of both.

Good and bad at once. Maybe that's the real riddle of Castel del Monte, tantalizingly troubling, impossible to solve.

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I would like to introduce myself to you. I am 54 years old. I was born and raised in Twin Falls, Idaho. I attended Lincoln Elementary School, Robert Stewart Jr High School, and Twin Falls High School. I graduated in 1959. My father was a mailman and my mother was a stay at home mother until I was in junior high. My dad, Warren Adamson, built houses in Twin Falls after work and on the weekends. My three brothers, Jim, Jerry, and myself started helping dad with his home building from the time we could pick up a hammer. In 1969 my parents bought a farm in Jerome. I graduated from high school I became mom and dad's partner in the farming operation. I loved to farm and still do. At the time of my father's death from cancer in 1986, we were farming 2,000 acres and had a half dozen of them. Upon his death, mom and I sold the equipment and the farm ground. The mid-1990s had been tough farming years for us and most of the money from the sale went to pay off the bank and creditors.

My mother, Louise, 94, who still resides with me, did not want me to go to college and study agriculture. She said that I knew plenty about farming and requested that I study something else after high school. I went to the University of Idaho and graduated in 1974 with a degree in music (my second love to farming). After music school I worked two years on my Masters of Business Administration and then graduated from IDU with a law degree in 1979. I practiced law in Jerome and later served two terms as Jerome County Prosecutor, all the time working with my father upon farm business before, after, work, and on weekends. These were some of the best years of my life.

In 1977, I married the most beautiful woman in the world, Ruth Nudis. Ruth has been my best friend and partner for nearly 29 years and we have raised three wonderful children, Danna Warren, Louis James, and Rebecca Louise. Danna is married to Heidi. Three months ago, Heidi, gave birth to our wonderful grandson, Quincey Grant.

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Then I stopped all political activities and focused on raising my family. I truly had not made a difference in Idaho. I stayed out of politics for 20 years. Back in 1996, I thought it couldn't get any worse.

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DRIVERS
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Twin Falls County has an opening for a full-time Customer Service Clerk & Mortgage Specialist. \$10-\$14/hr DOE. Position performs a variety of clerical tasks designed to expedite the receipting and collection of property taxes in the County Treasurer's Office. Specializes in working with mortgage related questions and mortgage companies. Qualifications include cash handling experience, professional computer skills, with knowledge of tax receiving experience helpful. Full background check, including a credit check required before hiring. Applications available on the 4th floor of the Twin Falls County Courthouse or online at www.twinfallscounty.org and submit to Human Resources, P. O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0126. Application deadline: May 5, 2006 EEO/Drug Free Workplace.

CONSTRUCTION
Ames Construction, Inc., a heavy industrial unit will General Contractor, has immediate openings for Experienced Heavy Equipment Operators and Heavy Equipment Operator Apprentice/Trainers. Candidates must submit to pre-employment drug tests and be able to travel as necessary. Positions include Dozer, Loader, track hoe, Scraper, Water Pail, Mechanics and Oilers for Elko, Nevada area. Top wage and benefit package. assistance pay for travel. Contact the HR Department at 775-754-2261 or apply on line at www.amesconstruction.com. May fax resume to 775-754-8367. Ames Construction is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Now hiring for a full-time solid waste collector. Must be able to lift 75 lbs. repeatedly. Class A or B CDL required. Benefits include medical, dental & vision insurance. 401K plan. Apply at PSI Waste System 222 3rd Street Twin Falls, ID

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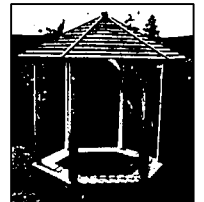
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Gazebo Sandbox
Here's a great looking do-it-yourself project that both kids and grown-ups will love. It combines a big beautiful sandbox with a classic gazebo, so it's not just fun, but it makes a handsome addition to any yard. Built mostly from star-cut cuts of lumber, detailed instructions and simple construction techniques make it a good project for woodworkers of all skill levels. The sandbox measures five feet wide by seven feet tall.

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The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for Police Officer. Application packets, including job description, qualifications, testing dates and procedures are available at www.tffid.org or by contacting the Personnel Office located at City Hall, 321 2nd Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho or phone 208-735-7268. Closing date is 5/8/06. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Workplace.

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EDUCATION
Filer School District announces a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant for the 2006-2007 school year at Filer Middle School. Qualifications include a minimum: Proficient in typing and computer skills (Microsoft Word & Excel), a working knowledge of basic office procedures and operation of standard office equipment and machines, the ability to meet and deal effectively with the public, staff, and students and a high school diploma or equivalent. A knowledge of school fund accounting, two years of college level knowledge of Cougar Mountain Software, Microsoft Timedeeper and Power-school is preferred. The closing date for this vacancy will be open until filled. To apply contact Sandra Roberts
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Please apply at our NEW LOCATION across from the CSI campus at 840 Meadow Drive, Suite 1, Twin Falls, ID 208-738-011.

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Wanted experienced Farm Tractor Operator. For raking and baling. Call 324-7148

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MANAGEMENT
Pool Manager
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Qualifications: Water Safety Instructor Certification, First Aid and CPR, LGT Certification, High School Diploma or GED, 2 yrs management exp.
Assistant Pool Manager Wage: \$825-900 hr. per month plus full-time June - August
Qualifications: Water Safety Instructor Certification, First Aid and CPR, Experience as a Food Guard preferred.

GENERAL
Part Time position available. Apply in person at 2032 South Lincoln Jerome

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Wanted experienced Service Man/Light Mechanic, record keeping, Door Frame Work, etc. Apply in person at Idaho Concrete Contractors 1294 Adhena Ave W., Corral Gorge, ID 208-242-9845

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The Jerome County Sheriff's Office has immediate openings for Correctional Deputies. Applicants must be 21 years of age, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and possess a series of pre-employment tests.

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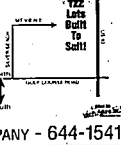
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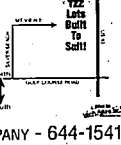
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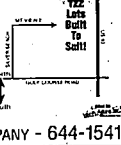
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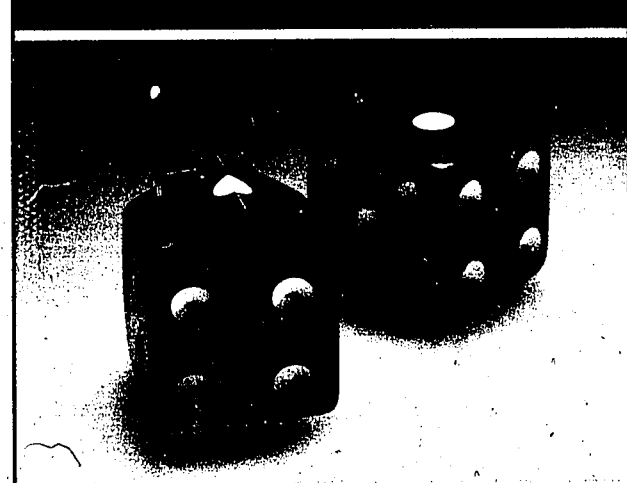
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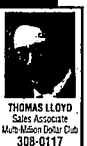
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Sunday, April 30, 2006.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE®

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Say opener makes a strong two bid and the next player overcalls. If opener's partner passes, how far is the auction forcing? Must opener bid again — and is a new suit or a repetition of the opened suit forcing? If so, are any of these actions game-forcing?

Help Wanted, Greenville, S.C.

ing the minor, for fear of being put back to hearts.

Dear Mr. Wolff: As dealer, nonvulnerable, I opened a weak two hearts with this hand: ♠ —, ♥ A-8-7-6-4-3, ♦ J-10-9-8-6-4, ♣ 5. My partner raised to game with two hearts and 11 points, but we had to go down one when he had too many ♠ for values in the black suits. How would you have bid this hand?

Tyro Living, Kenosha, Wis.

ANSWER: After a strong two and an overall, responder's pass suggests weakness; typically it would be 0-7 points. After the overall opener should bid again, but repeating his suit would not be forcing. A new suit would surely be 100 percent forcing ... but only as far as three of opener's suit.

ANSWER: Weak twos on two-suit hands are not necessarily a bad idea, but the most important thing about such calls is to have the main anchor suit sounder than yours. Additionally, a 6-6 pattern may be too much of a good thing!

Dear Mr. Wolff: I was dealt ♠ J-2, ♥ Q-3, ♦ K-4-2, ♣ A-K-9-8-7-2 and opened one club. After a one-heart overcall, my partner bid one spade and I repeated my clubs. When my partner bid two hearts, a forcing call, of course, was I supposed to repeat clubs, bid no-trump, or give support to partner?

Flummoxed Lummoxx, Kansas City, Mo.

ANSWER: On this auction partner's two-heart bid suggests something in hearts (with nothing in hearts he should temporize with a forcing bid of two diamonds), so I would try two no-trump to make sure no-trump was declared the right way — imagine partner with king-third of hearts, or the ace.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I may be a throwback to earlier generations. With four good hearts and five diamonds in a moderate opening bid, am I out of line to open one heart and rebid in diamonds?

Hunting Goddess, Vancouver, Wash.

ANSWER: These days the proliferation of five-card major systems means that the one-heart bid typically shows five. In third seat your choice of actions would be unexceptional in an attempt to get the right lead, though you might let the auction die without intrusion.

Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner overcalled a one-heart opening bid with two hearts. We play this as the Michaels Cuebid, 5-5 in spades and a minor. What is my right course of action with ♠ A-2, ♥ Q-3-2, ♦ 8-7-4-3, ♣ A-Q-7-2?

No Direction Home, Texarkana, Texas

ANSWER: Find out your partner's minor with a bid of two no-trump, giving him the opportunity to bid more than the minimum if he has extras. My guess would be to stop in three diamonds if that is his second suit, maybe to try for game with a call of four clubs if he shows that minor.

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WHY WAIT?
SWF enjoys fishing, camping, walks, dancing, dining out, quiet time at home. Seeking SWM, 21-50, to share interest with and get to know. Kimberly #85784

NEED A NICE GUY!
Romantic, fun SWF, enjoys family life, movies, dancing, horseback riding, gardening, cooking, and fishing. Seeking a tall SWM, N/S, 40-60, who wants to share a good friend and possible LTR. Twin Falls #838981

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

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
SF, 50, 5'11", light brown eyes, employed, sociable, easygoing, likes horror films, most music, hanging with friends. Looking for a cool, fun guy to hang with. Wendell #836019

SWEET, PETITE CHRISTIAN
SWF, 67, employed part-time, seeks caring, honest SWM, 50-70, for dating and more. Holistic #835651 @ Joyes549

HELLO BIG BOY
SWF, very young SF, going back to college, likes dancing, dogs, cats, horses. Seeking SM, 50-70, for dating and more. Holistic #835651 @ Joyes549

YOU NEVER KNOW
SWF, 26, 5'11", blonde/blue, mother, enjoys the outdoors, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, movies, relaxing at home, cuddling. Looking for a good-hearted guy for share simple fun, and friendship first. Holistic #8323359

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
SWF, 65, Libra, part-time school cafeteria worker, N/S, loves country drives and walks, movies, dining out. Seeking WM, 60-70, Holistic #946212

HI
SWF, 21, very easygoing, Cancer, N/S, enjoys shopping and meeting new people. Seeking WM, 19-27, for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Holistic #816306

NEEDS SOME SUGAR
SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SWHM, 38-54. Holistic #844241 @ SemSuite

NOT AFRAID TO GET MY...
hands dirty. SWF, 19, 5', dishwater-blond/hazel, Aquarius, N/S, enjoys dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 19-30, N/S, to chat with. Burley #818228

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SF, 21, 5'2", short brown dark brown 150lbs, looking for someone child friendly, outgoing, honest man to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Holistic #8374280

SEEKING COMPANION
DF, 40, 5'2", brown/blue, great smile. Enjoys fishing, slow dancing, romantic evenings and more. Looking for a SM, 38-43, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, funny and outgoing. Burley #879925

WAITING 4 THE PERFECT GUY
Fun SWF, long blonde hair, big green eyes, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing. Looking to meet a SWM, 28-38, who's sexy and fun, to share good times, possible LTR. Holistic #836014 @ becard0529

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
45-year-old SWF, mother of two, CNA. I love camping, mountains, long rides, etc. ISO a S/DWM, 35-65, who has similar interest. Burley #870751

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF, 18, 4'11", enjoys horror and comedy films, pizza, hanging with friends, music, more. Seeking responsible, loving SM, 18-25, to share talks, dates, friendship and more. Holistic #8312175

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. Finlay #893542 @ Kamator

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!
SWF, 60, 4'10", medical professional, HWTR. I enjoy yard work, walks, relaxing at home, animals, etc. Seeking a SWM, 55-67, to share special times together, friendship and more. Holistic #8193531

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN
Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, N/S, likes camping, fishing, traveling, dining out. Seeking active SWF, 40-60, N/S, looks unimportant, must be honest, caring and true, friendship first, maybe LTR. Twin Falls #816440

ONE WOMAN MAN
SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, who's outgoing, for friendship maybe more. #831587

NO GAMES PLEASE
SWM, 28, N/S, honest, kind, likes children, movies, mexican food, ISO caring, sweet, sincere, fun-loving SF, 18-25, for dating and more. Holistic #852248 @ scrat

LET'S HANG OUT
SWM, 29, 5'9", 145lbs, brown/brown, Pisces, smoker, loves Smashung Pumpkins. Seeking woman, 22-35, for friendship, possible romance. Holistic #8331113

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
Scorable, honest SWM, 21, 5'9", 160 lbs, looking for a nice, easygoing, honest, level-headed SF to get to know, share some fun and more. Gooding #8323674

PRETTY OPEN
Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #834856

JUST AN ORDINARY GUY
HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, very hard-working, seeks a woman, 25-45, to connect with. Holistic #899554 @ pokerpro

WORTH A CALL
Employed, honest SM, 45, loves the outdoors, coin collecting, hunting, fishing, quiet romantic walks, candlelight snuggling. Seeking easygoing, understanding, good-humored, with fun female, to share life with. Lone Star #832593

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, dancing, quiet evenings, romance. Kimberly #8333773

SEEKS PRETTY GF
WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls #852430

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 #8326370 @ SHYFLOWBOY

LET'S TALK
SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, out going, fun, works construction, likes dining, walks, camping, more. ISO active SF who enjoys the same. Holistic #804445

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, N/D, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Holistic #850460

ANY NICE GIRLS OUT THERE?
SWM, 27, N/S, hard-working, likes the outdoors. Seeking a nice woman, who's not afraid to get a little dirty and still have fun. Holistic #857383 @ philipj83031

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
SWM, 42, 5'6", 185lbs, light brown/gray-green, truck driver, enjoys yard work, walks, turning, fishing, hiking, country drives, simple joys, ISO honest, commitment-minded lady to share the special times in life. Appletun #832940

OUTGOING KINDA GUY
SWM, 41, 6'1", employed, fun to be with, enjoys hunting, fishing, bowling and more. Seeking a SF, 26-54, who enjoys life to the fullest. Acquia #8340814

HANG OUT PARTNER WANTED!
SWM, 41, financially secure, loves to try new restaurants, weekend getaways, sporting events, very fun to know. ISO, seeking SF, 18-45. Let's explore! Holistic #8577625 @ fun-time1111

STILL LOOKING
SWM, 22, Italian, majoring in culinary arts, likes paint ball, rock climbing, movies, jump out of planes. Seeking SF, 18-23, for friendship and more. Holistic #8340662 @ davidjuraln011c

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SWM, 28, with a good education, ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appletun #851341

CALL ME
WM, 59", 175lbs, brown/hazel, likes country music, good movies and cuddling on the couch. Seeking WF, 30-49, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Wendell #859500

I'VE BEEN LOOKING
SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BBW that keeps herself up. Gooding #873580

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 #832445

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SWM, 57, 160lb, single parent, enjoys outdoors, skiing, dancing and socializing. Would like to meet a S/BW/F, 40-55, for a LTR. Holistic #8307304

STILL SEARCHING...
SWM, 48, 6'3", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoors, dining, sports, and more. Seeking SF, 28-44, who knows how to have a good time. If this sounds like you, contact me. Holistic #8313296

MAKE IT HAPPEN
SWM, 28, looking to meet a single female, 18-30. Someone who knows how to have a good time. If this sounds like you, contact me. Holistic #8313296

A GOOD GUY STILL EXISTS
Hard-working, churchgoing SM, 27, 6'4", 183lbs, brown/blue, seeks, enjoys horseback riding, karaoke, cycling, country music, comedy, comedy, action/adventure films, partying with friends. ISO fun SWF, 19-28. Holistic #8317467

FLEXIBLE FELLOW
SBM, 18, Scorpio, N/S, works at a choice factory, loves rollercoasters, motorcycles, camping, and fishing. Seeking nice, caring, loving SF, 18-25, N/S. Burley #833844

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SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors, friendship/relationship. Murtaugh #834399

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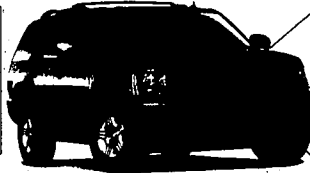
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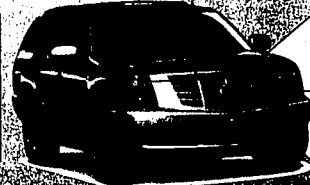
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Where did my time go?

When I was little, I went around whining that I was bored. Actually, the way I put it was "bore-riddid." (The definition of whining is drawing out a one-syllable word into two syllables.) My mother had no sympathy. She was always quick to suggest a billion things I could be doing, all of which were productive. Now, you see, I knew that there was always stuff I could do, but there was just nothing I wanted to do. When she said I could sweep the kitchen, I told her I'd rather be bored.

MAMA TALK
Suzanne DeSelms

Even after I grew up, my husband and I sometimes found ourselves in this same dilemma. Usually, it revolved around trying to save money. Sure, we could see a movie, but let's just stay home and spend time together instead. It's free.

"So, what do you want to do?" "I don't know. What do you want to do?"

Now, I understand why my mom was always so exasperated with me. Being bored is a luxury. I haven't been bored in, uh, let's see... by the time you read this... four months, two weeks and five days.

It's not that having a baby takes up every last minute of every single day. I'll be honest. Sometimes my son plays quietly by himself. Sometimes I can set him down and he stays asleep. Well, then what should I do with my time?

Let's see... Yardwork, dishes, laundry, get dressed, ready for work, mop my bills, take out the trash, straighten the living room-before the baby sitter gets there. (It's a good thing she helps with the housework or we'd be living in a garbage dump.) But, much like when I was a kid, I don't want to go go go for all 24 hours of my day. It would be nice to have a cup of tea. I find a book often enough that I don't have to flip backward to remember what's already happened.

Cuddle with my husband. Talk to my husband. Careen with me, so to each other, as one of us is always leaving just when the other is arriving.

Recently Ben suffered a minor injury after howling for about an hour, he went to bed early with Papa. It was any day off, and I tried to go to bed too, but he kept crying in his sleep (it was horrible... didn't even know babies could do that) and the fact is, normally I wouldn't even be home from work yet. I gave up.

I got up and tried to figure out what to do with myself. I had already taken a shower a few hours before, and I didn't want to risk waking them up by doing the laundry. I contemplated the dishes for about three seconds and realized I had already made myself a cup of tea. It's like my body knew what to do, even if my mind couldn't give up the idea that I should be doing something constructive.

I took the tea and a book and got into the guest bed, which the cats have claimed since we kicked them out of our room when the baby came. They looked surprised to see me and were polite about taking turns getting love, since I could pet only one cat at a time while drinking tea and reading a book.

The peace that floated through me was indescribable. After Ben's dream-crying settled down and eventually stopped, I snuck back into the bedroom, just about the time I would usually go to bed. I had accomplished absolutely nothing. And it was worth it.

Who knew a few hours alone in a quiet house could be so poignant? Before Ben, it was something I bent over backward to avoid.

It will be a very long time before you hear the word "bored" in my house again. In fact, the next person to be bored will probably be Ben.

I can already hear my mom laugh.

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"We sat down about a year ago — we wanted to be united. We made a list of what we expected, and then we called her in and told her. And that was that."

—Shauna Koopman, Hunter's mom, on shared parenting



At left, Devin Slagel and his wife, Chere, stand with Carter Koopman, 6, at front left, and their son Kolby Slagel, 4. At front right is Hunter Slagel, 11, whose divorced parents split custody of her, 50-50. Behind her are Mark and Shauna Koopman and their daughter Kennedy, 2, at the Slagels' home in Twin Falls. Hunter is a member of both families, and the Slagels and the Koopmans say they are all one big happy family.

Divided down the middle

Twin Falls family shares daughter in 50-50 custody

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's kids on a time share.

More and more these days, divorced parents are sharing custody of their kids in a 50-50 split. No more school years with mom and summers with dad. These kids go back and forth between two households, sometimes as often as every few days.

Local experts say that in most cases 50-50 custody splits are the only compromise parents can reach in heated custody battles. In rare cases, the agreements are made in hopes of focusing on the child's interests rather than the loss of a marriage.

The Slagel/Koopman family of Twin Falls is one of those rare cases. Eleven-year-old Hunter Slagel spends two weeks of the month in

her mother's house, the other two weeks with her father and his family. Hunter's mother, Shauna Koopman, said no one in the family thinks of themselves as stepparents or step-siblings.

"Hunter doesn't really have a step-family, she just has a gigantic family," she said.

When Shauna and Devin Slagel divorced in 1999, they decided to put Hunter's needs first. They knew immediately they'd share time with their daughter equally.

"I think fathers have just as many rights as mothers and sometimes more," Shauna said. "Devin is a really good dad and has always been supportive."

At first Hunter traded houses every week, but Shauna said that quickly got monotonous; so the family switched to a two-week rotation.

Shauna and Devin both remarried a few years after their divorce. And both credit their spouses with stepping into the situation and immediately jumping onto the bandwagon.

"Hunter has always been the most important variable in the equation. All of us were there for her," Shauna said.

As other siblings were added, the family chose not to create boundaries. All of the children are welcome at each house. And all of them are included in family functions — not just with their parents but with the extended families, as well.

"The kids play together like nothing's different," said Devin Slagel. "She watches Kolby (Devin's son). Right now, I have Kennedy (Shauna's youngest daughter). We just felt that was the best for the kids, despite any differences we had. It's best to work them out for the kids."

Both sets of parents attend school and extracurricular functions for Hunter and split expenses equally. All four parents talk regularly and have similar rules in each home.

"We sat down about a year ago — we wanted to be united. We made a list of what we expected, and then we called her in and told her," Shauna said. "And that was that."

Beyond that, they're all friends and enjoy each other's company. Step-mother Chere Slagel and Shauna Koopman coordinate schedules and say they have no reason to doubt each other's commitment to Hunter. They talk daily and have common goals for the daughter they share.

They even have friendly arguments about what's the stricter mom.

As for Hunter, she's never known life any other way, as she was too young to remember when her mother and father were married to each other.

"It's cool," she said. "I have two houses, and I have lots of fun at both houses."

She admits she misses her siblings when she switches from one house to another, but she said she can't think of any pitfalls to the arrangement.

Mark Koopman, Hunter's stepfather, agrees.

"I don't see any," Mark said. "Granted, it would be nice to have Hunter the whole time, but that would be greedy."

The Koopman/Slagel family seems to be an exception rather than the standard in 50-50 custody agreements.

Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram oversees custody disputes and mediates settlements. The number of 50-50 custody splits he deals with has increased in recent years. He said they typically happen for one of three reasons: economics or work.

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From Demi and Angelina to you and me: Pregnancy goes glam

Women celebrate their changing bodies

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Like any expectant mother, Kai Walter, six months pregnant, has lots to get done before the big day. One of her most important errands: an upcoming trip to the West Coast, where she has an appointment to take off her clothes and be photographed.

Not for some magazine cover, a Demi Moore, but for her own personal collection of pregnancy memories.

The idea is to artistically capture her blossoming belly in all its glory, something more and more women are doing these days. Or they might be making a plaster "belly cast" of their changing form.

Or even consulting a "pregnancy stylist" to mirror out a cool, midriff-baring maternity wardrobe. Pregnancy, in short, has become hipper, more glamorous — sexy even. It sure

feels odd to think that way about something as basic as, well, the propagation of the human race. And yet, fueled by an ever-spiraling interest in the lives of our celebrities and a consumer culture always coming up with new luxuries, the very act of reproduction appears to have reinvented itself.

"It's hip now to be pregnant," says Jill Siefert, a fashion stylist in San Francisco who recently added pregnancy styling to her business. "Everybody's doing it."

Of course, everybody's always done it. It's just that we're hearing about it so much more now — especially right now. Take the latest cover of People (perhaps they should rename it Parents). Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, new parents of Suri, are flanked by Gwyneth Paltrow and newborn Moses, and Donald and Melania Trump with newborn Barron. Inside, Liv Tyler and Jon Stewart cavort with their re-

spective offspring. Matt Damon awaits his, Brooke Shields talks about hers. And this is only April. The coming months promise the birth of the Brad Pitt-Angelina Jolie baby, still in utero but already presumed impossibly gorgeous.

The fascination seems to step from our generation's desire to see celebrities as people just like us — almost part of the family, says University of Mississippi magazine analyst Samir Husni: "All of a sudden the whole country has become an aunt and uncle to these babies."

Sandra Leong, pregnant with her second child, has been affected by the close-up view of celebrity pregnancies. "They are

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Kai Walter holds a photograph taken during her ninth month of pregnancy with her son William Jopson, now 21 months, in her New York apartment April 23. She plans another photo session of her current pregnancy.

FAMILY LIFE

Mixed-race identities are a mixed bag

By Ellen Tomson
Knight Ridder News Service

How do you identify your racially or ethnically mixed child?
On a school form, for example, your child is half-Asian and half-white, do you voluntarily place a check in the box labeled "Asian or Pacific Islander," the box for "white, non-Hispanic" or the one that says "other, please identify?"
One researcher wondered how parents handle that racial identity issue.
In a study of 17,219 kindergartners, he found in virtually all white-nonwhite biological combinations, parents were much more likely to identify their child as nonwhite. But that may be changing.
The study identified the three most common pairings: His-

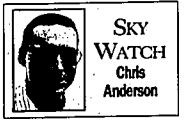
panic and white, non-Hispanic black and white; and Asian and white.
In all three pairings, the father's race played a major role in determining how the child was labeled, according to the study by David Brunnsma, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia and author of "Mixed Messages: Multiracial Identities in the Color-Blind Era" (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2005).
For the children of Hispanic and white parents, in particular, the study found racial identity is especially complicated. Girls who are Hispanic and white are more likely to be identified as Hispanic, white boys with the same background are more likely to be identified as white by their parents.
The higher a family's socioeconomic class, the greater the

likelihood parents identify their child as white instead of Hispanic, according to Brunnsma.
Parents living in Southern states also were more likely to identify both sons and daughters as white. However, if the number of minority students attending a child's elementary school was high, parents were more likely to say a son or a daughter's background was Hispanic.
Children with a black parent and a white parent were more likely to be identified as white in Northeastern and Western states than in the Midwest. These parents, too, showed a greater likelihood of indicating a child is black if the child is enrolled in an elementary school where a high percentage of students come from minority or mixed backgrounds.
In Asian-and-white pairings,

girls with Asian fathers and boys and girls living in Western states or in families in higher socioeconomic brackets were more likely to be viewed as biracial or multiracial by their parents. But a girl with an Asian mother and a white father was more likely to be viewed by her parents as Asian.
In general, parents in all three of the major mixed-race combinations seem to be "moving away from identifying biracial and multiracial children as nonwhite and, instead, are preferring multiracial or white," Brunnsma concluded.
Brunnsma said he found the amount of variation today in racial identification by parents of mixed-race children "astonishing" when compared historically with race classifications and attitudes in the United States.

This Big Dipper star is full of surprises

Over the centuries, the journey to understand the middle star in the handle of the Big Dipper, known as Mizar, has been many twists and turns. Since antiquity, keen-eyed observers have noticed that near it is a much fainter star, called Alcor. Tradition holds that some Native American cultures used Alcor as a test for the eyesight of prospective hunters. And Arabic sky watchers knew Mizar and Alcor as the "horse and rider."
In 1617, eight years after Galileo's first telescope, his student Benedetto Castelli examined Mizar with his own telescope and found that it was actually a double star (now known as Mizar A and Mizar B). Mizar became the first binary star to be discovered (by John Whipple and George Bond) in 1857.
Mizar A was the subject of yet another first when Edward Mizar interferometer found its spectrum (a super-detailed version of the smear of colors produced by a prism) in 1889 and found that it possessed two distinct sets of spectral lines. The explanation was that Mizar A was actually two stars, so close together that they appeared as one in a telescope.
Mizar is the first known spectroscopic binary. In 1908, Edward Frost found Mizar B to be a spectroscopic binary, following a similar procedure. An announcement by John Alder that Alcor in 1949 — although the latter was dubious due to the poor quality of the faint star's spectrum — found Mizar and Alcor appeared to comprise a quintuple star system.
In 1996, using a prototype optical interferometer (an extremely high-precision



SKY WATCHER
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday
• Planets:
• One hour before sunrise:
Venus: E, very low
Jupiter: WSW, very low
One hour after sunset:
Mars: W, mid-sky
Saturn: WSW, high
Jupiter: ESE, very low
• Moon: First quarter: 1:13 p.m. Thursday. Close to Mars tomorrow evening. Close to Saturn Wednesday night.
• Other data: International Astronomy Day is this Saturday, May 6.

imager), astronomers from the Naval Observatory succeeded in imaging Mizar A's two stars separately. The latest surprises came one year later, when the Hubble Space Telescope found that Alcor is actually not a binary but a single variable star (whose spectral variations had fooled Heald). And although Alcor moves through space with Mizar, they are actually light years apart and not orbiting a common center of mass.
Next week: Viewing Venus with and without a telescope.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrera Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Menus:
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, pineapple cake
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, spinach, pasta salad, cobbler
Wednesday: Creamed chicken with noodles, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, bread, dessert
Thursday: Chicken cordon bleu, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, bread, chessecake
Friday: Taco salad, refried beans, Mexi-corn, dessert
Activities:
Monday: Quilting, Bridge Club, Medicare D
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood Pressure
Wednesday: Elks Card Club
Thursday: Quilting, Medicare D
Friday: Blood pressure, Lunch bingo
Saturday: Quilting, Texas 1010 am
Sunday: Pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Menus:
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Beef stew, vegetables, salad, fruit, roll, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken fingers, fries, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Spaghetti, vegetables, salad, fruit, french bread, dessert
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60 and \$3 for children 12 and under
Sunday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic

Filler Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinner served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.
Menus:
Tuesday: Sandwiches with cold cuts, cheese, baked potato bar with toppings, fruit, Jell-O
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and olives, refried beans, cottage cheese, salad with vegetables, fruit, Jell-O with topping
Activities:
Monday: Skateland, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pie class, 1:30 p.m.
Exercise, 7 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Pie class, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Face class, 1:30 p.m.
Exercise
Saturday: Arthritis education day

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.
Menus:
Monday: Ham and beans, fruit, cookies, cornbread
Tuesday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, carrots, cream puffs, applesauce
Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, chips and salsa
Thursday: Chicken fried sandwich, country vegetables, green salad, applesauce
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, cream, Jell-O with fruit, banana cream pie
Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Bowling
Tuesday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Friday: Old Time Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.
Menus:
Monday: Barbecue chicken, potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert
Tuesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salad, fruit, bread, birthday cake
Wednesday: Brunch buffet — eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, hash browns, fruit, dessert
Activities:
Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Bowling
Tuesday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Friday: Old Time Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Menus:
Full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; take-out available; \$3.50 for seniors, \$4.50 for non-seniors.
Monday: Baked potato bar, bread, peaches
Wednesday: Cheesy tuna wrap, tossed salad, french fries, mixed fruit, cookie
Friday: Chicken and dumplings, potatoes, carrot and raisin salad, chocolate pudding
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menus:
Monday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, green beans, salad, dessert, bread
Tuesday: Fish, au gratin potatoes, peas, cottage cheese, fruit, brownies, bread
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, Mandarin oranges, dessert, breadsticks
Thursday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, Harvard beans, Jell-O, pie, rolls
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wed: One 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 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.
Music with June Koonce, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 2 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Trip to Pine Senior Center

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.
Menus:
Tuesday: Beef stew, cottage cheese, fruit, bread, cookies
Wednesday: Turkey casserole, tossed salad, fruit, Jell-O bread, pudding
Friday: Porcupine balls, baked potatoes, green beans, fruit, bread, dessert
Activities:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
Tuesday: Creamed chicken, mixed potatoes, broccoli, salad, fruit, cookies
Thursday: Lasagna, green beans, colelaw, fruit, apple bites, ice cream
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake day, Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.

219 N. Itail St. W., Shoshone
Menus:
Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily
Tuesday: Chicken strips, french fries, green beans, homemade bread, cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Potato soup, roast beef sandwich, coconut cream pie
Friday: Baked potato bar with hamburger, chili, cheese, broccoli, salsa, green onions and sour cream, homemade rolls, Jell-O
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Bingo, 2 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Menus:
Tuesday: Lamb chops or sausage, shepherd's potatoes, biscuits, spinach, pineapple upside-down cake
Wednesday: Cheesburger with trimmings, potato salad, chocolate cupcakes
Friday: Oven-fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttermilk biscuits, baked beans, colelaw, grapes, lemon meringue pie
Activities:
Tuesday: Caregivers, 10:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Carey center

Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday: All-day trip to Boise, leaves 7:45 a.m.

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Menus:
Tuesday: Creamed chicken, mixed potatoes, broccoli, salad, fruit, cookies
Thursday: Lasagna, green beans, colelaw, fruit, apple bites, ice cream
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake day, Bingo, 7 p.m.

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Menus:
Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, salad, ice cream
Tuesday: Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches; french fries; vegetables; salad; pudding
Wednesday: Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, chessecake
Thursday: Chef salad, Texas toast, cottage cheese, pineapple brownies
Friday: Smorgasbord
Activities:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Spaghetti, peas and carrots, tossed salad, bread, apricot crisp
Tuesday: Cheddar potato soup, fruit cup, brownies
Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, rice custard
Thursday: Hamburgers, assorted chips, baked beans, fresh orange, ice cream treat
Friday: Chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, corn, melon dendley, Rice Krispie treat
Activities:
Monday: Pool
Tuesday: Pool
Woodcarving, 8:30 a.m.
Community Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Menus:
Monday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, green beans, salad, dessert, bread
Tuesday: Fish, au gratin potatoes, peas, cottage cheese, fruit, brownies, bread
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, Mandarin oranges, dessert, breadsticks
Thursday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, Harvard beans, Jell-O, pie, rolls
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wed: One 6 p.m.
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Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
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TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
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Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Trip to Pine Senior Center

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Zoom groom:

Out-of-the-tub tips to clean a dog fast



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Grooming wipes are moist and sturdy disposable towels that handle wipe away dirt and odor between baths. They're perfect for a quick touch-up or as a bath alternative.
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Former Twin Falls veterinarian AMyr Becker is a veterinary columnist to "Good Morning America."

Long summer days

Your options for day care while the kids are out of school.
NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

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Pet PDA keeps schedules in order

By Moaghan Wolff
The Washington Post

What's that cute dog waltzing name again? And when is Toto's next play date? The Pet Master (\$25.45 at www.thepetmaster.com) might be able to help you find the answers.

In some, this PDA for your pet (yes, you read that right) may seem ridiculous, but for those who want to compartmentalize the hectic lives of Fido and Fluffy, this paw-shed device is just the ticket. (It's the brainchild of Excalibur Electronics, also responsible for gadgets such as the Bar Master Deluxe, which is all about finding any drink "at the press of a button.")

Approximately the same size as most humans' personal digital assistants, the Pet Master is designed to help you organize and store the various appointments and contacts associated with up to four pets — check-ups, groomings, vaccination schedules and play dates.

For the oblivious (or obsessed), it offers an alarm system that goes off when it's due time for a birthday, and it comes with an encyclopedia of cat-and-dog information, from health tips to trivia.



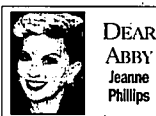
Photo courtesy of Excalibur Electronics

It also comes stored with information that could prove useful on the road, such as lists of emergency vets in the United States and Canada, as well as pet-friendly hotels and motels.

We won't yank your paw too

hard: Without a proper alphabet and number keypad, data entry can be annoying, but the Pet Master offers enough useful information to make it a scheduler with entertainment value built-in.

Trucker's wife feels like a widow



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After almost 30 years of marriage, my husband "Grant" took a long-distance trucking job. This leaves me alone on many Sundays and evenings, and I'm having a terrible time adjusting to it. I feel sad lots of times, like I'm living the life of a widow. Being a widow is terrible, but living like one while your husband is still alive seems worse.

I attend any social event that gives me contact with people while Grant is away. Sundays are difficult because I am limited to visiting older women who are widows. My children are grown and live hundreds of miles away, and I don't want to impose on my married friends who have their husbands to do things with.

Absence is supposed to make the heart grow fonder, but it makes me feel distant and bitter. Do other wives of pilots, truckers, traveling salesmen, etc., feel the same way? If so, how can I change my attitude?

—TRUCKER WIDOW IN TEXAS

DEAR WIDOW: The surest way to change your attitude is to start celebrating your independence instead of cursing it. You have too much time on your hands. Buy a pet, adopt a hobby, start taking classes while your husband is gone, and fill those lonely hours of separation. You can be as happy as you make up your

mind to be — or as miserable. It's a question of mind over matter.

DEAR ABBY: My son was an Apache helicopter pilot in the Army. He was active in the initial invasion of Iraq and spent a year serving his country. It was a very difficult time for me. Eventually I suffered a nervous breakdown from the stress.

My son is now honorably discharged and safe at home. My problem is that friends keep sending me e-mails and updates. If I know what they are by the subject line, I delete them.

Recently I got an e-mail about a soldier whose job it was to inform the families when their loved ones had been killed. I had an emotional meltdown when I saw it. I know firsthand the fear that family members feel.

I was driving my car when I heard an Apache helicopter fly overhead. My husband and I were taken hostage. I nearly crashed the vehicle. It could have been my son. It taught me

not to listen to the news while driving.

How do I tell everyone not to send me correspondence about the war and the ongoing in Iraq? They have no idea how this affects me. I haven't seen this issue addressed in your column.

—SALLY IN DEARBORN, MICH.

DEAR SALLY: I'm sure your friends mean well, so tell them in plain English exactly what you have told me. You should also contact the physician who treated you at the time of your nervous breakdown and explain that you are still experiencing problems. Some sessions with a psychiatrist who specializes in post-traumatic stress may be able to help you finally close this chapter of your life.

DEAR ABBY: My family is going to buy a new sofa and loveseat because our old ones are in very bad shape. They're in bad shape because we have dogs and cats who are scratching their bed. So why buy a new set if it will only end up like the old one isn't it a waste of money?

—NORTH ROLINA

DEAR HOLLY: Yes, and that is why I'm suggesting that your family visit until you can buy a new sofa and loveseat on a mattress to accommodate the "moochers." Either that, or learn to say no.

Something old, something new

Heirloom bridal showers catch on

By Stacy Downs
Knight Rider News Service

A bridal shower can be almost as memorable as your wedding day — if there's a twist.

My aunt proposed that six years ago when they hosted an "heirloom shower" in honor of my upcoming nuptials. It was such a blast.

Both sides of my family shared stories, recipes and gifts that I think about all the time. Here's what they did:

• Invitations: I knew the shower was going to be special as soon as I received the handmade invitation. My Aunt Jill found an illustrated postcard of a bride and groom and had the vintage motif — no copyright problem — printed on stickers that she put on the front of the natural linen cards.

She tied the invitation shut with a sage silk ribbon. I felt like I was unwrapping a gift. Inside, she wrote, "Please bring something old or something new for the bride to cherish."

Of course, ready-made invitations would save loads of time. I asked Abby Tamman, a recent bride and owner of HCO party stores in Prairie Village, Kan., for ideas on what would fit the theme of an heir-

Gift ideas

- Vintage books tailored to the bride's interests
- Old furniture pieces that can be used as end tables or a computer desk
- Family home movies converted into DVDs
- Monogrammed items
- Vintage hand tools in good condition

loom shower

You want it to look a little old-fashioned but' also fresh and interesting for a modern bride," she said. You can use vinyl computer and printer at home to create personalized store-bought invitations.

• Mood and food. Every decorative detail at my shower had meaning. Two large ivory ceramic vases were filled with a variety of off-white flowers. Turns out the vases were from my grandmother's wedding.

To push the heirloom concept, a shower could be decorated with glass vases filled with heirloom fruits, vegetables or flowers.

The menu at my shower included family favorites such as beef-tenderloin salad, spiced shrimp and champagne cocktails. Dessert was blissfully different from the typical sheet cake and mints. One of my

aunts made a cousin's recipe for cream cheese pie.

Another idea for an heirloom shower dessert is using a family-favorite cake recipe to make cupcakes. Stack them on tiered plates to give them a wedding cake look.

• Heirlooms. This part of the shower was especially touching. My family gave me framed photographs of my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents' wedding days.

The one of Grandma Downs was my favorite, in part because it's in a frame that belonged to my great-grandparents more than a century ago.

My mother-in-law, who lives in California, couldn't make it to the shower. But she also sent her wedding photograph and gave me a beautiful wooden box to hold the medicine I need. I felt like this shower helped the two families to gether before the wedding.

I loved how guests interpreted the theme. I had received gifts you'd traditionally associate with the word, such as linens, silver and china. And some pieces had been in my family for years, including my great-grandfather's christening cup from England.

I also received some new items that are timeless enough to be passed on some day, such as good knives and breakfast dishes. Quality always lasts.

Sagittarius: Good vibes are contagious

IF APRIL 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Keeping up with the Joneses may be the best habit of your mind in the months ahead or you may become obsessed with romantic aspirations. Don't overextend yourself this month, as you may have unexpected obligations dumped in your lap in June or July. Reassess your finances and relationships in late July or early August when you are more than usual, but do not go overboard or become extravagant. Next January and February, it is wise to avoid going into whiffs or making a change in career. But a new romance may knock on your door if you are single or your reputation may be enhanced by a new partner.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Quell romantic turmoil with a good dose of forgiveness. As Mary Poppins noted, a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. Deal with others in "the most delightful way" this week.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Passions that have been frustrated may be a signal you are on the wrong path. Concentrate on aspirations rather than ambitions early this week. Unexpected changes could cause you setbacks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Thank your lucky stars for an understanding mate or a helpful friend. Although early this month, as you may have unexpected obligations dumped in your lap in June or July. Reassess your finances and relationships in late July or early August when you are more than usual, but do not go overboard or become extravagant. Next January and February, it is wise to avoid going into whiffs or making a change in career. But a new romance may knock on your door if you are single or your reputation may be enhanced by a new partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Exert extra effort to be sympathetic and generous. Ignore that little voice that urges you to do the selfish thing. Your stamina and ability to cope with emergencies may be tested for a few days.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): All's well that ends well. Trying conditions may be relieved or interrupted by a vote of confidence from a friend or partner. Over-generous with your resources and someone will help you out of a jam.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Good news contentment is just within reach. A significant other may be too busy to stop and smell the roses with you early in the week. Stick to current projects and don't start anything new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Accept the good with the bad, and ignore the ugly. It might be best to be vague and yielding rather than putting your foot down, moaning, or sulking. Don't stir up resentment or jealousy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Good vibes are contagious. Escape for the day and recharge your psychic batteries with a movie or a walk in the park. Get plenty of rest so you can tackle new stuff tomorrow and not CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You don't always get what you want. You may catch a glimpse of an opportunity to necessary for the day and recharge your psychic batteries with a movie or a walk in the park. Get plenty of rest so you can tackle new stuff tomorrow and not

PICES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is sometimes to your advantage to act pullable and naive. The beginning of the week is not a good time to strike bargains or form agreements. Shrug off problems by playing innocent.

Ignore kids when they're bored

By Richard Carlson
Knight Rider News Service

Question: My kids are constantly telling me how bored they are, and it drives me crazy. What can I do?

Answer: First of all, know you are not alone. But there is an actual solution that works wonders.

Without knowing it, and quite innocently, most of us parents compound the problem of our kids' boredom by seeing it as the problem to begin with. In other words, we react to their "boredom" by acting concerned, offering suggestions and just plain juggling the subject energy. As our kids notice it gets our attention, it does them things. First, it reinforces to them that their assessment of the situation is correct — there really is an "issue" called boredom. And second, it draws you in, giving them a solution as opposed to making them solve the problem themselves.

So, we have to put the problem and the solution into their own hands. The best way to do this is to let them become totally unconcerned with the issue of boredom and to redefine it in your mind.

The next time your child or your kids come running to you and say, "I'm bored," rather than react with any sort of sort of concern, simply say to them, "Great, be bored."

At first you won't believe the disbelief in their eyes. "E-gad, you're suggesting they go ahead and be bored?" But yes, that is the solution. By saying and believing that boredom is perfectly fine, it takes the panic out of the situation. And when the kids don't have your reassurance that boredom is the enemy, and they see that you're perfectly comfortable with it, they will find their own things to do.

We live in a frenetic world where adults as well as children literally panic when nothing is

going on. Everything is so speeded up. So a few minutes or even a few hours of quiet isn't going to hurt anyone. So what if someone is bored. It's the break everyone's been waiting for! And what's more, boredom is a fertile ground for creativity. You'll find that if you can sit with your boredom and just let it be what it is, some wonderful ideas will come to you. You'll also experience what peace feels like — and your kids will too.

And as your final benefit, once your kids know you heartily don't care that they are bored, they will stop complaining to you about it. They will learn to entertain themselves and find out that something doesn't have to be going on every single second.

Richard Carlson is the author of the bestseller "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff."

Pride & joystick: Playing video games with kids

By Liz Doup
Knight Rider News Service

Ka-boom! Ka-boom! Ka-boom! Rifle shots ring out. The blood splatters. The bad guys fall.

The action unfolds on a large TV screen in the peaceful town of Cooper City, Fla., where a father and son battle turmoil playing Halo 2, a computer game.

While some fathers bond with sons at the ballpark, Tom Bauer, 13, and his dad, Thomas Bauer Jr., 43, like to connect on a computer screen.

This spring, for the first time they competed together on a team in a Halo 2 competition.

"You get better that way," says Tom, who entered his first competition last fall.

Competition is as much a part of gaming as it is a baseball game.

Though the Bauers practice at home, some fans sharpen their skills at South Florida gaming centers, which offer

their own in-house contests all year-round.

During practice, the Bauers' thumbs dance over their controllers as they battle aliens bent on destroying Earth. Think of it as an elaborate game of hide-and-seek, only with deadly weapons.

Silently-boom!

A rocket blast roars, followed by the rat-a-tat-tat of gunfire.

Thomas, 43, says his son says, alerting his father, "Behind the rocks. Behind the rocks!"

Aaaaangggghhhhh comes the sound when the wounded alien slinks to the ground.

Mission accomplished.

The Bauers aren't unique in

the gaming world. A recent survey by the Entertainment Software Association showed that three out of four American parents say they play computer and video games with their kids.

Even two-hour sited playing games has brought their families together.

The Bauers' computer link began when Tom was 3, sitting on the floor, watching his dad play party mouse. It kept them connected long-distance when Dad's job brought him to Florida while the family finished the school year in San Diego.

"I couldn't give him a hug," Bauer says. "But we could play games on the computer."

"Real Estate Corner" APPRAISALS ARE SUBJECTIVE

by Laura Fitzgerald
RE/MAX American Dream Realty

Appraisals, although based on statistics, are subjective, not objective, and can vary among appraisers. If an appraisal comes in lower than the selling price agreed upon between buyer and seller, the buyer can use that figure as ammunition to cancel the deal.

Fortunately, most appraisers are amenable to a dissenting written opinion

from a listing agent on behalf of a seller, if the opinion is supported by hard data such as comparable sales (comps) of similar homes, specific recent sales or overlooked, value-added property features. Adjustments to the report may be made once the appraiser has all the facts at his/her command. ©

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FAMILY LIFE

Survive the early years of motherhood in style

By Amie Streator
Knight Ridder News Service

There are so many jobs involved in being a mom: diaper changing, errand runner, nose wiper, pack animal.

It's so overwhelming that it's understandable that some new moms give up on caring what they look like when they walk out the door. We want to wear nice clothes when they're just going to get Cheerio mush ground into them?

Well, it's a scientifically proven fact (because we said so) that when you look better, you feel better.

Even if you are packing a few pairs of pants and a sweater, sleeping another 20 pounds of gear, you can pull off the early years of motherhood with nice style intact. And don't think that you don't have time to shop. We've done the legwork for you.

The stroller

Shopping for a stroller can be downright depressing. Your choices are usually navy, navy

with white and navy with tan. Gag. If you are going to be pushing this thing around for three years, you might as well get one that's fun to look at. We love the Maxtern Quest stroller in Fresh Green.

It's lightweight — only 13.4 pounds — and folds with one hand. Includes a generously sized basket, a fastest far seat, little feet and an adjustable canopy to shade tender eyes from the sun. For 3 months of age to 55 pounds. \$249. www.babystyle.com.

The carrier

We find those chest-pack baby carriers very annoying. Even though your hands are free, it's hard to actually accomplish anything because, well, the baby is right there in the middle.

Watch any mom do it the old-fashioned way and you'll see that it's always at the hip, the way Mother Nature and our lower backs intended. This unique "Ultra EZ Carrier Deluxe" from One Step Ahead puts baby right where you want

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Diaper bag: the splurge

Patunia Pickle Bottom diaper bags are the hands-down favorite of celebrity moms, and it's easy to see why.

This is one diaper bag that is more Riz-Z-Carlton than Chuck E. Cheese. The "excour" roll bag shown here has silky burlap fabric in a beautiful shade of aquamarine with chocolate-brown trim and lining. The "scout" straps convert from shoulder bag to backpack for

hands-free toting. Includes changing pad, two bottle pockets, key fob and a small pouch that detaches with Velcro. 12.5 inches by 13.5 inches. \$162. Available online at www.babystyle.com.

Diaper bag: the steal

This bag boasts the "sport" style that is so hot this spring. It's called green with navy trim that will coordinate with almost any outfit.

Whether you have one child or six, the ample size of this Army Coe "Bell" bag will hold everything you need for the bimbos and a few things for yourself, too.

Includes a drawing pouch, roll-up padded changing pad, two interior bottle pockets, two inside zipper pockets, an outside pocket and the cutest polka-dot hat. \$69.95. Available online at www.babystyle.com. Item # 2999. Target.

The headset

Another mom invention. Swapsip by Stiff Thomas solves the problem of iPod or

cellphone ear buds that won't stay in your car. New York lawyer/mom Stephanie Card came up with a headband you can wear all day with interchangeable phone headsets and headphones for your iPod. Not only do they look better than your typical ear buds, they are much more comfortable.

A bonus: Because they are attached to the headset, it's harder for your little darling to jerk it out of your ear.

Combination packages, including a headband in your choice of fabric, coordinating headphones and headset, jewelry-like danglers and travel bags, are \$85. Available online at www.swapsip.com.

The uniform

When it comes to clothes, mothers of young children tend to choose comfort and practicality over style. If you're a stay-at-home mom, your wardrobe is a closet of T-shirts and sweatpants.

This hoodie-and-pants combo from ProSport Athletic Gear and get the best of both worlds. Available online at www.stylenation.com.

fit, slim and shaped through the waist, with the necessary side pockets that every mom needs for keys and binicles. Machine washable. Cotton/polyester. \$17.99. Target.

The drawing pants have a modern, wide-leg cut, and the fabric stretches to allow you to bend over and pick up your little angel 40 times a day.

We love the "Elin Green" color and the slimming vertical side trim in ribbed egg blue. Available online at www.stylenation.com.

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Fear factor: When parents teach teens to drive

By AngeliQue Soanarie
Knight Ridder News Service

Maria Thrash let out a sigh before she shared her experiences of teaching her two teenagers to drive.

"I'm very patient and grit your teeth when I teach anybody other parents. It's an extremely hard thing to do."

Maria remembers the stress of sitting in the passenger seat with her 16-year-old daughter, April, 16, drove for the first few times. Hoping April watch for traffic while driving on the interstate was the most stressful job for Maria. Reminding April to stop at stop signs and red lights was also nerve-racking.

Maria summed up her emotions in a simple phrase, "Lord help me."

Parents teaching their teens how to drive can be a hair-raising experience for many families.

"The fear factor is less on them than on us," said Maria. "We've got a high fear because we're not driving. They're not driving. They think they've got control. Once they get behind the wheel and feel comfortable, then the fear is gone. But the parent keeps fear their breasts out."

Last year, Maria and her husband, Mike, took turns preparing April for her exam to

Tips for teens

- Always use your seat belt.
- Read drivers' education manuals and review material with parents.
- Listen to your parents.
- Pay attention to what other drivers are doing.
- When you're coming up to a green light, still look both ways, in case another car runs a red light.
- Don't concern yourself with impressing your friends. Drive with a parent until you're comfortable behind the wheel.
- Don't play the radio, or keep it

on very low. Music can be a distraction while learning how to drive.

Sources: Teens April and Cher Thrash

Tips for parents

- Take your children to quiet streets and subdivisions for driving lessons. Do this several times before heading to freeways and highways.
- Parents should review drivers' education manuals with their teens.
- Remember to be very patient.

Sources: Parents Mike and Maria Thrash

get her driver's license. They did the same for their eldest daughter, Cher, now 17, the year before.

Maria and Mike weren't interested in calling "shotgun" for the front passenger seat if one of their girls was driving. In fact, there were times the couple needed to try their SUV to sit in the back seat.

"Everyone was nervous," said Mike with a laugh. During practice runs, Mike said April sometimes said, "I know, Daddy. I know. Daddy." Whenever he gave her instructions.

"But I don't know that you know that," he would reply.

Maria and Mike shared teaching duties to give their daughters more time behind the wheel.

Mike taught the girls the basics of how to operate a car, such as using the gas and brake pedals. Maria bravely took the girls on the road to test their driving skills.

"We would go every day when (April) turned 15," said Maria. "We started up and down the road where we lived. Then we ventured out on another street. That's when I started to panic."

"The more experience (they have) the better they get," said Mike.

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Knock, knock ... who's not there?

By Ana Veciana-Suarez
Knight Ridder News Service

Growing up in Miami, Barbara Pruitt remembers her parents popping in at friends' homes and staying for a couple of hours. These impromptu visits were threaded into the fabric of the family's social life.

Almost four decades later, Pruitt doesn't know many people who still pay old-fashioned visits. "We've bought into the idea that we've all stressed out and we're really busy, so we don't have time to visit with each other," says the Coral Gables, Fla., mother of two grown children. "You don't pop in on people anymore."

Pruitt's assessment is very much on the mark, according to a recent study by an economist at the National Bureau of Economic Research in New York. Visits to friends have been declining for the past 30 years, and visits to relatives for the past 20. It's not a huge decline — an estimated 10 percent drop — but it's enough to raise eyebrows.

In the 1970s, for instance, the typical American visited friends 95 times a year. By 2000 that was down to 85 visits, with much of the decline coming after adults.

"It's been slow, but it's there," says economist Henry Saffer. "It's noticeable when you compare it to a past generation."

Saffer tracked social interaction between 1972 and 2002 using data from the General Social Survey. (The GSS, which began in 1972 and is funded by the National Science Foundation, contains demographic and attitudinal questions.) His conclusions are surprising: He was surprised to find that many of our society's declining sociability index.

There are plenty of reasons why so few of us drop in on friends and relatives: We're working more hours, we live farther away from friends and, quite simply, we have a lot more options for entertainment than our parents did.

"There are cultural factors that have affected the way we socialize with family and friends," an anthropologist at the University of Miami. "We don't live in the same kind of world

We're still talking to each other, just not face to face.

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Attorney Manny Rodriguez doesn't visit his family, and friends as much as he would like.

Between his high-pressure job and the hour-long commute between his Miami home and his Boca Raton, Fla., office, he doesn't have much time to socialize.

But he makes good use of technology. He phones his parents in Western Fla. almost every day and talks to his sister almost as often.

"The way we keep in touch has changed," he says. "As families change and disperse, more and more Americans are using technology — everything from e-mails to cell phones — to preserve the bonds of intimacy with loved ones."

We may not be visiting each other as much, but we're certainly talking.

A Pew Research Center survey released in February showed that a growing number of Americans are in daily contact with their parents — a sure sign, as researchers put it, of the family's declining social mobility.

Manny Rodriguez, a 43-year-old attorney, knows this all too well. He lives in Miami Beach but works at a securities fraud firm in Boca Raton, Fla. A 10-hour workday is not unusual, nor is a one-hour commute. It leaves him in a Sunday mood, he often does, that leaves only Sunday to run errands, spend time with his girlfriend and visit with family and friends.

When he does visit, he makes sure to schedule it with friends and family by calling ahead of

time. "There's really no dropping by," he says. "It's not a casual kind of thing anymore."

But it isn't just demands on our time that affect our social habits. In fact, some experts believe we have as much free time as past generations. How we use it, however, has changed dramatically. Think computers. Think television. Think Internet.

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50-50

Continued from E1 schedules an effort to keep the family as close to intact as possible, and a last resort to solve disputes.

"These are the largest group. Most of these such serious conflicts between themselves that they hit upon this as a solution to the immediate issue of where the kids are going to be," Ingram said.

But Ingram said he rarely feels like the adults are looking out for the well-being of the children. "The underlying thought process there is that children are like property and we're going to divide them."

Ingram said the key to negotiating a successful custody agreement is to talk to the kids. In most cases, they know the answer.

"The best alternative is to lis-

ten to what the kids are telling you," Ingram said. "Kids have a better sense about their own needs and the relative parenting qualities of the parents. Most kids would tell you they really wish the parents wouldn't fight, and most kids harbor the hope the parents would get back together."

The biggest challenge to co-parenting is moving beyond feelings about the marriage relationship and sharing the parenting relationship. Jane Krumm is a Twin Falls counselor and has mediated a number of custody agreements. She said successful split-custody arrangements have several consistent qualities.

"They really do focus on kids' needs rather than their own needs. They communicate through the difficult things that

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Pregnant

Continued from E1 showing that it's OK to be big and beautiful," says Leong. Nov. 34, she remembers the then-ceremonial 19th Family Fair cover on which Demi Moore posed nude — at seven months pregnant. "She was the icon," says Leong. "People thought, she can't have her breasts and belly to show her body changing, why can't I?"

So a year and a half ago, Leong and photographer Jennifer Loomis to document her first pregnancy. Loomis recalls that a decade ago, when she told colleagues she wanted to make a business of her photo shoots, they laughed and said, "Nobody's going to pay you to do that."

Loomis has now photographed over 1,000 pregnant women from her bases in Seattle, San Francisco and New York, using swaths of fabric and artificial lighting to celebrate pregnant women's curves. Beginning at \$750 per session. Since 2002, she says, her business has

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DAYTON-STERZER

PAUL — Reed and Trudy Dayton of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Kabree Dayton, to David Sterzer, son of Richard and Susan Sterzer of Rigby.

Dayton is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School. She is a sophomore at Brigham Young University-Idaho, studying health science.

Sterzer is a 2001 graduate of Rigby High School and is a junior at BYU-Idaho studying biology. He served in the Japan Tokyo North Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed with the Madison School District in Reburg.

The couple will work in Ventura, Calif., for the summer



Kabree Dayton and David Sterzer

and will return to BYU-Idaho to finish their schooling in the fall.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, May 2, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Paul LDS Stake Center.

TAYLOR-BRUNING

JEROME — Doug and Julie Taylor of Gilbert, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Britney Taylor, to Brandon Bruning, son of Darwin and Pat Bruning of Jerome.

Taylor is a graduate of Mesquite High School in Gilbert and attended Brigham Young University-Idaho. She attends Evans' Hair Styling College in Reburg, where she will graduate in September.

Bruning is a graduate of Valley High School in Hazelton. He served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Romania Bucharest Mission. He is attending BYU-Idaho, where he is majoring in wedding and manufacturing technology.



Britney Taylor and Brandon Bruning

The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 4, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Hazelton LDS Church.

The couple will reside in Reburg while continuing their education.



LeRoy and Pauline Pathael

THE PATHAELS

JEROME — LeRoy and Pauline Pathael of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Jerome Senior Citizens Center, 212 First Ave. E. The couple requests no gifts.



Stubbs were married May 5, 1958, at the First Church of God in Jerome.

They have lived in Jerome for 50 years. He worked in construction as a carpenter, and she was a homemaker. The event is hosted by their children, Norilyn Roy (Mrs. Tonya Backus) and Paula J. (Cass) McKinley of Rigby. The couple has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WEHRMAN-ANDERSON

RUPERT — Christa Leigh Wehrman and Michael David Anderson announce their engagement.

Wehrman is the daughter of Jean LeRoy Perkins of Tacoma, Wash.

Anderson is the son of DeLayne and Joleen Anderson of Burley.

Wehrman and Anderson attended schools in the Mini-Cassia area and are employed locally.

He served in the Indiana Indianapolis Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 4, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the home of Handy and Denise Harris, 72 S. 200 W., Burley.



Michael Anderson and Christa Wehrman

The couple will reside in Burley.

LANIER-DAYTON

PAUL — Tim and Merlene Lanier of Pleasantview, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Lanier, to Bryce Dayton, son of Reed and Trudy Dayton of Paul.

Lanier is a 2004 graduate of Montezuma Central High School in Colorado. She is a sophomore at Brigham Young University-Idaho, studying agribusiness.

Dayton is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School and is a junior at BYU-Idaho, studying animal science. He served in the Philippines Olongapo Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed at the BYU-Idaho Livestock Center in Reburg. The couple will reside in



Courtney Lanier and Bryce Dayton

Cokeville, Wyo., for the summer and will return to BYU-Idaho to finish their schooling in the fall. The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 6, in the Monticello LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the Paul LDS Stake Center.

THE LINDSEYS

TWIN FALLS — Jim and Darlene Lindsey of Twin Falls will be honored at a reception luncheon for their 50th wedding anniversary at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the First Baptist Church, 910-Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. A program will follow after the luncheon. Friends and relatives are invited. The couple requests no gifts.

Jim and Darlene Kleinopf were married May 5, 1956, in Arizona.

They have resided in Twin Falls most of their lives and were co-owners of Magic Valley Electric Supply. They are active in the First



Jim and Darlene Lindsey

Baptist Church, Twin Falls Blue Birds Good Sam Chapter and Idaho State Good Sam organization.

The event is hosted by their children, Tonya Backus and Jim (Jean) Lindsey, and grandchildren.

EVANS-SHORT

BUHL — Hojfer and Linda Evans of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeannette Candice "Candy" Evans, to Solon LeRoy Short, son of the late Teresa Short.

Evans is a graduate of Buhl High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is working on a bachelor's degree in English and is employed with Can-Ada Security at Amalgamated Sugar Co.

Short is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is employed as a chef at a local restaurant.



Candy Evans and LeRoy Short

The wedding is planned for Wednesday, June 7, at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. A reception will follow.

WHEELER-PINKSTON

JEROME — The Rev. Jerry and Rebecca Wheeler of Sylvan Springs, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gretchen Amanda Wheeler, to Jason Martin Pinkston of Jerome.

Wheeler is a graduate of Cabot Christian Academy and attended Bible Missionary Institute in Rock Island, Ill.

Pinkston is a graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy and attended Bible Missionary Institute.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 12, at Bible Missionary Church in Pleasant Grove, Ala. A reception will follow.



Gretchen Wheeler and Jason Pinkston

Church in Pleasant Grove, Ala. A reception will follow.

A contrast of two domestic goddesses

By Michael McLeod The Orlando Sentinel

Over the years, Martha Stewart and Heloise Bowles Cruise have become a source of fascination to Darla Moore that in her own mind the three of them were on a first-name basis. So when it came time to write her newest classic, her working title was a foregone conclusion: "From Heloise to Martha," she called it.

Moore is a 45-year-old student in Rollins College's master of liberal arts program. Long before writing about them, she was fascinated by the two women considered the dominant domestic maven of their eras.

At one end of the spectrum is Stewart: independent, ostentatious, offering editorial, high-end, largely unattainable entertaining and homemaking advice in her magazine articles and television shows.

At the other was Cruise, mother of the current Heloise columnist. She was wealthy, too, at least by the end of her career. But you never would have known it. She lived on her husband's salary, socked away most of her earnings from her widely read newspaper column, "Hints From Heloise," and devoted her life to doing old-fashioned, budget-conscious homemaking tips about how to clean cloudy

drinking glasses, remove stains and candle wax from your carpet, and get rid of roaches (just mix sugar and boric acid and sprinkle it in corners).

"Heloise was always very practical, and very family oriented," says Moore. But in researching Heloise's columns, Moore discovered occasional ruminations that all was not well in housewife land. Occasionally psychiatrists begged

her to warn readers about a growing trend of homemakers turning to tranquilizers. Once, a group of women wrote to her in collective despair, complaining about ungrateful husbands and misbehaving children.

The perky advice-giver seemed ill-equipped to deal with problems that couldn't be solved with baking soda or vinegar. She wrote back: "It all seems so familiar. I can't help chuckling."

Her best advice for women who were angry was for them to use the energy to clean out their closets," says Moore.

Martha Stewart, an anthropology professor at the University of Florida, has done similar research on columnists who offer advice to women. Her conclusions? All of them have been followers, not leaders. They simply reflect the social attitudes of their times, like Benjamin Spock, who told pressed mothers "to go to a movie or to the beauty parlor, or to get themselves a new hat or dress."

Cruise's headnote, which she picked out herself — after offering a cemetery attendant a lengthy discourse on how to rid the place of the nearby ant hills she had noticed — reads "Heloise. Every Housewife's Friend."

In contrast, says Moore, Stewart presents the persona of a woman who is unconcerned with troubles, having none of her own — no pet stains to remove from a carpet, no wicker chairs on her lawn, no children, no husband, no pesky budget.

"She's always preparing food for guests," she says. "And if she chooses to refresh something, it's not because she's trying to save money — it's because she loves the nostalgia, the charm of the exercise."

Looking for parenting tips?

Family psychologist John Rosemond is taking a short break from writing his weekly column on parenting. The column will resume May 7, here in Family Life.

Bridal Registry

- Trish Fetzer & Erik Hartman May 6th
Kara Redder & Clay Noyes June 27th
Abbie Severa & Matthew Quensell June 17th

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ACE Bridal Registry. Kerli Lynn Thomas & Russell Fluettner May 5th. Tammi Kittel & Sean Hoymond May 6th. Christa Wehrman & Michael Anderson May 6th. JaNell Bousso & Jason Hunter May 6th. Sarah Kelley & Marcus Wain May 6th. Stephanie Hall & Doug Barclay May 12th. the perfect gift...and we deliver... 2554 Overland, Burley • 678-5558. 301 N 5th St., Burley • 678-9222.

GAMACHE-TURNER

TWIN FALLS — Pete and Jackie Turner of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their son, Casey Turner, to Joanne Gamache of Yakima, Wash., daughter of Denis and Chris Gamache.

Gamache is a 1999 graduate of Davis High School in Yakima, Wash., and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. She is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

Turner is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and holds a bachelor's degree in



Joanne Gamache and Casey Turner

physics from Linfield College. He is a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force, based at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 17, in Yakima.

FORMAN-HATCH

BUHL — Kendal and Elaine Forman of Polson, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Michaela Forman, to Mark Christopher Hatch, son of Reagan and Susan Hatch of Buhl.

Forman is a graduate of the University of Idaho in interior design and architecture.

Hatch attends the U of I in agricultural engineering, where he will graduate in May. He is pursuing a master's degree at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 15, at the historic



Michaela Forman and Mark Hatch

Conrad Mansion in Kallispell, Mont. A reception will follow. The couple will reside in Polouse, Wash.

Sending thank-you notes is well-worth the effort

By Edward M. Eveld Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Susan Fenner is a thank-you note writer. And she knows exactly how it started.

"My mother insisted that when you got a present, you couldn't play with it, wear it or use it until you wrote a thank-you note," Fenner said. "My notes got out quickly."

While the rest of the country went from casual to hardly ever writing thank-you notes, Fenner rumped it up. She began buying discount note cards, which she keeps asked at the ready.

Asked what situations warrant a note of thanks, Fenner didn't skip a beat: "Everything."

"Most of us may never become Fennerlike in our thank-youing, but etiquette experts say it's past time we take our first baby steps.

The world needs more gratitude, they said, written long hand in a few short sentences or sent by regular mail. Thank-you notes help smooth life's rough edges, just as the gift or invitation did.

"I don't think there's any more important or more underused than the note

Gestures that deserve a thank-you note

- Always send a handwritten thank-you when you receive a gift by mail. At the very least, the giver needs to know you actually received it.
Always send one after a party or dinner for which you received a written invitation.
Always send thank-you notes for wedding or shower gifts, for gifts when hospitalized and for sympathy cards and flowers.
It's recommended, though not required, that you send one when you have been a guest at a dinner party.
It's smart to send a thank-you after a job interview.
Extra points if you send thank-you notes when friends help you out in tough situa-

tions, and for gifts that were opened with the giver present and thanked at the time.
Double extra points if you send a thank-you note this year completely out of the blue.
Thank a friend for his or her friendship. Thank a former teacher for his or her guidance years ago.
How to write a thank-you note
Begin with a greeting, as you would any letter, using the person's name, such as "Dear Helen" or "Dear Grandma."
The first sentence starts with "thank you" and specifically mentions the gift or gesture.
For money gifts, go straight to the next step.
Tell how much you appreciate the person's generosity.
If you received money, tell how you might spend it.
Don't stray too far from the intent of the thank-you note, such as providing news about you. A line, say, about hoping to get together soon is fine. The whole note needs only three or four sentences.
The last sentence should repeat your thanks. Be sincere.
End with a closing, such as

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QUILT OF VALOR

LETTERS OF THANKS

Magic Valley group presents quilts to soldiers' families

A luncheon was recently held at Stichtin Time by the Magic Valley Quilts of Valor Quilters for the Families of two local soldiers.

Honored were the mother and father of Staff Sgt. Ivan Alarcón, from Jerome, who was killed in November, 2005 and Spc. Brock Palen of Twin Falls. A Quilt of Valor was presented to the parents of Sgt. Alarcón and to Spc. Palen as a token of appreciation for their service and dedication to their country.

The quilters meet at Stichtin Time the first Satur-

day of each month to sew on Quilts of Valor.

The quilts are sent to various hospitals around the country to be presented to wounded soldiers. In 2005, about 4,000 Quilts of Valor were presented.

The group welcomes more quilters, donations of quality fabrics and nicely pieced quilt tops. Cash donations can also be made to help buy more fabric and help pay postage to mail the quilts.

For more information, call Naomi at 423-5758 or Cathy at 735-4094.



From left to right, Salomon and Alicia Alarcón, parents of Staff Sgt. Ivan Alarcón; Bethany Phillips, mother of Spc. Brock Palen; and Palen with their quilts of Valor presented to them by the Magic Valley Quilts of Valor Quilters.

Kimberly student named All-American scholar

Nathan Sargeant, a student at Kimberly High School, has been named an All-American Scholar. He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally. Sargeant is the son of Steve and Vicki Sargeant of Kimberly. His grandparents are Perry and Christine Sargeant of Elk, Nev., and Ted Cox of Kimberly.

Kimberly student named U.S. National Award winner

Mitchell Dame of Hansen has been named a United States National Award winner in English.

Dame, who attends Kimberly High School, was nominated for the national award by Lori Clements, a teacher at the school. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

He is the son of Brent and Patty Dame of Hansen. His grandparents are Ken and Jean Crandall of Kimberly, Clyde and Helen Dame of Hunsey, Ky., and Maxine Dame of Callison, Ky.

McGregor receives national honor

Filer High School student Nathan J. McGregor has been selected for membership to the

National Society of High School Scholars.

The society recognizes the top scholars in the nation who have achieved superior academic excellence at the high school level.

Koning spends break with Dorst mission team

Steven Koning, a senior at Dorst College in Sioux Center, Iowa, was among 119 Dorst college students who used their spring break to learn on Putting Love Into Action teams with Dorst College's mission outreach program. Each year the teams travel to culturally diverse ministry locations across the United States.

He was on the 11-person team that traveled to Neon, Ky. The team helped out with an assortment of tasks, including clearing brush from a mountainside, landscaping, insulating a home, shingling and constructing a deck. Koning is the son of John and Sheryl Koning of Jerome.

Jerome woman named to president's list

Jessica Jo Allen of Jerome, a current 10th trimester student in the doctor of chiropractic program at Palmer College of Chiropractic, has been named to the president's list for the spring trimester and the dean's list for the ninth trimester.

Harmon graduates from infantry training

Army Pvt. Christopher J. Harmon, son of Susan and Kenny Harmon of Filer, has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, Harmon received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations, tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons equipment available to the infantry crewman.

Wedlin is deployed as part of Iraq operation

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Josh T. Wedlin, son of Charles Wedlin of Joliet and Karol Hanson of Twin Falls, is currently deployed overseas as a forward-operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq.

Wedlin, a communication-computer systems team chief, has served in the military for 12 years.

His wife, Amanda, is the daughter of Phil and Ginger Lutz of Largo, Fla.

Tilley will complete basic training in San Diego

Benjamin Tilley, son of Ray Lindsey of Heyburn, joined the Marine Corps on March 13. He will complete basic training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, Calif., in the field of combat engineering.

Tilley is a 2004 graduate of Burley High School. He is the grandson of Irvin Tilley and the late Janet Tilley.

Hanson earns title of Army Airborne Ranger

Joshua Hanson, son of Jeff and Brenda Hanson of Twin Falls, has achieved his goal of becoming an Army Airborne Ranger. Out of 150 soldiers that he started with at boot camp, he is one of three to earn the prestigious title.

He was among 43 soldiers to successfully graduate from the Ranger Indoctrination Program on March 3 in Atlanta, Ga. Some of the requirements included excessive physical training, swim test, survival and medical skills, a written exam and a 12-mile road march while carrying 40 pound rucksacks on their backs. He is currently assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Reg. in Fort Lewis, Wash.

He is a 2003 graduate of Buhl High School. He has other family members in the military, including his brother, Isaiah, specialist, National Guard in Bolso; fiancée, Loretta Drake

of Filer grandparents, Glen and Rozelle Clark of Buhl and Fred Hanson of Prineville, Ore.; and great-grandmothers, Irene Ford of Buhl and Hattie Williams of Prineville.

Frank deployed in anti-terrorism effort

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Robin L. Frank, daughter of Beulah Rhodes and sister of Tom Rhodes, both of Buhl, is currently deployed overseas at a forward-operating location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Frank, a communications squadron superintendent with 21 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 366th Communications Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base. She graduated in 1983 from Buhl High School and received an associate's degree in 2006 from the Community College of the Air Force.

Her husband, Shawn, is the son of Robert and Bobbie Frank of Yermillion, S.D.

Head Start gives thanks for presentations

South Central Head Start staff would like to thank the following individuals for their presentations at our staff training:

Paul Clark, Crisis Center of Magic Valley; Mary San Roman, Canyon View Hospital; Gretchen Munker, University of Idaho Extension Office; and Chad Scott and Steve Dayton from the Adult and Mental Health Department.

The time and effort which was put into this training from each of these individuals was greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
CINDY SCOTT
Center Supervisor
Crested Valley Head Start
Wendell

Catholic church thanks contributors to dinner

St. Catherine's Catholic Church would like to thank those major contributors who donated to our annual Basque dinner.

Sponsors: Warehouse, Magic Valley Distributing, Wal-Mart, Morris Farms, Thousand Springs Winery, Chappells, Gianini, Carmela Winery, Mountain States Plants, Ketchum Kitchen, Chateau Drug, Riley Creek, Snake River Grill, Trader Jack's, Shell Station, High Adventure Building, Hagerman Hardware, The Classics, Grover's Auto, Sawtooth Dental, En Tish Inn, Cris & Sons, Oxbow, Bliss Country Store, Ziggy's, Kurt's Hallmark, Idaho Jack's, Golden Corral.

Maverick, Biddle's, Always One Dollar, Franklin Building, CRM Farms, Kendrick's Pharmacy, Debbie's Floral, Phil's Flowers, Gooding Golf Course, Gooding Bed & Breakfast, Wood River Inn, Commercial Tire, Magic Floral, Zepp's Pizza, All Gooding.

Farmhouse, Hub City Building, Simerly's, Farmers National Bank, El Tapatio, all Wendell, Sav-Mor Drug, Valley Co-Op, Jones Hardware, Jackson's, Kountry Korner, Les Schwab, Biddle's, Rangens, Eva's Religious Articles, La Plaza Restaurant, Citizens Building Supply, Black Rock Clothing, all Buhl.

IVC/FIA grateful for financial support

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Magic Valley Inc. — A Faith in Action Program — would like to thank Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Community Improvement Fund for the generous grant award.

IVC/FIA would not exist without our community supporters, financial contributions and those willing to give of their valuable time. Our volunteers like to thank Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for the donation of \$210 in honor of the American Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals' 140th anniversary. Collette Loe Goeunier organized a baked food sale to raise money for the care of homeless animals at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter. The money will be used to buy pet food and pay for additional medical needs.

DEBRA BLACKWOOD
Director
People for Pets-MVHS Inc.
Twin Falls

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278.

To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Classified Department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

unters, board of directors and those we currently serve and those we will be able to help in the future, please accept our gratitude and thanks for "helping a neighbor in need."

Low's employees were great to work with

This is a public thank you to the Twin Falls Low's store application department and delivery service.

A simple phone call and three hours later on Easter Sunday, I was able to have a washer and dryer purchased, delivered and installed (sight unseen) more than 35 miles away. Unfortunately, I only got one name, "Id," but each one of you were great to work with. It is nice to have your store and quality service in Twin Falls.

Church thanks those who helped with egg hunt

We at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly would like to thank all those who helped with our egg hunt and all the volunteers for their help with the community Easter egg hunt that was held April 15 at the Kimberly City square.

There were more than 3,000 eggs with candy, a light lunch and craft fun for the kids. The kids had a wonderful time, and your support is greatly appreciated.

ROBYN MOSS
Assistant Administrator
Crossroads United Methodist Church
Kimberly

Third-grade class helped fight animal abuse

People for Pets-Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. would like to extend its gratitude to Ms. Taylor's third-grade class at Harrison Elementary for the donation of \$210 in honor of the American Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals' 140th anniversary.

Collette Loe Goeunier organized a baked food sale to raise money for the care of homeless animals at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter. The money will be used to buy pet food and pay for additional medical needs.

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Tops Chapter ID 3 changes meeting time

TWIN FALLS — TOPS Chapter ID 3 has changed its meeting time and place.

The group will meet from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday in the fellowship hall in the basement of the Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Hwy. (use ramp on east side of building).

Weight-in is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 736-7237.

New Neighbors Club holds luncheon Tuesday

GOODING — The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Gooding Hotel, 112 Main St.

The program will be a "Talk on Tea."

For more information, call 731-2082.

Mary Time Club will start with good jokes

TWIN FALLS — The Mary Time Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Ilene Mal.

Ball call will be "tell or read a good joke."

For more information, 735-5213.

Sprinkling safety social will have ice cream twist

TWIN FALLS — A "Sprinkling Safety Ice Cream Social" will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Cold Stone Creamery, 799 Cheney Drive, Space A.

The Safe Kids of the Magic Valley will be conducting free car safety seat inspections during the four-hour event.

Cold Stone's "Children's Cream" ice cream will be free to children ages 6 and under. The store's "Love It Original" ice cream will be only \$1 for children ages 7 to 10.

The first 50 children will receive a Kids identification Kit, and a drawing will be held for a new bicycle.

For more information about the event or car safety seat inspections, call 737-2430.

Bliss Flower, Garden Club meets on Wednesday

BLISS — The Bliss Flower and Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bobbie Goss's home.

Thomassene McClure will be the co-hostess. Mike Magnelli will discuss growing dahlias. A plant exchange will be held.

AARP announces driver safety courses

TWIN FALLS — The American Association of Retired Persons announced several driver safety courses in the Magic Valley area during May:

- From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the

Rupert Fire Station, 701 F St. Call Charlie at 733-9680.

- From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 11 and 12 at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho. Call Charlie at 733-9680.
- From 8 a.m. to noon May 16 and 17 at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. Call Jean or Ray at 536-2021.
- From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 22 and 23 at the Office on Aging at CSI. Call Charlie at 733-9680.
- Beginning at 8 p.m. May 25 at the Blaine County Senior Center, 721 Third Ave. S. in Holey, Call Brenda at 788-3468.

The classes are geared for anyone age 50 and older but younger people can attend. Participants do not have to be AARP members, and no driving is involved. Idaho law requires insurance companies to give a discount to those age 65 or older.

Pre-registration is required before a class starts. Cost is \$10. Students must attend both sessions to receive a cer-

tificate of completion.

Jerome yard sale will benefit Christmas project

JEROME — The Jerome Walmart Safety Team, in conjunction with the Best Western Sawtooth Inn and the Jerome County emergency response units will hold a yard sale to benefit the "Shop with Emergency Personnel, Kids' Christmas" project.

The yard sale will be from noon to 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn, 2653 S. Lincoln.

Donations for the yard sale will be taken from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn. For more information, call Deb Hays at 324-4333, ext. 190.

Brunyer will celebrate her 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Lois Brunyer

will celebrate her 80th birthday

on Monday, April 3, at an open house set for 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the home of her son, Bob Brunyer, 1983 Thilus Loop.

Lois Brunyer was born April 24, 1926, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She married Frank Brunyer on July 1, 1944, in Seattle, Wash. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 47 years.

The Brunyer's belonged to the Pearl Harbor Survivors. She was born April 24, 1926, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She married Frank Brunyer on July 1, 1944, in Seattle, Wash. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 47 years.

The event is being hosted by her son and his family. No gifts please. Cards are welcome.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday

April 30, 2006

Natural gas economy losing steam

U.S. output slips over last six years

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — On the brink of the 21st century, a group of energy experts peered into the future of natural gas, and what they saw was quite racy — and quite wrong.

To satisfy growing demand, producers could crank out a third more natural gas over the next decade at "competitive prices." It could "power our economy" for decades beyond. Or so said the National Petroleum Council in its 1999 report.

But natural gas prices soon headed skyward, with prices charged by producers spiking late last year at nearly five times 1999 levels. This past winter, though start-

ing off warm, saw the average gas-heating household spend a record \$867, a 17 percent increase, according to federal data. As for that predicted robust supply, the country's annual gas output has strangely slipped by 3 percent over the past six years.

Something is broken in the economics of natural gas, say people inside and outside the industry. The bright dream of an economy built squarely on clean-burning natural gas is slowly deflating. Although we still derive almost a quarter of the country's energy from natural gas, its share will slip in coming decades, federal forecasters now say.

"What's going on now is so dysfunctional, it is really remarkable," says industry consultant Jim Chockas-Bradley.

Retired Yale economist Paul MacAvoy says price jerks and fuel crimps could soon rival California's electricity nightmare of 2000-2001. "Everything that has gone wrong in electric power is going to do wrong with natural gas, unless we do

something," he says. "It's just a few miles down the road."

What went so wrong with natural gas? The industry largely blames old fields and self-defeating government policy, and such explanations are widely accepted. The trouble is, they don't explain the breakdown very well.

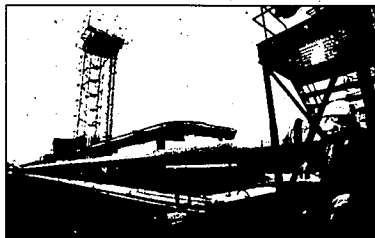
Skeptics are beginning to suspect other powerful forces — ones at work within the industry itself.

Some consumers simply look to their gut and blame the industry.

After 26 years, retirees Anna and Frank Sracusa are selling their nine-room, gas-heated home in Methuen, Mass., for something smaller. At age 72, they're tired of turning down the thermostat and piling on sweaters each winter.

"Someone is ripping us off," grumbles Mrs. Sracusa.

The level of discontent even makes the



Welder Robin Tower looks toward a liquid natural gas storage tank at the Distigas LNG facility in Everett, Mass., last month. The dream of a national economy built squarely on clean-burning natural gas is slowly deflating.

AP photo

Cowgirls and leather



Surrounded by scenic mountain vistas, Carol Shultz, right, and Bev Martin head off to work on a cool spring morning, shafting an ATV loaded with posts and barbed wire on April 12 near Ola, Idaho. With more than 30 miles of fences to maintain, the two former school teachers who retired to a rancher's lifestyle always have a job to do on three ranches. They also make Western paraphernalia ranging from chaps to conchos at their ranch near Ola.

AP photo

Female duo craft custom leather goods while riding the range

By Tim Woodward
The Idaho Statesman

OLA, Idaho — Somewhere in Los Angeles, an upscale retailer is wondering why Carol Shultz wouldn't take his money. Shultz had misgivings when he asked her to make dog leashes out of leather and — gasp — cashmere.

"When he said he wanted to 'start small' by ordering 1,000 of them, that did it."

"I wouldn't have had time to do anything else," she said. "It would have been enough to make a preacher cuss on Sunday."

Shultz and Bev Martin, who make Western paraphernalia ranging from chaps to conchos at their ranch near Ola, are few as far as it's possible to get from the Beverly Hills lifestyle.

"Those gals aren't just leather workers," observed George Quirk, co-owner

of the country store in Montour where their products are sold. "They're as good a cowboys as you'll ever find."

As schoolteachers, Shultz and Martin spent summers from 1977 to 1985 riding 8,000-foot West Mountain between Cascade and Council, overseeing grazing operations for the Fayette Valley Cattle Association. They lived the life of Old West cowboys — long days in the saddle chasing cows over rugged range they knew like the backs of their saddles.

"We were buckaroos," Shultz said proudly. "It was hard work — murex, it was hard work. You have to break your horse, work with the dogs, pack salt, cut trails and get that bloody cow up the mountain. There were people who said two women couldn't do it. We did it."

Dave Bivens, a former state legisla-



Carol Shultz stains a piece of leather destined for a set of chaps on March 26 on her ranch near Ola, Idaho. Sometimes the frustration of getting exactly what she wants out of the leather "can be enough to make a preacher cuss on Sunday," she says, but she loves the satisfaction of finishing good work.

tor and past president of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, said Shultz and Martin were the best hands to ride the mountain in the 60 years his family grazed cattle there.

"They're different than most anybody you'd ever run into," he said. "They took care of our family's cattle for years, and I've told the world that they did the best job of it of anyone we ever had."

Both women grew up on ranches in the Caldwell area and went on to become high-school teachers. Martin in Caldwell and Shultz in Adrian, Ore. They met in the 1970s at a field hockey match while coaching their respective teams. Martin spent summers in the early '70s working on Shultz's ranch, and the legend of West Mountain's women buckaroos was born.

"They're retired from teaching, and

all they do in the way of buckaroo work is run three ranches comprising 1,600 acres, maintain 30 miles of fencing, bring cattle in from two other ranches for summer grazing, keep their water tanks and spring in working order, find salt and move cattle as needed.

"They won't tolerate overgrazing. 'We used to be buckaroos,' Martin said, laughing. "Now we're ranchers."

"With other people's cows," Shultz explained with a grin. "That way if they die in the winter, they aren't ours."

Even the relative "quiet" of "retirement" isn't without thrills and spills. Shultz chuckled about the time she and her horse fell in a river while she was fixing fences "and went south like a bag on a hurricane pole."

At 68, she says ranch work has become a fair-weather diversion from their primary job. The one-time buckaroos have established a large and growing reputation as master leather workers. They don't advertise their products and don't have an Internet site or so much as a sign outside their workshop.

Promotion is the last thing they need. Last year, they made 300 wallets and 185 pairs of chaps. Word of mouth typically keeps them in the shop 60 hours a week, working to fill orders from as far away as New York, Germany, Japan and Australia.

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Americans find ways to deal with soaring gasoline prices

By Eileen Alt Powell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — As the price of gasoline continues to soar, Americans are finding a variety of ways to lower their fuel costs. Some are joining car pools or walking to work, others are adopting more frugal driving habits. A few are even swapping their SUVs for more fuel-efficient cars.

Tips for getting better mileage with each gallon.

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With the price of gasoline exceeding \$3 a gallon in some places, "families already are starting to feel the pinch," said Katori Callahan, president of the nonprofit Alliance to Save Energy in Washington, D.C. And

prices are likely to go higher during the traditionally heavy summer driving season, she warned.

Her advice: If you're in the market for a new car, buy the most fuel-efficient model you can afford. If you're stuck with what's in the driveway, make sure it's tuned up and that you drive in a manner that will get you the best fuel efficiency.

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Ryan Sharp heads home after work on his one mile walk in Seattle's Queen Anne neighborhood April 25. Sharp purposely sought a home close to downtown when he moved to the area about a year ago, in order to have less dependence on travel by car.

AP photo

YOUR BUSINESS

TRUCK MOVES

Kevin Ridge

PAUL — Henke Manufacturing Inc. has given Kevin Ridge of Bain For Rent the Proven Leaders in Unmatched Service Certified Technician Award. The award has been received by only a handful of service technicians in the Henke service network.

Ridge is the first service technician at his dealership to receive the award.



Ridge

The PLUS Certified Technician Program consists of a series of service-training classes and tests. Ridge received the PLUS award by completing all of his classes and receiving high marks on all testing.

Al Cox

GOODING — Al Cox is selected as one of only 83 employees to receive a 2006 Genesys Mission Award at the Genesys Cooperative Inc. annual meeting in Shawano, Wis.



Cox

Cox is a Genesys regional services coordinator in south central Idaho. He provides relief cattle reproductive management services, including heat detec-

tion, artificial insemination, synchronization protocol management and reproductive data input and analysis to help improve member/customers' profit potential.

Truck drivers

TWIN FALLS — Top Gm Truck Driving Academy announced that Jose Zamudio, Gabriel Palfido-Treyes, and James Bedow graduated April 14 with Class A commercial driver's licenses with endorsements.



Bedow

Brian Croner

TWIN FALLS — Brian Croner, owner and president of Marketing Resource Group, attended the 2005-06 Rocke Awards ceremony in Boise on April 11. Marketing Resources of a recent award at Twin Falls-based advertising agency won two Silver Rocke Awards for advertisements produced for Milestone Builders and two Citations of Excellence for advertisements produced for the Magic Valley Advertising Federation.



Croner



Allstate's Twin Falls ribbon cutting

Allstate North Christensen Insurance & Financial Services held a ribbon cutting at 768 Falls Ave., Twin Falls with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. They are new chamber members as well as a new insurance agency. Neil Christensen said "We love the Magic Valley and look forward to many years of living in, supporting, and giving back all that we can to this wonderful area."

Pictured left to right are Holly Garner; Nell and Linda Christensen, owners, and their daughter Greta. Not pictured is Lew Bunnett.



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Jewel fundraiser to help homeless

Jensen Jewelers will make available a selection of authentic gemstones in a fundraising effort for the Valley House Homeless Shelter.

Children under age 12 will be able to buy authentic gemstones for their mothers for \$1 each at Jensen Jewelers in the Magic Valley Mall for the next two weeks, until Mother's Day. They will be able to choose from fully faceted amethysts, citrines, garnets, peridot or blue topaz of a quality that would typically retail between \$12 and \$20 each, the company said.

Jensen will donate 100 percent of the proceeds to Valley House. The store hopes to raise at least \$500 for the shelter. KEZZI radio station has joined Jensen in the fund-raising effort.



Health Careers Science Camp

The College of Southern Idaho has received a \$10,000 grant from Quest to fund the Quest Kids In Health Careers Science Camp this summer. Cassia and Minidoka county Latino students in grades six through eight are being invited to the five-day camp to get familiar with careers in health science, physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology, and biology. All costs will be paid by the Quest grant. The camp will be held from July 24 to 28 on the CSI campus.

Grant to help eight families

Mercy Housing, Idaho's Magic Valley Self-Help Program, was awarded a new \$80,000 Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program grant from Community Frameworks to help with homeownership opportunities. This grant will specifically be used for land acquisition in Jerome to assist a group of eight families that are set to begin construction in April. The Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program is a 10-year, zero-interest, forgivable loan provided to nonprofit organizations sponsoring mutual self-help homeownership programs. Community Frameworks is a nonprofit affordable housing intermediary and Neighborworks member serving Idaho.

Legacy Society passes out honors

The annual Legacy Society dinner of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation was held April 11. Business, organizations and individuals who provided accumulative gifts of at least \$1,000 were recognized through the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation. Those honored at this year's dinner included Sheepskin Coat Factory and Fur Saloon; Craig L. Nielsen of the Craig L. Nielsen and Canyon Park, LLC; and the Magic Valley Regional Development; Virginia Becker; Miles and Nikki Daisher; Loren Butler; Margaret Sinclair; and Tracy and Patricia Neale.

Warming up to nuclear power

By Steven Mufson
The Washington Post

Twenty years ago Wednesday at 5 in the morning in Moscow, Mikhail Gorbachev got a phone call telling him that there had been an accident followed by a fire in the fourth block of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. "I was astounded. How was such a thing possible?" Gorbachev said in an interview published earlier this year. "Nuclear scientists had always assured the country's leadership that our nuclear reactors were completely safe."

For years the nuclear industry has lived in the shadow of Chernobyl, which discouraged many nations from pushing ahead with nuclear power plants. A referendum in Italy banned plants shortly after the accident. Sweden, which first reported something bad happened in the former Soviet Union after sensors at its own nuclear plants detected elevated radiation levels, said it would close down the ones it had. In the United States, the Soviet reactor accident compounded questions over safety issues. Since the incident at Three Mile Island plant in Pennsylvania in 1979, there has not been a single new order for the construction of a U.S. nuclear plant.

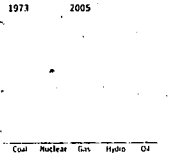
But now the Bush administration is pushing for a revival of nuclear power both abroad and in the United States, saying it wants to promote a domestic unlimited energy source. The Bush-backed Energy Policy Act of 2005 included a heavy incentive for domestic nuclear power, and the administration has laid aside nuclear-proliferation issues to urge India to build nuclear power plants.

"What I view myself as is the chief salesman for nuclear energy," said Dennis Spurgeon, the new assistant secretary for nuclear energy at the Energy Department and the first person to hold that job in a decade. Spurgeon, who most recently was the chief operating officer of Bethesda, Md.-based USRC Inc., an international supplier of enriched uranium for nuclear plants, said, "There's a great need to sell."

Spurgeon said getting a new U.S. nuclear plant built is his "number one priority." But at an initial cost of \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion for a three-megawatt plant, and with uncertainty about costs linked to nuclear waste that lasts for centuries, most companies re-

A Growing Share

Percentage of U.S. electricity generation from different fuels.



main cautious. Critics of nuclear power say that plants would cost even more without government subsidies and that, in an age of terrorism, they carry grave security risks.

Nuclear power fans have gotten unexpected support from a handful of prominent environmentalists who are more worried about global warming than nuclear accidents or waste disposal. While Greenpeace says that "safe nuclear power is a myth," the organization's founder, Patrick Moore, filed the environmental community by declaring, "Nuclear energy is the only large-scale, cost-effective energy source that can reduce these emissions while continuing to satisfy a growing demand for power. And these days it can do so safely."

Many environmentalists still disagree. "Nuclear power would be a great solution and greenhouse gases but for the four problems that have been mentioned: It's uneconomical, it has a safety problem, it has a proliferation problem on the global level, and it has a long-term waste problem that hasn't been solved," Thomas Cochran, a nuclear policy expert at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said at a meeting last fall.

But electric power companies are going to make big nuclear investments out of concern for the environment. Companies have been encouraged recently by the high price of natural gas and the rising cost of coal, nuclear power's biggest (and cheaper) competitor. In the electricity business, if a new system of production offers less carbon emissions takes hold, that could further raise the cost of using coal. There are 10 U.S. nuclear projects under construction, but no company has applied yet for construction or operating licenses or decided to move ahead.

Saratoga Apartments ribbon cutting

Saratoga Apartments recently held a ribbon cutting at 651 Saratoga Drive, Twin Falls with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. Maria Florence is the community manager with over four years experience in property management and 25 years in customer service. Connie Trappen is community assistant and Zayin Giles works in maintenance. Saratoga is owned by Tom Manschreck and managers are Devon and Glen Eagles. They offer luxury one, two, and three bedroom apartment homes and can be reached at 735-1660. Pictured left to right are Maria Florence, Connie Trappen, and Zayin Giles.

Dale and Gretchen opening a restaurant

Dale's Dogs and Gretchen's Goodies will open a new restaurant located at 651 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls on April 28. Owners Dale and Gretchen

Black will offer Chicago style hot-dogs, Italian beef sandwiches, pastas, salads, burgers, curries and sweets. A ribbon cutting will be 10:30 a.m. May 1.

Brewers shift label strategies

By Joel Dresang
Knight Ridder News Service

MILWAUKEE — Caven Boggles from Inland Label of La Crosse, Wis., watches as labels come off a pressure-sensitive labeling station at the rate of 1,000 per minute during the testing of label applications at Krones Inc. in Franklin, Wis., in March. Three Wisconsin companies are working together on a new paper for beer bottle labels.

At a bar on the lower east side, customers kibitz over tall beers, some hands absently fondling the bottles, inevitably wandering to the labels.

John O'Donnell is drinking Miller Genuine Draft Light at Wolski's Tavern, and his friend Larry Hoeller points out a new clear label on the bottle O'Donnell looks at the bottle and shrugs.

"I'm more concerned what's inside of the bottle than what's on the outside," he says.

To the casual observer, a beer label is just a thin sticker on a thick bottle. But it's part and parcel of brewers' efforts to peddle their beer. It's point-of-consumption marketing pasted smack-dab on the product. It's an animated advertisement each time the consumer tilts one back.

As Bud Light and now Miller Genuine Draft have switched to clear plastic labels, a Stevens Point, Wis., mill — which happens to be North America's leading supplier of paper for beer labels — is developing a paper-based option for newer labeling technology. It's working with a La Crosse printer (the leading private printer of beer labels) and a Franklin equipment maker (the top producer of bottle labeling machines).

Decades after most of the big Wisconsin beer-makers dried

up their vest breweries converted to condos and office buildings, the businesses that supported the industry that made Milwaukee famous not only have survived, but they're also collaborating on new technologies to stay ahead of the times.

Most beer labels are printed paper cutouts that are applied with cold glue during the bottling process at speeds up to 1,000 bottles a minute.

In 2004, Anheuser-Busch flipped a switch, introducing a plastic see-through label for Bud Light, the nation's top-selling beer. The technology, known as pressure-sensitive or applied plastic labeling, or AP1, peels the clear label from a slick film backing, exposing a sticky side that's smoothed onto the bottle.

John Marotta, vice president of corporate identity for Anheuser-Busch Co.S., said company research suggests that by looking painted on instead of pasted on, the clear labels give a sense of greater attention to the product.

"The consumers see the AP1 as a quality statement above the traditional metallized paper label," Marotta said. "They say that the AP1 label is more contemporary, modern, upscale; it's just more of a high-end statement about the product."

See-through labels are part of the new marketing push launched last month for Miller Genuine Draft.

"They're more visually appealing," said Pete Marino, a spokesman for Miller Brewing Co. "AP1 gives off a visual cue of being more appealing and a bit more aspirational."

Both Budweiser and Miller have had to buy, configure and install new equipment, train operators, and start using more expensive labeling material

which is petroleum-based and thus subject to fluctuations in oil prices. But the new technology also can be more efficient.

"It comes in rolls. It's applied right to a bottle. There's no glue involved. Basically it's like putting a sticker on a bottle," Marotta said. "It's a much cleaner, less messy operation."

Pressure-sensitive packaging costs twice or three times the price of the standard paper label, said Dave Niemeith, director of labeling technology at Krones Inc., but that's down from a ratio of about 5-to-1 a decade ago.

With U.S. headquarters at a 335,000 square foot plant in Franklin, the Germany-based Krones is a global leader in bottling and packaging equipment.

Krones makes machinery that handles both the new plastic film and the traditional paper. It's on the newer equipment that a Krones technician is working with a team from Inland Label and Marketing Services, a third-generation family-owned company in La Crosse that says it's the nation's largest printer of beer labels outside of Anheuser-Busch.

The workers from Krones and Inland Label are scrutinizing a roll of paper snaking through the machine. The equipment peels the sticky blank labels from their backing, and the paper flies off into space — where, in a brewery, full bottles would be streaming by.

Without taking their eyes from the whirring machine, a couple of the men nod their heads. "Sticks good," one of them says after a colleague holds up his hand to catch the paper labels.

The paper is a work in progress from Stora Enso, the Finnish forest products company with North American headquarters in Wisconsin Rapids.

The company's Stevens Point mill has been working since the fall to create a paper-based material that works in the more efficient peel-and-stick beer labeling process. Between them, Bud Light and Miller Genuine Draft sell more than 93 million cases of beer a year, one-fifth of the domestic market, according to Information Resources Inc., which has the detailed data that exclude Wald-Mat.

With those brands switching to pressure-sensitive labels — as well as MGD Light, Budweiser Select, and Michelob Ultra Amber — Stora Enso figures it needs to offer a paper label option. Instead of cursing the new technology, it's trying to cater to it.

"The technology changes, and you have to have new products to go with the technology or you're on the outside looking in," said Dave DeBoer, regional manager for label papers for Stora Enso Global Specialty Papers.

Already the chief producer of paper for beer labels, Stora Enso knows what it takes to engineer a material that sticks to a bottle, accommodates high-quality printing and holds up to wet and dry conditions.

"It withstands the ice-chest test," DeBoer said. Stora Enso also has expertise in peel-and-stick paper, which it makes for several applications — including postage stamps.

The Stevens Point mill plans to roll out its paper for pressure-sensitive beer labels by the end of June.

Just as Budweiser and Miller entered new labels as a way to stimulate sales in a flat market, their suppliers see the technological expansion as an opportunity to broaden the products and services they can sell.

Virus fighters can slow your PC

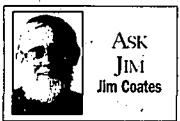
By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. My question refers to the software I recently installed for virus scan and personal firewall. Everything seems so much slower now. We have DSL.

Please tell me you can offer some suggestions.

A. My friend Peter Gornier likes to tell the story of the guy who rushed into the doctor's office and said, "Hey, Doc, when I move my arm up and down very fast like this it really hurts."

"Don't do that," advised the physician.



ASK
JIM
Jim Coates

A lot of times software like the Norton and McAfee anti-virus products will slow down a computer by continually scanning files and e-mail messages for potentially harmful attachments, such as spyware programs. Worms designed to trick a user into activating a file that carries a malicious payload.

You can turn off automatic scanning.

Norton Anti Virus, for example, is set to automatically scan scans of file types, searching for attacks and virus traps. When a user gets busy running programs, downloading e-mail and otherwise using a computer as it was meant to be used, automatic scanning requires a second or more/less to check each file type. That slows down performance.

To stop the incessant scanning of files, turn off the feature or digabit deeper into your anti-virus software and decrease the types of files that are scanned and/or the timing of when scans occur.

Look for the anti-virus software's icon in the system tray in the lower right corner of the monitor display and give it a right-click and select Options.

Available choices differ according to market, but there should be an option to shut off automatic scans and switch to manual scans.

When menus appear under Options will list various options for scanning of specific file types. Windows automatically runs snippets of software according to the three letter file extension, such as file names, along the order of "filename.xxx." These potentially exploited extensions include everything from the .exe to .html program files, to the .htm running so-called batch commands, to .scr to launch screen savers and dozens of others. Most of them pretty innocuous.

It's the heart of things: If a user simply exercises caution and never—and I mean never—clicks on any file with those extensions, there is very little chance that a virus attack can occur. Virus scans check all items with those extensions and eliminate any future infections. One just makes doubly sure to click on nothing suspicious and then to run manual scans every few days, the risk will be acceptably low and the reward likely to be noticeably faster computer speeds.

Employees allege age discrimination

NEW YORK (AP) — In a lawsuit filed last week in federal court in the District of Connecticut, twenty-one former employees of CooperSurgical Inc. alleged the Company with age discrimination in connection with their terminations following CooperSurgical's acquisition of Millex ProSurgics Inc. in February 2004. Plaintiffs have retained the firms of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, Green & Savits, LLC, and Green & Golden LLP to represent them in this action. CooperSurgical is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE: COO).

The Complaint alleges that CooperSurgical sales employees age 40 years old and older were targeted for lay-off because of their ages, and that most, if not all, of the employees were replaced by younger persons hired from outside the Company. Among other relief, plaintiffs

By Richard Verrier
Los Angeles Times

ENJOYING THE RIDE

Man defies naysayers as he plans theme parks

LOS ANGELES — It looked like Craig Hanna was in for a white-knuckle ride when he left the safe confines of Universal Studios in early 2001 to strike out on his own as a theme-park design consultant.

Two of the biggest names in the business, Universal and Walt Disney Co., had no new parks on the drawing board. Wall Street was turned off by the industry's thin profits and voracious appetite for capital. A few months later the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks would pumiled tourism.

"A lot of people asked us, 'Why would you even consider starting a new business in the theme-park industry?'" said moved to a spacious office for Thinkwell Design & Production.

But Hanna defied naysayers, thriving by diversifying and tapping foreign markets hungry for Hollywood-style entertainment.

The company's project portfolio includes an indoor ski resort it designed for sun-baked Dubai and a traveling Sesame Workshop exhibit. Last month, Thinkwell teamed with casino operator Harrah's Entertainment to design a new roller coaster and "Titanic" director James Cameron on a proposed 16-story indoor theme park in Singapore.

Sales jumped nearly 70 percent in 2005 to \$5 million, according to the company, and are projected to reach \$8 million this year. Thinkwell recently moved to a spacious new Burbank headquarters that gives its 25 employees room to handle their burgeoning workload.

Thinkwell doesn't construct rides and shows it creates the concepts. Like a movie producer, it assembles the team that builds those things.

Hanna, 43-year-old, Hanna honed his skills as a top creative executive at Universal, where he designed such high-tech rides as the company's Men in Black Allen Atlas and Earth based on the popular movie franchise.

"Anyone can theme a roller coaster," Hanna said. "What we do is tell a story and create an amazing experience."

When Universal slashed its theme-park design group and moved the operation to Florida,



"Because we're small and agile we have the opportunity to get stuff to market, quicker than the big boys," says Craig Hanna, chief creative officer for Thinkwell Design & Production, a theme park design company.

Hanna and three colleagues who were working on a project in Spain decided to launch their own business.

Using their contacts, the four partners landed a \$6.5 million contract designing a traveling educational attraction in Asia called the "Jurassic Park Institute Tour," inspired by the blockbuster Steven Spielberg movies released by Universal.

"They quickly realized success hinged on bringing theme-park entertainment to other venues, such as shops and museums. So began, a partnership with Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind the popular children's TV show 'Sesame Street.'"

Sesame hired Thinkwell to create a series of interactive traveling exhibits using the "Sesame Street" characters to teach children about such topics as the human body and environment. The show tours

science museums nationwide.

Thinkwell also has targeted retailers eager to offer unique shopping. To lure customers to the new The Pier at Caesars retail complex in Atlantic City, Thinkwell created an indoor water, light and sound show that includes a 15,000-gallon reflection pool and a computerized matrix of more than 150 fountains. The project debuts in June.

"I've been around this for about 40 years, and these people are about as creative as anyone in the business," said Sheldon Gordon, chairman of Gordon Group Holdings, the project's developer. "They grabbed on to what I was saying."

Gordon also has teamed up with Thinkwell on the Singapore project, an indoor park with shops, restaurants and interactive attractions, including one with animatronic di-

nosaurus.

Overseas projects have fueled much of the growth at Thinkwell, which has an office in Barcelona, Spain, to handle its growing European business.

"We came into this business knowing how small the world really is," said Thinkwell Executive Producer Francois Bergeron, a former sound designer for Cirque du Soleil.

Last year, Bergeron worked with animators at 20th Century Fox and Blue Sky Studios on an indoor water ride at Magic Park in Germany. With more than 50 animatronic characters, the ride is based on Fox's hit animated movie "Ice Age," whose sequel is now in theaters.

"They did a really incredible job in bringing the characters to life," said Amy Lorbati, vice president of worldwide promotions in Fox's licensing division. "They there's SKI Dubai, a 240,000-square-foot indoor ski

resort attached to a shopping mall in the booming desert kingdom of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Hanna worked with a Dubai investment group and a European ski-resort operator on the project, which opened last year.

"Just the thought of snow in Dubai was pretty scary," Hanna said.

The company's expertise in winter themes led to its latest job designs for a \$475 million winter-sports theme park in Dallas.

Texas investors backing the project hope to have it open in 2008.

Hanna attributes the steady stream of business in part to the company's midlevel. "Because we're small and agile, we have the opportunity to get stuff to market quicker than the big boys," he said. "And we're heads. We love technology."

An all-American: The Chinese restaurant

By Jeff Gammage
Knight Ridder News Service

"Today you can find a Chinese restaurant in practically every American city and town, from Alaska to the Virgin Islands and everywhere in between."

About 36,000 dot the landscape — more than the number of McDonald's, Wendy's and Burger Kings combined.

The Chinese restaurant, says Michael Little, director of interpretive programming at the Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia, "has really become as American as apple pie."

How that happened, what it means, and why it matters is the focus of a flavorful new exhibition at the museum that examines the Chinese restaurant and its multiple roles, only one of which is the preparation

and serving of food.

The show, "Have You Eaten Yet? The Chinese Restaurant in America," reveals the humble eatery as family hub, child's playground, employment center, immigrant conduit, and perhaps most of all, intersection of white and Asian America, each one influencing the other.

It leans from the Museum of Chinese in the Americas in New York. "Have You Eaten Yet?" tells its story through oral histories, menus and other memorabilia, showcasing local restaurants such as the legendary Cathay Tea Garden in Philadelphia helped introduce Chinese cuisine to the country.

"It adapted to American tastes and American desires," says co-curator Cynthia Lee, MoCAs deputy director of programs. The people who ran the restaurants were savvy businesspeople who "understood

what people wanted, and how to play up certain ideas about Chinese culture."

Most of the Chinese who immigrated to the United States during the mid-1900s knew little about the restaurant business, but they quickly became acquainted with the discrimination that confined them to the jobs that white workers didn't want, laboring as laundries and cooks. By the turn of the century, entrepreneurial immigrants had parlayed those beginnings into a business niche.

Opening a restaurant required little in the way of start-up costs, and prices could be kept down through the free or low-wage labor of family members, says Grace Kao, di-

rector of the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Moreover, she says, owning a business created a means of upward mobility.

A portrait of Henry Tachin Loo hangs at the exhibition's entrance, and in it he looks every bit the prosperous Western businessman, dressed in white shirt, tie and cufflinks. Loo operated the Little Paris in New York, started the Shangri-La in Beverly Hills, and, by the mid-1950s, was running the Orient in Philadelphia.

Loo and his contemporaries knew that to survive, they needed to appeal to their American clientele.

First, they altered traditional Chinese recipes to cater to

American palates, avoiding pungent meats and adding sweeteners. Second, knowing that customers wanted more than food — they wanted an experience — proprietors designed their restaurants to promote an exoticized vision of Chinese people and culture.

It was a delicate balance, the exhibition shows. If the umami strayed into the strange, customers would be put off. A restaurant had to simultaneously evoke other mystique and accessibility.

Restaurant owners set out chopsticks — along with programs showing how to use them. Plaques became small billboards to explain Chinese family traditions.

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Intel Corp. plans ambitious restructuring

Los Angeles Times

The chips are down at Intel Corp.

Chief Executive Paul Otellini last week he will cut annual costs by \$1 billion and branch into new businesses as the chip giant undertakes the biggest restructuring in 20 years to compete against nimbler rivals.

Lower profit margins, shrinking market share and slower computer sales have put pressure on Santa Clara, Calif.-based Intel, which missed profit and revenue estimates in its last two quarters.

"We are very well aware of the realities of our current and future business outlook and we are taking actions to address these realities," Otellini told financial analysts in New York. "No stone will remain unturned. We will restructure, resize and repurpose Intel for the future."

Otellini offered few specifics, but said runs would be made within three months and could involuntarily shut down underperforming units.

Intel is the world's largest chip maker with about 80 percent of the world's market for computer processors, but rival Advanced Micro Devices

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Inc. has gained shares at Intel's expense in recent quarters. Sunnyvale, Calif.-based AMD also has server computer processors more advanced than Intel offerings, outsells Intel in some retail categories and will introduce a dual-core 64-bit laptop processor ahead of Intel.

AMD's dollar share of the microprocessor market has increased in 11 of the past 13 quarters," said Nathan Brookwood, principal analyst with Insight 64, a consultancy that tracks the semiconductor in-

dustry. "The dollar share shift over the past five quarters is truly unprecedented and highlights the challenge Intel faces as it brings its next-generation products to market in the second half of the year."

Intel shares rose 59 cents to \$20.08 after Otellini's comments. Intel, long a specialist in semiconductors, is trying to reshape itself as a developer of platforms, or packages of chips and technology aimed at particular customers. It already has launched its "Centrino" and "Vista" platforms for wireless and home multimedia computers, and on Monday announced the "vPro" platform to allow companies to manage small and large deployments of PCs.

But analysts said Intel is in for a tough year because AMD will continue to innovate as Intel rolls out its offerings. "We're up against kind of a brick wall," said Mike Green, chief investment officer with Benham & Green Capital Management in La Jolla, Calif.

"Otellini is talking about taking a billion out of costs, about a \$100 million reduction in investments in factory and equipment. Cost-cutting is terrific, but it's insufficient."

"I just don't understand where it goes," Green continued. "When you're talking about microprocessors, you've got to be talking about the future, and new inventions and technologies and growth areas and products that are expandable, and Intel isn't really talking about that."

Some analysts were unconcerned about Intel's prospects. "I think it's not urgent in the sense that something needs to be rescued," said Graham Tanaka of Tanaka Capital Management in New York, who manages close to \$150 million in assets and owns around 15,000 Intel shares.

In presentations Thursday, Intel executives described new products coming out later this year for desktop, laptop and server computers, and reiterated its reorganization last year into business entities that focus areas including the digital home, the digital workplace, wireless technologies and health care.

"They really were saying things change, the industry changes, and they can do so with creativity and efficiency, and to me that means improve their return on capital metrics," said Tanaka.

Avocent acquires LANDesk

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Albany-based Avocent Corp. is acquiring LANDesk Group in a cash and stock transaction worth \$316 million, the Utah company announced.

LANDesk, a privately held company that is based in South Jordan and is a spin-off of Intel Corp., is to get \$200 million in cash, \$200 million in stock and \$16 million in as-

sumed options. The transaction value may be increased to \$240 million if LANDesk meets certain financial targets. The deal is expected to close within 75 days. Avocent president and chief executive officer, Bob LANDESK, said the acquisition will not affect the company's 500 employees, including about 300 based in Utah.

Gasoline

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For Mark Remington, of Allegan, Mich., cutting gas costs meant trading his 1994 Oldsmobile for a new Toyota Camry sedan. "With the SUV, I would pull up to the pump and pay \$60 or more to fill it up," said Remington. "I'm going to operate at a price agency." With the trade, I've gone from 20 miles to the gallon to 40 miles to the gallon.

The downside, he acknowledges, will be getting along without four-wheel drive capability of the SUV in Michigan's snow-covered hills. "I believe the savings (in gas) outweigh that."

The high price of gas — and environmental concerns — are driving consumers to start commuting on foot. About a year ago, Sharp found a new job as a computer systems analyst at a company a mile away from his home in Seattle. He started walking to and from work, rain or shine.

"My commute has turned into exercise," he said. The benefits are that he's lost 113 pounds and is in a better mood.

In the morning, my walk wakes me up and gets me ready to go for the day," Sharp said. "My walk home allows me to get the office out of my head."

Many communities around the nation have programs aimed at getting Americans out of their cars and into mass transit.

One of the more successful is Atlanta's Clean Air Campaign, which offers commuters financial rewards if they join car pools, or bike to work, or walk, or bicycle to get to work. The campaign's "cash for commuters" rewards participants \$3 a day up to \$100 over a 30-day period. A subsidized van program also is available.

Ellen Maehl, executive director of the Atlanta campaign, said the cash rewards program drew some 4,300 participants last year — many of them after summer hurricanes damaged public transit facilities and sent gas prices up sharply.

"We're seeing additional increases" with this year's fuel price rise, she said. She added, "I think it's a lot of commuters seem to be more judicious about prices."

Among those who signed up last fall was Chris Sears, who works for the South Coast Community Development Corp. in Atlanta.

"I had a 20-mile, one-way commute to work," he said. "I decided there was no reason to drive to work when buses and trains were available. So he walks — or, sometimes, jogs — to a bus stop every morning. "It gives me time to read my book," he said. "And I arrive at the office feeling refreshed."

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Cowgirls

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"We're not an open shop," Shultz said. "We're manufacturers, not retailers. We're six weeks behind as it is."

She started out as a hobby and became a job, Martin added. "Now it's a hobby with the ranch work so we can get back to the shop."

Shirley Adkins sells their leather work at the food and feed store she manages in Council Bluffs.

"Their workmanship is exceptional," she said. "There seems to be nothing they can't make out of leather. They make vests, chaps, belts, hats, they make chaps and bridles and other small tack, anything to do with horses except saddles."

"They're serious about their business," Shultz says. "They're hard on their gear, and knowing how to repair or replace broken tack was invaluable. They're serious about their business."

Tips for holding down gas costs

Katell Callahan, president of the nonprofit Alliance to Save Energy in Washington, D.C., said that as gasoline prices have risen, so has the budget. She said that the average American family will spend more than a tenth of its income this year on gasoline and home heating and cooling costs. Callahan offers these tips on ways families can economize on gas use:

- If you've got two vehicles, drive the one that gets the best miles per gallon.
• Combine errands into a single trip to avoid making multiple excursions.
• Got a tune up.
• Make sure air filters are clean and tires are properly inflated.
• Drive gently. "Aggressive driving," i.e. fast acceleration, driving above the speed limit, jackbrake starts and stops — all adds to gas consumption," she said.
• Pack light when traveling. "Extra weight in the trunk can reduce fuel economy," she said.
• Walk, bike, car pool or take mass transit. "Walking and biking has a double benefit — you can save money, and the health of it," Callahan said.

- The Associated Press



Electrician Dale Simonds uses a wrench while repairing electrical lines at the District gas liquid natural gas plant in Everett, Mass. Though Americans still derive almost a quarter of their energy from this fuel, that share will slip in coming decades, federal forecasters now say.

Understanding to bottle up production.

"I think the increase in prices is designed thing," says Charles W. Bradley, a lawyer for the 10 communities from Texas to Indiana suing five leading gas producers in federal court.

"They haven't found a workable plan proving that. Yet, in Associated Press interviews, some industry executives acknowledge that, during their 1998 sessions, members of the Petroleum Council talked privately of a supply and price crunch in the near future — purportedly as a result of external factors."

Why, then, didn't they warn people? Former council leaders indicated that they wanted to keep pressure on demand. "We needed to have buyers, so our customers that gas was going to be available," says Joe Foster, a retired gas executive who was council chairman in 1999.

After that, his successor, puts it this way: "We were doing it to grease our own wheels."

In the end, the council issued its reassuring report, and demand stayed flat.

On the other hand, industry leaders insist that collusion to sit on supplies cannot happen. After all, the five leading producers supply less than a fifth of domestic natural gas. So if they were to charge unjustifiable prices, smaller ones could undersell them, right?

Maybe not, if producers are more unified than they seem. Many small producers own rights, not rigs. They take a back seat to larger companies, which actually do the drilling under joint ventures, shared leases and royalty agreements.

spokesman for lead defendant Exxon Mobil Corp. "This concept... is simply ridiculous. And ridiculous would have been a generation ago when government regulators set prices across the whole marketplace."

Since the 1990s, the marketplace itself has increasingly set producer and pipeline prices under pressure from new hoards of traders, many betting on the future price of natural gas. In theory, traders would enable better deals through the magic wand of competition.

And the theory sounds sound in the first years of market pricing, when supplies were robust. During the production-pricing bind, though, something else appears to have happened. Conditioned by an irrefragable string of price increases, future traders — who contract for gas deliveries at fixed prices — tend to settle at even higher fixed prices, many analysts believe. Since the market uses these fixed prices as a reference point for its day-to-day prices, overestimates by traders can turn into self-fulfilling prophecies.

"One thing that's out there that I think is bit of a negative is: Traders love volatility," says Reliant Energy's Langdon, who once worked for a predecessor to disgraced energy trader Enron.

Middleman traders — also children of deregulation — now sell much of the gas, taking their cut without producing or transporting it. They were supposed to bring better deals to buyers, but not everyone's sure they do — even setting aside the market manipulations blamed on traders like Enron in recent years.

"I sometimes wonder if these are the prices that would really be arrived at, if the user of the gas was dealing with the producer of the gas," muses Foster, the former Petroleum Council chairman. "I don't know if there's a harder deeper doubt, is real competition possible, they wonder, for a product that buyers absolutely need. They're not like shoppers, after all, who can simply

shift to a cheaper product on the store shelf — maybe apples instead of peaches.

"I think it is very difficult, if not impossible, to foster truly competitive markets when you're dealing with energy," says Tyson Slocum, a consumer advocate at Public Citizen.

At six-years-and-counting, you might think supply has to expand to meet demand before long. Yet there's little sign of it yet. The industry's supply group warns of more upward price pressure.

Even the administration of President Bush, a former oil man, hasn't come close to opening enough federal land to drilling supply, which is enough bureaucracy from permits, the industry complains. "Our natural gas supply problems are made-made by legislation and red tape," groused chairman Larry Nichols of producer Devon Energy in March.

Optimists point to projections of multiplying imports of frozen liquid gas, which is warmed back to its original state in this country. However, those predictions may also veer off target.

Terminals to liquefy and re-gasify don't come cheaply, and investors shy away without assurance of safe supplies well into the future. Terminals typically run into a tsunami of domestic opposition, with the huge tankers and storage tanks feared as targets for attack.

Natural gas

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industry nervous. "We're good corporate citizens, we'd like to have prices at a level where people and congressmen are not coming all the time," says St. Nick Forecki, president of the National Gas Supply Association.

Industry leaders say they're trying to fix things. But drilling gas fields, and harder-to-reach new ones are limiting output. "You've got to drill more wells, you've got to run faster, you need to replace what we've depleted," says Bobby Shackolds, CEO of producer Burlington Resources and past chairman of the Petroleum Institute.

While government policy turned less-polluting natural gas into the fuel of choice for new electric plants in the late 1990s, federal oil exports, away from vast reserves of public land, the industry complains. Then came last year's hurricanes.

After the most drilling restrictions were imposed years ago and added to new impediments to output during the 1990s, the industry's top officials. And the hurricanes only added the latest insult to a market with much bigger, older injuries.

Other trends should have cooled oil prices. U.S. gas-fired generators did use almost 1 trillion more cubic feet of natural gas last year than in 1999. But in the same time, electricity cut back, using almost 1.5 trillion less, federal data show.

The country is not running out of it, they say. Federal energy officials. And the hurricanes only added the latest insult to a market with much bigger, older injuries.

Despite the federal barriers to drilling, the industry is economically, ready-to-capture gas — under existing wells within reach of pipelines — rose 15 percent during the four years ending in 2004, according to the latest federal data. The American Gas Association, a group of utilities, has made a preliminary estimate of another 1 percent rise last year.

"There's a lot of natural gas in the world," says Jerry Langdon, an executive at producer and exporter Reliant Energy in Houston.

Why, then, isn't it reaching users? Despite their protests, maybe some producers aren't really ready to supply it. "They're happy to take it easy and take in record yearly profits. Many natural gas producers are the same companies benefiting from marketing gasoline prices in recent years — familiar petroleum names like Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Shell and others."

Drivers, of course, can respond immediately to high prices by traveling less. It's harder for people to turn down their natural gas use, though, as companies that control the resource figure out how to keep prices high, they'll do it, and I believe that's what's going on in gas," says Leo Hausman, an analyst for Synapse Energy Economics in Cambridge, Mass. Some Midwest cities are seeing production cutbacks by callusian. In an antitrust lawsuit, they suggest that producers have reached either a secret agreement or tacit un-