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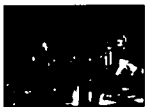
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Idaho and the Grocery tax

"I think (taxing groceries) is stupid, but I believe if more people were less wasteful and more conservative that their dollar could go farther."

— Shonne Carter, who spends from \$500 to \$1,000 a month on groceries for her family which has nine kids



Shonne Carter, 42, shops for groceries with her children Amalia, 6, Joel, 3, and Andrea, 8, Friday afternoon at Winco in Twin Falls. Carter, of Paul, has eight children who live at home with her and her husband, a truck driver whose annual income is just under \$50,000.

By Jared S. Hopkins • Times-News writer

Rebekah McDonough of Jerome typically spends about \$800 a month on groceries. She and her husband, a milk hauler, have five kids to feed. And they do it all on a household income of about \$20,000. So when McDonough hears about a proposal from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to provide up to \$90 per person in grocery tax credit annually, she welcomes the relief. "In we have so many taxes," she said Friday as she juggled three of her kids and a shopping cart full of food. "Anything matters." Homemakers like McDonough, who said she travels to Winco in Twin Falls because it's cheaper than other

grocery stores, are just the people Otter wants to see receive additional grocery tax credit. All Idahoans get a \$20 income tax credit annually; seniors \$35. Under Otter's plan, seniors would receive \$15 and the \$20 would be eliminated. But new relief for those who need it most — the McDonoughs would receive close to the maximum, according to state officials — might be just around the corner if the Legislature supports Otter's recommendation. He announced it Monday in his State of the State address. Many legislators said they like Otter's proposal, but there are alternatives.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DEBATE

Idaho plan must first get past tax panel

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's plan to lower the biggest obstacle to building the first new Idaho community college in four decades is running into opposition from lawmakers on a conservative-leaning panel that often shuns attempts to make boosting taxes easier.

Other favors lowering the voter-approval requirement for a new community college taxing district to 60 percent of voters, from 66 2/3 percent. Such districts levy property taxes to pay for schools and colleges.

The Republican governor's proposal also includes a promise of at least \$5 million in state assistance to new community colleges.

Groups including the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce want to start a community college in the growing region that includes Ada, Canyon and Gem counties. They'd be ready to put it to a vote by May 2008.

But the bill to lower the so-called "supermajority" to 60 percent would first require at least 10 votes in the tax-wary, 18-member Revenue and Taxation Committee, where virtually all tax-related legislation starts. The panel includes tax hawks such as Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, and its new chairman, Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, who say they won't back the governor's plan.

"It should be a higher standard," Barrett told the Associated Press. "He's only the governor. I represent a constituency that's rural."

There are currently just two Idaho community colleges, in Twin Falls and

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A smoke-free America? After Nevada win, anti-smoking advocates set sights on the nation

By Martin Griffin
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Thirty years after it began as just another quirky movement in Berkeley, Calif., a move to ban smoking in restaurants, bars and other public places has reached a milestone.

For the first time in our nation's history, with the November passage of initiatives in Nevada and Ohio, one of every two Americans lives in a place with laws to keep the workplace smoke-free. Buoyed by improbable acceptance in Nevada, advocates are now working with local and state officials from across the nation to bring the other half of the country around.

"The movement for smoke-free air has gone from being a California oddity to the nationwide norm."

— Bronson Frick, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights

Nevada was among seven states and 116 communities that enacted tough smoke-free laws last year, bringing the total number with such laws to 22 states and 577 municipalities, according to Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights based in Berkeley.

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Questions linger amid joy at discovery of kidnapped boys

By Baby Taylor
Associated Press writer

KIRKWOOD, Mo. — Investigators who made the incredible discovery of two kidnapped boys in a tiny apartment turned Saturday from euphoria to some troubling questions.

What could have motivated the suspect? How did he treat the boys? And how was he able to keep them hidden in plain sight just an hour's drive from their hometowns — one for four days, the other for four years?

"It's hard to believe that somebody could be that brazen," said Craig Akers, whose stepson Shawn Hornbeck was abducted in



Shawn Hornbeck, second from left, stands beside his sister Amalia, father William, and mother Sheri, right, at a news conference in Dulles, Va., Saturday. Ben, who vanished from the gravel road near his home five days ago, was found alive Friday about 80 miles away in a suburban St. Louis home, along with a 15-year-old boy missing since 2002, another 10-year-old.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Monday
Chilly to mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, but dry	Colder than average
High 24	Low 8	26 / 11

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Today: A very cold end to the weekend with mostly cloudy skies. Highs near 20.
Tonight: Cold and mostly cloudy. Lows, single digits.
Tomorrow: Less cloud cover, but still very chilly. Highs, 20s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Week of Jan. 15-19

- Monday**
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main, 423-5158.
Mintloka County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 633 Fremont, Rupert, 531-4101.
Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30, 352-4445.
- Tuesday**
Twin Falls county commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N, 726-3841.
Halloy Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-5570.
Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 634-6436.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
Castletford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000.
- Wednesday**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117.
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stebens, 326-4369.
- Thursday**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Mintloka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7180.
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 141 Center St. W., 423-4151.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.
- Friday**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

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To have an event including on-going events listed in the February monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Jan. 24 to Suzanne Browne by email to sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Woman charged with killing 2-year-old boy'...
Malinda Stringer: This child will be missed dearly and there are no excuses for her action against this baby, including his mother. She had a responsibility to her son and defied him. Any mother who has a child always comes running when their baby is crying in pain and has nothing more important than seeking and giving the best care to him as possible. She was careless and the baby is at fault. God rest his tiny soul."

On the editorial 'Imminent threat' to public not so clear in moratorium'...
Judith Stockham: "Eutrophication is a word that Gooding County citizens need to learn. It poses a danger to animals and humans. To quote the U of I "runoff from manured fields carries both soluble and sediment associated contaminants to surface waters. The high soluble phosphorus content of manure can have IMMEDIATE ADVERSE effects on surface water." Additionally there are currently increased amounts of well users in the county that have water that is contaminated. We need the new CAPD ordinance now and the moratorium will help accomplish the process."

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING
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TOP DOGS Local gym's most admired exercisers.
COUNTRY WINTER Our photographer showcases rural scenes.
CAST IRON COOKS The reasons and the recipes.
DANCING FEAT "Freeze Frame" is coming to CSI.

DANGER OF AVALANCHE
 Learning where to tread in avalanche country.
 FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS

JUDAS PRIEST!
 The debate over whether the 12th apostle was a scoundrel — or not — rages on.
 SATURDAY IN RELIGION

SCRAP-METAL MOTHER
 Book tells how Twin Falls widow ran a business and mothered nine kids.
 SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE

MAGIC VALLEY
Library wants to overhaul space for teens
 TWIN FALLS — They've got their spot. Finally, a room in the Twin Falls Public Library's basement displays books just for teen readers. But it's not an inviting place to linger with a book. Or study. Or surf the Net. Or munch on snacks and chat with friends.
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Ski tour transforms downtown Ketchum
 KETCHUM — Marketed as the "Loudest Snow on Snow," the Honda Ski Tour wraps up four days of competition, music and parties with the Superpie finals under the lights from 6 to 7 p.m. today on Bald Mountain.
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Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of 1997	% of 2006
Salmon	94%	46%
B Wood	88%	44%
Little Wood	79%	37%
B Lost	76%	35%
Little Lost	80%	39%
Henry's Fork-Teton	86%	42%
Upper Snake Basin	85%	42%
Owley	106%	51%
Salmon Falls	91%	44%

As of Jan. 13
 *A comparison of snowpack in this area to a 30-year average.
 **An "above normal" snowpack for the entire snow season when snow is falling.

IDAHO/WEST
Jan. 18 marks day Nevada gained ground
 LAS VEGAS — It is an anniversary every bit as historic as Nevada Day or the city's centennial, but no one will get the day off. Jan. 18 will pass just like any other day in Las Vegas, even if it isn't. On that date in 1867 the newly minted Silver State launched its third year of statehood by taking possession of a mostly empty, triangle-shaped slice of the Arizona Territory, just west of the Colorado River.
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E. Idaho man must stand trial for deaths
 HEXBURG — An eastern Idaho man must stand trial on five counts accusing him of contributing to the deaths of his wife and daughter, whose decomposed bodies were found in 2004 surrounded by hundreds of air fresheners and fans.
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Bush asks critics for their strategy
 WASHINGTON — President Bush on Saturday challenged lawmakers skeptical of his new Iraq plan to propose their own strategy for stopping the violence in Baghdad.
 "To oppose everything while proposing nothing is irresponsible," Bush said.
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NATION/WORLD
Brutal weather grips central part of nation
 SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A crippling winter storm lashed the central part of the nation with another blast of freezing rain, sleet and snow Saturday, causing widespread power outages and tying up highways and airports.
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SPORTS
CSI men earn split
 TWIN FALLS — The 14-2 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team slugged through 61 fouls to defeat the Salt Lake Community College Bruins 98-91 Saturday night, the Golden Eagles made
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Golden Eagles claim conference lead
 TWIN FALLS — The No. 19 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team defeated the No. 17 Salt Lake Community College Bruins 70-62 Saturday night at the CSI symposium. CSI now leads the Scenic West Athletic Conference.
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NEWS SHOWS
 Guest lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:
 ABC's "This Week" — Hadley; Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa.; California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.
 NBC's "Meet the Press" — Hadley; Sens. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., and Chuck Hagel, R-Ieb.
 CBS' "Face the Nation" — Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Barack Obama, D-Ill.
 CNN's "Late Edition" — Iraq: Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebani; Sens. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Carl Levin, D-Mich., and John Kerry, D-Mass.; Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz; retired Gen. Richard Myers, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
 "Fox News Sunday" — Vice President Dick Cheney.
 — The Associated Press

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Grocery tax

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A tough tax?

Otter has said he prefers targeting low-income people for the tax credit because they need the relief more than wealthy Idahoans, tourists and others whose budgets are not heavily invested in food. Otter himself is a millionaire.

"I have carefully considered eliminating the 6 percent sales tax on groceries," he told the Joint Legislature last week. "There clearly is a need to reduce the tax burden on lower-income individuals and families who must spend a disproportionate amount of their income on food."

Credit would be given once a year on a sliding scale of up to \$90 for each member of a family of four that earns \$25,000.

About 1.28 million people are receiving the \$20 grocery credit right now or are scheduled to in fiscal 2007, and with the proposed change, about 730,000 people would receive \$20 or more, according to Mike Ferguson, chief economist in the State's Division of Financial Management.

He said the changes would increase relief to those who need it the most.

The tax credit would break down as follows, according to Ferguson:

- 320,000 Idahoans would be eligible to receive the full \$90 credit
- 411,000 would get between \$20 and \$90 of credit.
- 109,000 would get \$10 of grocery credit.
- 500,000 Idahoans would receive no credit.

Help for real people

Jose Garcia and his wife, Olivia, live in Gooding but buy their groceries in Twin Falls.

Jose, 46, worked on farms for more than 20 years but is now a landscaper.

His income is about \$38,000, and he said he switched jobs because crops simply don't guarantee enough money. Being a landscaper provides a more comfortable wage —

"It's tough, but you get taxed on everything. You buy a new car, you get taxed. If you want to sell it, you're going to get taxed."

— Jose Garcia, 46, of Gooding

something he said is increasingly important while the cost of living — and food — continues to rise.

"It's tough, but you get taxed on everything," he said. "You buy a new car, you get taxed. If you want to sell it, you're going to get taxed."

For a family of four to receive the full \$90, household income cannot exceed \$25,300. Households with incomes of \$50,301 or more would get no tax credit.

In Twin Falls County, the median household income is about \$40,000, according to the Census Bureau's 2005 American Community Survey. The median income means half the people make less than that and half the people make more.

In the Magic Valley, more than 6,000 households, including 18,000 individuals, have an annual income of about \$24,000, according to Leanne Trappan, the community services director for the nonprofit South Central Community Action Partnership, which helps low-income people in crisis. She said those figures represent the majority of people she helps.

"I would definitely support what he's proposing because it's better than nothing," she said.

One catch, however, is food stamps. In months people receive food stamps, they cannot get the grocery credit. About 93,000 people will be ineligible due to food stamps, according to Ferguson, but that figure is an annual average, which means if a person receives food stamps for half the year, they are considered half a person and get half the credit.

Too many taxes?

Idaho and Utah are the only contiguous states west of the Rockies to tax groceries. Beginning Jan. 1, Utah cut the

tax on groceries to 2.75 percent. But that only applies to the state tax. Local options and county taxes still apply.

Wyoming's exemption will expire in 2008, but a move is afoot to extend it.

"Nationwide, 18 states tax groceries," according to the Federation of Tax Administrators, a nonprofit group made up of state government tax officials, but bills are pending in several states to eliminate or reduce the tax.

In Idaho, talk of grocery tax relief has circulated for years, but the Aug. 25 special session — in which the sales tax increased by a percentage point to help offset \$260 million in property tax cuts — has made it more likely to become reality this session.

"There probably is more impetus today for removal of the sales tax on groceries than I have seen (since) I've been in the Senate," Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis said earlier this month.

Otter's plan differs from that of Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, who, during his seven-month tenure as governor, proposed phasing out the grocery tax 1 percent a year for six years.

Otter, and some lawmakers, however, said Risch's plan — about \$30 million in relief a year — could cost the state \$180 million in revenue.

The other alternative — favored by Democrats — is to eliminate the tax altogether.

Shonnie Carter, 42, of Twin Falls, has nine kids and spends anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 a month on groceries. She mentioned that although Oregon's property taxes are slightly higher than Idaho's, Oregon doesn't tax food.

"I think it's stupid," she said of taxing groceries, "but I believe if more people were less wasteful and more conservative that their dollar could go farther."

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Coeur d'Alene, while Idaho's three universities and one state college also offer some professional technical courses.

"Idaho has an impressive high school graduation rate, but the percentage of Idaho high school graduates who go on to college is among the nation's lowest," Otter said last week during his State of the State speech. Just 45 percent of Idaho high schoolers go directly to a college — the fourth-lowest rate in the nation.

Many lawmakers remain optimistic the legislative foundation for a new college in southeastern Idaho will come this year.

"It's been an issue for 20 years," said Sen. Elliott Werk, D-Boise. "Now, you've got the perfect storm."

That "storm" includes several factors. The region around Boise is growing and has become one of the largest U.S. metropolitan areas without its own community college. The private education-oriented J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has offered \$15 million in seed money for a Boise-area community college. Meanwhile, Boise State wants to shed its community college and professional and technical school functions.

Otter's \$5 million promise of state support also has placated lawmakers whose districts include North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, started in 1933, and Twin Falls' College of Southern Idaho, founded in 1964. They had feared the \$22

million their schools currently get from the state would be cannibalized by a new school.

The existing community colleges are also pined for with property taxes and student fees and are run by local boards.

"We have two community colleges that are already operating effectively," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "And those of us who have studied community colleges know the local governance of the community college is inherent in their long-term success."

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Boys

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 2002 at age 11. "This has been going on for four years, and he's been right under our nose the whole time."

In back-to-back news conferences Saturday, parents of the now 15-year-old Hornbeck and 13-year-old Ben Ovnby told of an outpouring of hugs, kisses and "I love you's" following the discovery in this St. Louis suburb Friday that they described as nothing short of a miracle.

The sons smiled often by their parents' sides but were told not to answer questions. Police said they could not discuss details of their investigation of 31-year-old Michael Devlin, who was jailed on \$1 million bond on a kidnapping charge and could face more charges before an arraignment later this week.

Neighbors in the two-story brick apartment complex said Devlin, a burly, 300-pound man with wire-rimmed glasses and a beard, hardly appeared to be keeping secrets. He had life-long ties to this middle-class suburb of 26,000, family in the area and apparently no criminal record beyond a pair of traffic fines. He was often seen coming and going from his jobs at a pizza parlor and a funeral home, and nothing seemed odd about a teenager seen hanging around his place.

The landlord at the apartment, Bill Bomer, said he was in the apartment once to fix a plumbing problem and saw the teen, apparently Hornbeck, sleeping.

"As far as I knew, that was his son living with him," Bomer said. "The kid's bedroom didn't even have curtains on the windows."

Huck Butler, 43, who lives across the street, said he saw no evidence that the boy was scared or trying to get away. He even saw Devlin and the teen pitch a tent inside in the complex, which sits near railroad tracks and Interstate 44 in a working-class section of well-to-do Kirkwood.

"I didn't see or hear anything odd or unusual from the apartment," Butler said. "I just figured them for father and son."

The case recalls the improbable survival of Elizabeth Smart, the Salt Lake City teen taken for nine months by a religious zealot. After her return, many questioned why she didn't flee her captors, despite many apparent chances at freedom.

Stephen Golding, a forensic psychologist who examined the suspect in the Smart case, said captors often establish control over their victims through fear.

"People are led to believe, through someone taking advantage of their vulnerabilities, that leaving is not an option, that things will get worse for them or will get worse for others," Golding said.

Both boys were abducted from rural areas of eastern Missouri, both about an hour from metro St. Louis. Hornbeck disappeared Oct. 6, 2002, while riding his bike in Richwoods in Washington County. Ovnby was taken soon after getting off a school bus Monday afternoon in the Franklin County town of Beaufort, a beat-up white pickup seen by a schoolmate the only real clue.

On Thursday night, police in Kirkwood, an upper middle class suburban town, noticed a truck matching the description while serving an unrelated warrant at a nearby apartment.

When FBI agents walked into a suburban St. Louis apartment a day later, 13-year-old Ben Ovnby asked them, "Are you going to take me home?" and another teenager in the modest dwelling identified himself as Shawn Hornbeck — reported missing 4½ years ago.

"Obviously it was quite euphoric," FBI Special Agent Roland Corvington said Saturday.

Hornbeck's parents dealt with their grief over the years by devoting themselves to bringing missing people home. Having their son back, they said at a news conference, was evidence for parents of other missing children to never give up hope.

"I still feel like I'm in a dream, only this time it's a good dream, not the nightmare I've had four-and-a-half years," said his mother, Pam Akers.

Smoke

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 It was the most successful year ever for anti-smoking advocates in the U.S., said Bronson Frick, the group's associate director.

"The movement for smoke-free air has gone from the California oddity to the nationwide norm," Frick said. "We think 100 percent of Americans will live in smoke-free jurisdictions within a few years."

Charlotte, N.C., Mayor Pro Tem Susan Burgess said what's fueling the push for anti-smoking laws is a U.S. Surgeon General's report released last June that found just a few minutes inhaling someone else's smoke harms nonsmokers, and separate smoking sections don't offer enough protection.

She said the report gave momentum to the anti-smoking front even in North Carolina — the nation's No. 1 tobacco state — and influenced Nevada voters to approve a ballot measure banning smoking at all restaurants, bars that serve food, and around the slot machines at supermarkets, gas stations and convenience stores. Nevada, where gambling and smoking have been assumed to go hand in hand, previously had one of the nation's least restrictive smoking laws.

"The Nevada vote shows that when people are given accurate information about the dangers of secondhand smoke, it's almost a no-brainer" they'll support smoking controls, said Burgess, founder of the anti-smoking group Smokefree Charlotte.

At a recent National League of Cities convention in Reno, Burgess urged dozens of officials to snuff out smoking.

"Don't worry about re-election if you take the issue on. Don't worry about talk show hosts on AM radio. Polls show overwhelming bipartisan support for smoking restrictions," she said.

New House Speaker Nancy Pelosi banned smoking in the ornate Speaker's Lobby just off the House floor this week, and the District of Columbia recently barred it in public



Proprietor and anti-smoking ban activist Armando Frallicardi Jr., right, joins other smokers in the bar area of his restaurant, Lorenzo's Restaurant, March 3, 2006, in Trenton, N.J.

areas. Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Louisiana and New Jersey also passed sweeping anti-smoking measures last year.

Not all elected officials and business owners embrace the cause. They maintain such laws drive away smoking customers and cut profits.

"There's a fear that we would lose restaurant business to nearby towns if we passed a smoking ordinance," Moline, Ill., Mayor Don Walvaert said. "Before acting, we would need real proof that cities have not experienced business losses because of smoking regulations."

Nevada's smoking restrictions, which threaten a \$100 civil penalty, have been challenged in state court by a coalition of businesses. Opponents say the ban, which does not apply to the gambling floors of casinos on and off the Las Vegas Strip, is unconstitutional, vague and unenforceable.

In Columbia, Mo., one business owner displayed his displeasure over a new ordinance that bans smoking in restaurants and bars by posting a sign reading: "Smoking

allowed until Jan. 9. City Council banning beer next, and hopefully, karaoke!"

But Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman said studies show bans will not force smoking customers to go elsewhere. The Surgeon General's report reached a similar conclusion.

"I don't think it's a legitimate fear that bars and restaurants will lose business," Hindman said. "From what I've read, smokers keep going to bars and restaurants even after smoking is banned. Smoking restrictions should be based on health issues anyway."

Frick said while cities and counties would continue to lead the push for anti-smoking laws, most of the 28 states without statewide smoking bans also are expected to consider action this year because of mounting scientific evidence about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

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Iraq plan: what if it fails?

U.S. options could dwindle

By Cathie Woodward
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — If the revamped Iraq war plan fails, it will be time to withdraw most U.S. troops. Or send more in.

The United States is seen as having a limited number of options, all grim, if President Bush's "new way forward" hits a wall. The pressure for U.S. disengagement will be immense. Yet a further escalation, however unimaginable now, may not be out of the question.

Few expect helicopters to beat the air over Baghdad in a hasty retreat of the kind that closed the books on America's longest war in Vietnam. The Marines and its oil are too important.

"We were able to walk away from Vietnam," said Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain, who was a prisoner of war there. "If we walk away on Iraq, we'll be back, possibly in the context of a wider war in the world's most volatile region."

The administration is almost certainly considering fallback options if the latest plan fails. Officials are loath to talk about them.

Over two days of intense hearings on Capitol Hill last week, lawmakers raised questions at the margins about a Plan B even as they probed and for the most part attacked Plan A: Bush's move to increase U.S. forces to give Iraqis more time to take control of their own security.

Administration officials, defining a war that many in the U.S. and much of the world think is falling already, would not discuss what options will be left if the new approach fails. "Re-evaluate our strategy," Defense Secretary Robert Gates said.



An Iraqi policeman tries to keep bystanders away from the scene of a car bomb blast Saturday in al-Khail neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq. At least three civilians were hurt in the blast.

Analysis

Yet he hinted that the planned troop increase need not take place in its entirety if conditions change. "We are trying to construct this in a way that there are off-ramps," he said, so that "you don't necessarily have to go to the full extent of the buildup."

Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified, "You're asking a Marine who's focused on winning whether he has a plan in case he doesn't win."

"Yes," came the response from Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.

Pace would not address the question. Nor would he discuss any exit strategy — a "pejorative get-out-of-town" phrase he said he did not like. But if the plan does not work, he said, "our flow of forces will allow us to modify what we do next."

Bush's plan to add 21,500 more U.S. troops to the 132,000 already in Iraq will add to the stress on a military already overburdened and force longer and more frequent tours of duty on combat troops. An additional escalation would intensify the problem — with no ready solutions on how it would be achieved.

Those who favor Bush's plan and many who oppose it are in striking agreement the consequences will be dire if it flops. Gates echoed the Iraq Study Group in outlining some of the likely results of failure in Iraq. He mentioned:

• Undermined U.S. credibility.

• Risk of a regional conflagration.

• An emboldened Iran.

• A "humiliating" defeat against extremism worldwide.

• A haven for terrorist networks in the heart of the Middle East.

"Should we withdraw prematurely, we could well leave chaos and the disintegration of Iraq behind us," Gates said.

Just as success in the fight against terrorism cannot be marked by a surrender on a battlefield — as the administration likes to recall, the way Japan ended World War II — failure cannot be neatly defined in Iraq. Bush set benchmarks, but no timetable for the Iraqi government to meet them. Violence on the street ranges between terrible and worse.

But if a failure that no one can deny comes about, what then? "I don't know what the administration does at that point," said Rep. Galen Carpenter of the libertarian Cato Institute. Bush could propose another escalation or just pull out and take the hit on U.S. credibility, he said.

"This is the foreign policy equivalent of having invested in the stock of Worldcom or Enron," Carpenter said. "The longer you stay, the worse it gets. It's not easy to withdraw. It's just better than staying."

Bush asks critics for their strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Saturday challenged lawmakers skeptical of his new Iraq plan to propose their own strategy for "stopping" the violence in Baghdad.

"To oppose everything while proposing nothing is irresponsible," Bush said.

In a pitch to lawmakers and the American people, Bush said the United States will keep the onus on the Iraqi government to take charge of security and reach a political reconciliation. He countered Democrats and his fellow Republicans who argue that Bush is sending 21,500 more U.S. troops into Iraq on the same mission.

"We have a new strategy with a new mission: helping secure the population, especially in Baghdad," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "Our plan puts Iraqis in the lead."

The president, who hosted an informal meeting with a group of Republican leaders at Camp David on Friday night and Saturday, asked for patience from lawmakers from both parties. They had grilled Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, last week when the officials testified before Congress in defense of the president's plan.

"Obviously the need to secure Baghdad and strengthen an ally in the war on terror was among the items we discussed," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Saturday about the discussions the lawmakers had

with Bush at Camp David. "But we also discussed the need to find bold solutions for other big issues."

Democratic leaders in the House and Senate intend to hold votes within a few weeks on Bush's revised Iraq policy. The nonbinding resolutions would be one way to show their opposition to any troop buildup and force Republicans to make a choice about whether they support the president's plan.

Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., said that he, along with most Democrats and an increasing number of Republicans, believe sending more troops compounds a bad situation in Afghanistan, said diplomatic and political solutions are needed, not more troops.

"Before moving forward with this escalation, we owe it to these troops, to their families, and to all Americans to ask the tough questions and demand honest answers about the need," Walz said in the Democrats' Saturday radio address.

"Is there a clear strategy that the commanders on the ground believe will succeed?" Walz said. "What are the benchmarks for success, and how long does the president believe it will take to achieve them? Is this a policy that will contribute to the America's security in the larger war on terror, or distract from it?"

Bush said lawmakers have a right to express their views, and express them forcefully. But those who refuse to give this plan a chance to work have an obligation to offer an alternative that has a better chance for success.

He said Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has pledged that political sectarian interference with security operations will not be tolerated.



Bush

Prospect of Kurdish soldiers in Baghdad causes some alarm among officials

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Already a dangerous battleground for an army of 100,000, Baghdad could soon be flooded with another volatile element: thousands of Kurds from northern Iraq.

As part of President Bush's new strategy for Iraq, between 6,000 and 10,000 Iraqi troops will deploy to Baghdad from elsewhere in the country in the coming weeks, according to American and Iraqi officials. As many as 3,600 of them could be Kurds. It would be the first time such a large number of Kurds have been sent to the capital.

The impending deployment has raised fears among Kurds, most of whom live in a well-protected autonomous enclave, that they are being dragged more directly into Iraq's bloody and complex civil war.

Most of the fighting in Iraq takes place between Sunnis and Shites, but Kurds fear that could change if they're seen as players in the country's main struggle.

"I don't think it's wise," said Mahmoud Othman, a Kurdish lawmaker in Baghdad. "This is a Sunni-Shiite conflict."

Kurdish troops are not acquainted with Baghdad. Many speak neither Arabic nor English, and their participation could create an even deeper conflict between Kurds and Arabs, he said.

While large numbers of Kurds mix with Arabs in the Kirkuk and Mosul areas of northern Iraq, and a small number live in the capital, Sunni and Shiite politicians also question the wisdom of bringing Kurdish soldiers into the conflict.

"I advise the Kurdish people to apply pressure on their leaders to prevent this step," said Mohammed al-Dayni, a lawmaker from a main Sunni bloc. "Kurdish forces, he said, will face firm resistance from both the Sunnis and the Shites."

Sheik Abdul-Razzaq al-Badawi, an aide to anti-

American Shiite cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, agreed that Kurdish troops would not be welcome.

"The Kurds, frankly speaking, consider themselves superior to other Iraqis," he said.

"Would they allow troops from the middle or the south to arrive in Kurdistan?" he asked. "Their borders are closed, and they are practically independent."

The idea of using Kurdish troops to quell violence in both Sunni and Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad originated in backroom talks among the country's main power brokers. With a historical chance to live their dream of autonomy, Kurdish lawmakers were extremely reluctant to take part in the plan.

But Iraqi officials as well as U.S. military and political

officials argued that if they failed to participate, they were told, it would show their lack of commitment to the nation.

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NATION

Brutal weather grips central part of nation

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A crippling winter storm lashed the central part of the nation with another blast of freezing rain, sleet and snow Saturday, causing widespread power outages and tying up highways and airports.

The storm was expected to continue through the weekend, laying down a coat of ice and snow from Texas to Illinois, where an ice storm warning was in effect through Monday morning.

"We're in the middle of this storm," said Joe Pedigo, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in St. Louis. "Friday was the first of three waves."

Further west, frigid arctic air reached as far south as southern and central California, where plunging temperatures prompted worry about the homeless and crops.

The storm in the Midwest had been blamed for at least six deaths, and brought Amtrak service in Missouri to a halt on Saturday. Trees and other debris knocked down by the weight of ice blocked tracks at several locations between St. Louis and Kansas City.

About 115,000 homes and businesses had no electricity Saturday in the St. Louis area.

"We have hundreds of crews. We kept them working all night long," Susan Gallagher, a spokeswoman for the utility Ameren, said

Saturday. "Like everyone, we don't know what the extent of damage will be with the arrival of more ice."

Between 60,000 and 70,000 customers were without power in Springfield, Mo., Saturday.

plus an unknown number of homes and businesses in surrounding towns, said Jenny Fillmer Edwards, spokeswoman for the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management.



Madison Ebbles, 10, shields his face from the sleet and freezing rain Saturday in Broken Arrow, Okla. Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry declared a state of emergency for the entire state this weekend as sleet, freezing rain and snow accumulate.

AP Photo

Miners die after roof collapses

CUCUMBER, W.Va. (AP) — A roof collapsed in a mine Saturday morning, killing two miners, authorities said.

The miners apparently were caught when a pillar fell, said Ron Wooten, director of the state Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training. Wooten said rescuers were bringing their bodies to the surface.

"There's no need for rescue teams, the individuals have been recovered," he said.

Dispatchers said the accident scene was up to 1 1/2 miles beyond the entrance to the Brooks Run Mining Co. LLC's mine in McDowell County, about 90 miles west of Roanoke, Va.

Additional details weren't immediately available. Wooten expected to learn more once a team of investigators returned from underground. Federal mine safety investigators were also on the scene.

The federal Mine Safety & Health Administration was "saddened by the tragic accident" and would work closely with the state to find out the cause, said agency director Richard Sickler.

Brooks Run is a subsidiary of Abingdon, Va.-based Alpha Natural Resources LLC. The mine began operating in 2004. In October, a miner was killed in a wall collapse at Alpha's Whitetail Kittanning Mine in Newburg.

A call to the mine went unanswered Saturday and a company spokesman didn't immediately return a message.

The Brooks Run mine produced 375,665 tons of coal last year. Federal inspectors cited it 65 times in 2006 and proposed penalties totaling \$1.2 million, according to the MSHA Web site.

The deaths are the first in West Virginia's coal mines this year and the second and third in the nation. A miner was killed Jan. 6 at a Colorado mine, according to MSHA.

Last year, 47 miners — 24 of them from West Virginia — died in the nation's coal mines. The toll was the highest since 1995. The deaths included 12 men killed in an explosion last year at the Sago Mine in an Upshur County. Also last January, two miners died in a fire at the Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine in Logan County.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Thousands flee after tsunami warning in Japan

TOKYO — Thousands of people along Japan's eastern coast fled to higher ground after an 8.2 magnitude earthquake triggered tsunami warnings Saturday in parts of the Pacific region, including Hawaii and Alaska.

The warnings, which were lifted nine hours after the quake, rattled coastal residents more than two years after giant waves spawned by an Indian Ocean earthquake killed at least 230,000.

But the largest wave reported by late Saturday was a 16-inch tidal surge along the shores of Chichi-jima, a Pacific island 620 miles south of Tokyo, more than three hours after the quake.

Earlier, a tidal swell of about 4 inches was recorded in Japan's northeastern coastal town of Nemuro, and a higher tide also was observed in other coastal towns, including Kushiro, Abashiri and Oraru, Japan's Meteorological Agency said.

The quake struck around 1:24 p.m. local time about 310 miles east of Etorofu, the largest of a disputed four-island chain known as the Northern Territories in Japan and the Kuril islands in Russia.

The Japanese agency initially estimated the magnitude as 8.3 but later reduced that to 8.2, the same strength recorded by the U.S. Geological Survey. The quake struck 19 miles below the seabed, the agency said.

making a film about a former Russian spy whose poisoning death in London has touched off an international mystery, the trade magazine Variety reported.

Warner Bros. has bought the rights to a book about Alexander Litvinenko for Depp's production company, Infinitum Nihil, the magazine reported Friday. Depp will produce the film and could star in

it, the report said. Warner Bros. is racing against director Michael Mann and Columbia Pictures, which has agreed to pay \$1.5 million for the rights to another book 'being co-written by the former spy's widow Marina Litvinenko, and Alex Goldfarb, a close friend, Variety reported later on its Web site. The book is expected to be published in May by Simon & Schuster's

Free Press imprint, the report said. Warner Bros. had tried unsuccessfully to buy the rights to the book by Litvinenko's widow, the report said. The studio has acquired the rights to a book by New York Times journalist Alan Cowell, which is expected to be published next year by Doubleday. Officials from both studios

were not immediately available for comment. Mann is known for his crime sagas, including "Collateral," "Heat" and "Miami Vice," while Depp often takes on eccentric character roles in films such as "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Finding Neverland" and "Edward Scissorhands."

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Interim Somali parliament authorizes martial law

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Somalia's acting parliament authorized martial law Saturday as the fledgling government struggles to assert authority over a country that has known little but clan warfare and chaos for 15 years.

The vote will allow the U.N.-backed government to impose martial law for up to three months in this Horn of Africa nation of 7 million people, deputy parliament speaker Osman Irid Boqore said during a legislative session broadcast live on a state-owned radio station.

The vote came as government troops and allied Ethiopian soldiers began house to house searches for weapons near Mogadishu's main airport.

A few hours later, Ethiopian jets reportedly bombed at least one village in the south, killing three people, a traditional elder reported.

Abdi Hashid Sheikh Ahmed told The Associated Press by phone from Al Madow that residents of the village of Bankajiro came to his town with the bodies of three relatives they said died in the airstrike.

Lawmaker Abdulfarhid Hidir, speaking from the port town of Kisimayo, and government spokesman Abdurahman Dinari said they had heard reports of airstrikes but did not have any details.

Buddhists release birds despite bird flu worries

HONG KONG — Something was strange about the little brown bird found dead from bird flu in one of Hong Kong's busiest shopping districts.

The scaly breasted muntia usually lives in rural areas of the territory. So how did it and five others come to be in a bustling urban district — raising the threat of exposing residents and tourists to the virus?

Experts think the birds may have been used in a Buddhist ritual that frees hundreds of birds to improve karma. So, with worries rising in Asia about a new outbreak of bird flu, officials are urging that the religious practice be stopped to protect public health.

Hong Kong is hypersensitive about disease outbreaks — especially bird flu. The illness first appeared here in 1997 when it jumped to humans and killed six people. That prompted the government to slaughter the territory's entire poultry population of 1.5 million birds, and the disease has since largely spared this city of 6.9 million people.

Depp making film about poisoned Russian spy

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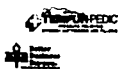
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Outpatient Imaging and Women's centers ready to move into new building

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Imaging Center at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is usually crowded with a mix of inpatients and outpatients. Its location in the center of the hospital makes it difficult to get to.

Meanwhile, the address of the hospital's Women's Center has continuously changed. Hospital officials even worried that might have contributed to the poor mammogram rates in Twin Falls County. A recent study showed that only 33 percent of local women were getting in for their screening mammograms. That's 10 percent below the national average.

Now, the hospital's Outpatient Imaging Center and the Women's Center are getting ready to move into a new, permanent home at Renaissance Plaza at 762 N. College Road. The two facilities will be under one roof but have separate operations with their own entrances.

For the Imaging Center, it



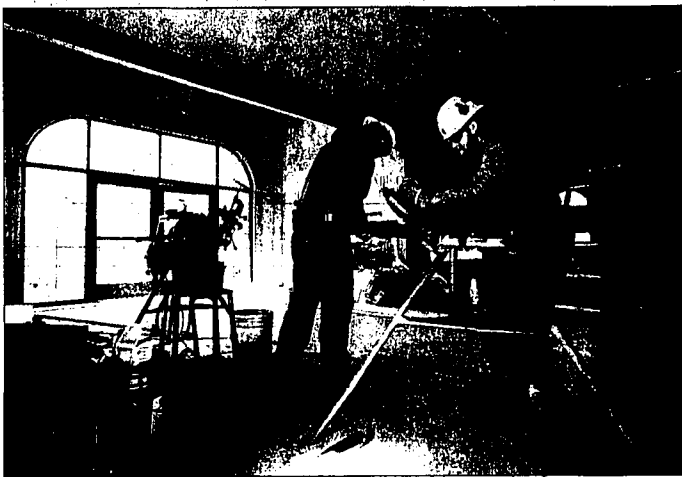
will be a big change from cramped quarters inside the hospital.

"Imaging is one of the fastest growing services in health care," said Kent Loosle, chief operating officer. "Now outpatients won't have to compete with inpatients for care."

Dr. Robert Wasserstrom, the hospital's chairman of diagnostic imaging, agreed.

"Outpatient imaging is 50 percent of our volume," Wasserstrom said. "This gives us more room to grow."

Services inside the 10,000-square-foot Outpatient Imaging Center will include X-rays, CT scans, fluoroscopy and ultrasound testing. Services at the 9,000-square-foot Women's Center will include screening and diagnostic mammograms, bone density testing and ultrasound testing. MRIs will continue to be done at the hospital.



Brad Paces, right, and Bill Iverson, both with 3D Fire Protection Inc., install workers Wednesday at the new St. Luke's Women's Center and St. Luke's Outpatient Imaging Center at Renaissance Plaza in Twin Falls. The two centers will house some \$2.2 million in technology.

The two new centers will have \$2.2 million of technology between them.

"For a facility this size, our quality is second to none," Wasserstrom said.

In addition to a radiologist at

the site at all times, the two centers will have about eight radiology technicians plus support staff, said Renee Hawkins, the hospital's manager of diagnostic imaging.

The facilities won't create

any new jobs at first, but that will change down the road.

"In time, with growth, it will create positions," Loosle said.

Diagnostic imaging is a fast-growing field.

"Imaging is the malnastoy of

modern medicine," Wasserstrom said.

Think that's just fine. The Times-News Business Editor Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or smiller@magicalvalley.com.

Life at \$7.25 an hour

By David Fisher
The Washington Post

ATCHISON, Kan. — It was payday. Money, at last. Twenty-two-year-old Robert lies wanting to celebrate "Tonight, chimichangas!" he announced.

He was on his way out of the store where his full-time job pays him \$7.25 an hour — the rate that is likely to become the nation's new minimum wage. Life at \$7.25. This is the life of Robert lies, and with \$70 in a wallet that had been empty that morning, he headed to a grocery store where for \$4.98 he bought not only 10 chimichangas but two burritos as well.

From there he stopped at a convenience store, where for \$16.70 he filled the gas tank of the car he purchased when he got his raise to \$7.25; then he went to another grocery store, where he got a \$21.78 money order to pay down some bills, including \$8,000 in medical bills from the day he accidentally sliced open several fingers with a knife while cutting a tomato, and then he headed toward the family trailer 19 miles away, where his parents were waiting for dinner.

Recently in Washington, the House debated whether to increase the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25. The legislation is approved and President Bush signs it into law, as he indicated he would, the U.S. minimum wage would rise for the first time since 1997, ending a debate about whether such a raise would be good or bad for the economy.

But even if the matter is settled in Congress, it isn't settled at all in Atchison, and Robert lies' drive home is proof. Every stop he made on his ride home revealed a different facet of how complicated the minimum wage can be in the parts of America where, instead of a debatable issue, it is a way of life.

At the store where lies works, for instance, the owner thinks the minimum wage should be increased as a moral issue but worries about which employees' hours he will have to cut to compensate.

While Congress lauded itself for recently increasing the minimum wage, many who already make \$7.25 struggle to make ends meet



Retail worker Robert lies, right, with boss Jack Bower, has a hard time making ends meet on \$7.25 an hour. With his job at the Wow Only \$1.00 store in Atchison, Kan., lies, 22, supports himself as well as his mother and disabled father.

At the store where he bought the chimichangas, the cashier who makes \$6.25 worries that raise will force her out of her subsidized apartment and onto the street.

At the convenience store where he bought gas, the owner worries that he will have to either raise prices, angering his customers, or make less money, "and why would I want to make less money?"

At the store where he got the money order, the worries are about Wal-Mart, which not only supports an increase but also built a Supercenter on the edge of town that has been sucking up customers since it opened three years ago.

As for lies, he keeps \$70 out of every paycheck to cover two weeks' worth of food and gas and in a matter of minutes he was already down to \$26.54.

Effect on unemployment

The debate about the minimum wage usually comes down to jobs. If Congress approves the increase, it will result in raises for an estimated 13 million Americans, or about 9 percent of the total

workforce. That's a percentage that most economists agree would cause a modest increase in national unemployment.

Kansas, however, "it would have a fairly significant impact," said Beth Martino, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Labor. According to one independent analysis, 16 percent of the workforce, or 237,000 workers, would be affected — and that doesn't include the 20,000 whose wages aren't governed by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and earn the state minimum wage of \$2.65. That rate, the lowest in the nation and unchanged since 1988, hints at the prevailing wisdom in Kansas about the minimum wage, which is that the only way low-wage earners will make more is through congressional action.

This holds true from Topeka, where the powerful Kansas Chamber of Commerce has long opposed any raise, to rural Mulvane, home of Republican state legislator Ted Powers, who says his futile effort three years ago to raise the state minimum wage

"(The wage increase) would have a fairly significant impact (on Kansas)."

— Beth Martino, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Labor

resulted in his being branded a "dirty dog," to Atchison, a working-class city of 11,000 where the stores that depend on low-wage workers include one called "Wow Only \$1.00." This is the store where Robert lies has worked for five years.

"Robert, would you help me a second?" Jack Bower, the owner, called to lies soon after opening as the line at the cash register grew. A onetime Wal-Mart vice president, Bower moved back to Atchison several years ago to teach and ended up buying the old J.C. Penney store, and now runs a business where the meaning of a dollar is displayed on shelf after shelf. The jar of Peter Piper's Hot Dog Relish? That's what a dollar is worth. The Wolfgang Puck Odor Eliminator that a customer was looking at as she said to a

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Modest growth predicted for 2007

By Neil Henderson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The coming year will be a tough one for anybody looking for jobs or profits in home building, but it holds out modest promise for most other American workers, consumers and investors.

The housing market stays in the dumps. Unemployment edges up a bit, but stays relatively low. Inflation ebbs, interest rates remain moderate and stock prices climb, though not as exuberantly as in recent years.

Or at least that's the consensus of the experts on Wall Street and in Corporate America, who churned out their annual blitzard of forecasts last month.

Sure, they may be wrong. Oil prices remain a wild card. The housing slump might hammer the economy harder than widely expected. And it's becoming tougher to predict the course of a U.S. economy that is increasingly affected by financial decisions made overseas.

Even with such caveats, the forecasts are useful for everyone making financial plans for the new year. Families want to know what is likely to happen to prices and interest rates as they "make spending decisions. Stock pickers and bond buyers want guidance on how to adjust their portfolios. Executives want a sense of the economy's health so they make decisions about hiring and expanding.

What follows is the outlook on several key economic issues. It is based on interviews with several analysts and a survey of dozens of economists conducted by Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a monthly publication.

No one has a crystal ball, and there is plenty of debate about the details. But overall, the economy is likely to grow a moderate 2.4 percent this year, according to the average forecast of the 54 top business and university economists surveyed last month by Blue Chip Economic Indicators.

That's a slowdown after

three years of rapid growth of more than 3 percent, but many economists, including those at the Federal Reserve, think that's just fine. The economy needs to cool a bit to prevent inflation from worsening. And they expect to be weak in housing and employment and a number of price issues are a top priority for 2007.

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See what the top housing, employment and price issues are for 2007.

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set by growth in the services sector, which includes health care, education, law, finance, entertainment, retailing and tourism, accounting for 85 percent of the nation's economic output and more than four of every five jobs.

"I think it's going to be a very good year," said Richard Yamarone, director of research at Argus Research, among the most upbeat of the economists surveyed. The economy "is growing at a pace that is very desirable."

The key to his sunny outlook, Yamarone said, is strong job and wage growth, which fuels consumer spending. "The consumer is riding on a full tank of gas."

But Yamarone also surveyed had a slightly gloomier view, though none predicted a recession. David Rosenberg, the chief North American economist for Merrill Lynch produced the most pessimistic forecast for 2007. Blue Chip Economic Indicators, predicting sluggish economic activity this year and a significant increase in unemployment.

Rosenberg argues that much of the economic growth of recent years flowed from rising home values, which made consumers feel wealthier, spurring them to borrow and spend more than their incomes. He expects that process to reverse as the housing downturn deepens this year.

"I know I sound like the boy who cried wolf, but remember the wolf did show up at the end of the story," Rosenberg said.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Michael K. Larsen

WALLA WALLA, WASH. — Executive Vice President Michael K. Larsen has been appointed president of Banner Bank Mortgage Division. Larsen has more than 40 years of real estate lending experience in the Pacific Northwest. He joined Banner in 1981 as manager of the residential loan department and was named chief lending officer in 1985. He attended Washington State University and completed graduate work at the Graduate



Larsen

School of Banking at Indiana University.

Rod Thomas

GOODING — Rod Thomas of Gooding has been elected president of the National Agricultural Aviation Association for 2007. Thomas, co-owner of Thomas Helicopters, has been an active member of the NAAA since 1975 and has served on the board for the past several years. Thomas is also very active in the Idaho Agricultural Aviation Association and has held every office in its state. He is also a member of the Pacific Northwest Aerial Applicators Alliance and has been a presenter for five years. Thomas and his brother,

Dale, started Thomas Helicopters in 1975. He grew up on a dairy and row crop farm and always loved flying. Thomas received his pilot's license while he was in high school. He was named 1993 Operator of the Year by the Pacific Northwest Aerial Applicators Alliance.

Maquel Wrigley

BURLEY — Maquel Wrigley, licensed practical nurse, has returned to Roseita Assisted Living at 1919 Hilland Ave. as administrator/manager. Her duties include making sure the residents are well taken care of by well-trained staff, that all facility standards are met, that families feel welcome in the home, and that they are

pleased with the care we provide to their loved ones. Wrigley has been a licensed practical nurse since 1991 and has worked as the prior manager at the business from 2003 to 2005. She still works at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation on an as-needed basis. She is also an American Heart Association CPR and first aid instructor.

A "Meet the Manager" open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the center. Refreshments and tours of the facility will be available.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Students earn money for school with ornaments

KIMBERLY — Students from Kimberly Elementary School in Kimberly slaved in a long-held community tradition, creating handmade ornaments for Zions Bank's holiday trees and received cash donations to their school in return. Throughout the state, elementary school students participated in the annual "Lights On" tradition by making colorful decorations for holiday trees displayed in a festive community setting office, Kimberly Elementary School students decorated a tree inside Zions Bank Twin Falls Canyon Park branch at 1863 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The students gathered

with teachers, parents and Zions Bank employees in the lobby of the branch for the "Lights On" ceremony. Zions Bank presented the school with a contribution of \$100 for the ornaments for the tree. The decorated trees were on display in the banks through the holidays. "As a community bank, Zions is proud to host this annual tradition in Twin Falls," said Steve Empey, Twin Falls branch manager. "We're pleased to give back to the students who provide us with beautiful ornaments by making a donation to help further the school's programs."

MILESTONES

Henningsen Cold Storage recognized for safety

TWIN FALLS — Two Henningsen Cold Storage Co. facilities in Twin Falls have earned membership in the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program of the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. A recognition ceremony was held Jan. 9 at company headquarters, 432 South Park Ave. W.

"Henningsen has placed safety as a core value in its business plan," said OSHA

Regional Administrator Richard Ierrell in Seattle. "In collaboration with employees, it continues to improve an already excellent safety and health management system." Henningsen Cold Storage Co. is a full service, fully refrigerated warehousing company offering more than 37 million cubic feet of frozen and refrigerated warehousing space in locations in Idaho and five other states. The company's manufacturing facility has 47 employees and its distribution center has 39 employees.

RASMUSSEN REAL ESTATE



Rasmussen Real Estate Company had a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors at 1146 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls. They are a new realty company with familiar names and familiar faces. They can provide you with the answers to your real estate needs. For more information, call 733-5600. Pictured are (front row, from left) Peggy Connolly, Steven Bieleberg, Lynn Rasmussen, Brian Rasmussen, Debbie Howard, Michelle Newport, (back row) Dave Foster, Roger Ursemback, Rick Bateman, Michael Buffington, Sarah Wigley, Roger Sumner, (not pictured) Dana Whitey.

ICCU employees donate more than \$16,000 in '06

TWIN FALLS — Each year, employees at Idaho Central Credit Union give back to the communities where they live and work. As part of the Idaho Central Community Involvement Program, employees are encouraged to contribute their own time to a project or event and to give a monetary donation to a cause of their choice. Last year, 100 percent of ICCU employees participated in the program, raising over \$16,000 and volunteering a total of 790 hours in their local communities. ICCU employees across the state supported more than 20 programs, such as March of Dimes, MIS/Walk, Search and Rescue, Red Cross Blood Drive, Boise State's "Boise for a Minute" in the Town, Parade of Homes, United Way Annual Campaign, Idaho Food Bank and Toys for Tots.

Persistence can help rescue a resume that's lost in the ether

By Amy Joyce
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If a resume is sent on one to a company with no one to check it out, does anyone hear the job seeker scream? Apparently not, according to many who want to know why they never receive any sort of acknowledgment when they apply for a job. And what's the deal with never hearing back from potential employers after an interview? Would it kill the human resources department to just call back and say thanks but no thanks? When Colette Iozard was looking for work in the fall, things started off great. A partner at her law firm handed her resume to a friend who was hiring. She was quickly called. Iozard, a legal secretary, took the requisite tests and had an hour-long interview with the human resources director. "It was very positive," Iozard said. "I told my husband I got a very good vibe." Iozard was told she would hear the next day or early the next week. Iozard put her thank-you note into the mail and, then ... nothing. She called a week later. No call back. She e-mailed. The firm never resurfaced. "Thankfully, she soon got a job at another firm. Some companies receive a boatload of resume spam, but many have fig-

ures. With an "active database" of 5,000 to 7,000 resumes and 15 to 75 resumes received per job opening, Michael Beckmann, director of talent acquisition at suburban Freddie Mac has a system to keep job candidates informed. His team of recruiters mine the database about every four to six hours. Job seekers receive an electronic acknowledgment when their resumes are received. If a resume matches enough of the job requirements, it's forwarded to a hiring manager. About 50 percent of those who apply make it that far. Then they are prescreened by phone, and six to 10 are brought in for interviews. They meet initially with three to five leaders in the group where they applied. If they pass that round, they come in for a final interview. And do candidates really hear back? "Recruiters are trained to keep candidates alive," Beckmann said. "They will e-mail through each round of interviews, about the job's happening. You can always gauge the level of competency of a company by how engaged recruiters are." It also behooves companies to be nice. If someone isn't hired for the first job for which he applied, he might be brought in for a second or third job.

Resume tips

in front of him or her and has to spend time on each one, a nice, easy, neutral format makes it easier to read." In other words, you'll stand out for not trying to stand out.

Laziness

Don't write this resume for yourself, even though that's easiest. That means you must translate your jargon and acronyms so the hiring manager can understand what you did, Soha said.

And don't write one resume for many positions. Each resume should be tailored to the specific job for which you are applying. The one-resume-for-any-position days are over, he said.

— The Washington Post

two to three weeks," she said. She did not often receive the same courtesy when she was looking for a new job in graphic design. "My resume went out in the atmosphere often to never be heard from again," she said. "It was disrespectful and reflected poorly on those companies. If someone takes the time to send you something, you can at least send them a rejection." For some, it has to do with sheer

volume. Suburban consulting firm Bloo + Allen received 15,000 applications from 2006, recruiting director Elizabeth Miller said. Applicants receive an automated response when they apply, and when they interview (and they do interview) the interviewer follows up by phone. But with about 50 recruiters to handle all that, "It probably doesn't happen 100 percent of the time," she said. Her advice to job seekers? Don't worry about being too persistent. Ask everyone during the interview process for a business card. Follow up by e-mail, sending a copy to the recruiter, thanking them and making yourself stand out. Remind them who you are and tell them about anything new that you have accomplished, while reiterating exactly why you're interested in the job.

And then? "Be patient. I know that it's really frustrating to be in that job search mode, but be persistent, considerate and cognizant that as many jobs as you are applying for, recruiters are probably interfacing with four to five times as many applicants," Miller said.

Don't hear back from the recruiter? Track down your hiring manager or another recruiter. Sometimes these recruiters do disappear. Don't let yourself do the same if this is a job

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Product reviews and links can turn Web pages into profit

By Sara Kozlowski
The Washington Post

Like many bloggers, Tim Light started a Web log two years ago just to share his passion about something — in his case, global positioning devices. Over time, traffic to his site, sparse-view.net, started to grow, and by placing Google's text ads on his blog, he started to earn some extra cash, usually about \$10 a month. But as traffic soared, he began to discover that there were ways to earn bigger dollars from his blog. Today, those earnings amount to about \$45,000 a year, he said. "At first, I never saw it as a way to pay the bills," said Light, who runs his blog from Carrabasset Valley, Maine. "Really, it wasn't until I started to recognize this is making a little more money than I ever thought it might. ... It had to start thinking about how to plan for its future." Over the past few years, a number of businesses have been connecting bloggers with advertisers who recognize how the cross-linking that goes on in the blogosphere can be a good way to spread the word about their products. Some advertisers have

covertly tried to generate buzz with bloggers with under-the-table payments. But newer firms are starting to move their online marketing into the mainstream, with full disclosure from bloggers and a willingness among advertisers to accept that not all reviews or buzz will be favorable. And the potential is there for these blogger-advertiser relationships to keep growing. There are 63.2 million blogs on the Internet, with 175,000 new ones every day, according to Technorati, an Internet firm that serves as a search engine for blogs. But the vast majority of bloggers — 85 percent, according to a 2006 survey by Pew Internet and American Life Project — don't tap out their thoughts and opinions to make money. Chitika is one of the companies connecting the two sides, paying people who feature images of products on their blog. Bloggers select the products they want to place on their sites and are paid a few cents each time someone clicks on an image, which links to another Web site about the product. The site works well for bloggers that review products consisting of electronics products, for example, but Chitika executives say it is branching into

other popular online shopping areas, such as clothing, food and beauty products. "We are all about blog products," said Chitika's chief executive, Venkat Kolluri. "Bloggers just love this model. They recognize that rather than blast the name of an advertiser, they can add value by presenting a product they're [already] endorsing." Longtime bloggers say the new advertising methods take advantage of the Internet's democratization of expertise. Now that anyone with an Internet connection can start a blog, it has become easier to espouse one's knowledge and share it among people who are seeking it. "What we're seeing is still a significant growth in both the number of people who are creating blogs as well as the number of people who make blogs a part of their regular media consumption," said David Sifry, chief executive of Technorati. "There's a perception that this is some elite group (of bloggers) and there's no way I could break into it, it's too late. That's absolutely untrue." Data on the top moneymaking bloggers are difficult to find. According to Sifry, several hundred bloggers earn enough to make it their

full-time job. He said about 10,000 bloggers are earning money as a secondary source of income and about 100,000 others, such as authors and speakers, use blogs as marketing tools to generate income indirectly. But there's still a gray area when it comes to incorporating advertising into a blog. After being criticized by bloggers, PayPalPost.com created a policy requiring bloggers to disclose that they were being paid. Before, disclosure was voluntary. ReviewMe.com, a two-month-old firm, connects bloggers with companies looking to buy online reviews of their products and services. It also requires bloggers to disclose that they were being paid. Patrick Gavin, who owns the company, said some advertisers have decided not to use the service again after receiving an unenthusiastic write-up. Rob Lenzman, the search engine optimization architect at LendingTree.com, said his company understands that not every review will be a good one. But marketing by blog "allows us to expose new products that we have to audiences that are not really mainstream," he said. "Rather than wait for buzz, we can go create it ourselves."

Daily revenue generators

Online ad revenue generators can track, place, and rotate products on 12,000+ blogs that feature relevant topics. Bloggers are paid a few cents each time a visitor to the site clicks on the image, which directs them to a Web site to learn more about the product. Ads are placed on the page, and the service in 2005, said active bloggers can earn \$500 a month. PayPalPost.com pays bloggers to mention products in their blog posts. Companies make pitches to bloggers in an online marketplace to try a product or select bloggers who they think of a service. Bloggers are paid an average of \$3.50 for each mention and must disclose that they are being paid. ReviewMe.com pays bloggers to review consumer products. It allows advertisers to select bloggers to review the product or service. Bloggers are paid an average of \$50 per review and must disclose that they are being paid. Amazon.com has a program called Associates, which allows Web publishers and bloggers to earn referral fees by placing links to Amazon on their blogs. Bloggers are paid based on how much revenue-generating traffic their links deliver to Amazon.com. Generally, the payments are no more than a few dollars per transaction.

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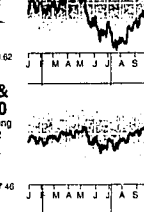
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THIS WEEK ON WALL STREET

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Record High: 12,556.00
Jan. 12, 2007

Nasdaq composite
For the week ending Friday, Jan. 12
2,502.82
Record High: 5,048.62
March 12, 2000

Standard & Poor's 500
For the week ending Friday, Jan. 12
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Record High: 1,527.40
March 21, 2000



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Key economic issues for 2007

By Greg Mays, The Hartford Courant

Housing
Less building, missed payments
Home sales are likely to keep falling, and the pace of home building will continue to decline as developers try to shrink their bloated inventories of unsold new homes.
Sales of previously owned homes, which account for 85 percent of the market, fell 9 percent in 2006 from the year before, according to estimates by the National Association of Realtors. Sales are likely to decline another 1 percent this year, the group projects.
New-home sales plunged a steeper 18 percent last week, and are forecast to tumble another 9 percent this year, the Realtors' group forecasts.
The Blue Chip survey forecasts builders to start work on 1.55 million homes this year, down from a projected 1.82 million in 2006 and a peak of 2.07 million in 2005.
One bright spot is that mortgage rates remain low by historical standards. The average rate on a 30-year mortgage was 6.18 percent last week, according to mortgage financier Freddie Mac. Rates should rise only slightly this year, according to many forecasts.
More borrowers left behind on their mortgage payments or lost their homes to foreclosure in the July-through-September quarter, the latest period for which data were available. Those numbers are likely to rise this year as the economy slows and unemployment rises.

How to fend off identity thieves

By Greg Mays, The Hartford Courant

Prices
A slower economy, so lower inflation
The Great Inflation Score of 2006 is 0.05. Most measures of price increases were pretty tame by year-end after spiking last spring and summer because of rising oil prices, rents and prices for many services.
Consumer inflation should weaken this year as a slower economy dampens demand, making it harder for businesses to raise prices.
The Blue Chip firms forecast the Labor Department's consumer price index, a widely followed inflation gauge, to rise 2.1 percent in 2007, after rising 3.3 percent in 2006.
Fed policymakers think inflation is still too high and worry that economic growth may rebound early in the year, allowing inflation to hover where it is. They made clear at their last meeting in December, that they would consider raising interest rates if inflation proves stubborn.
Many economists suspect lower inflation are assuming oil prices will behave better this year, staying between \$60 and \$65 a barrel after surging above \$77 in July.
Gasoline prices had receded to an average of about \$2.20 a gallon by year-end, after exceeding \$3 a gallon in much of the country last summer. Prices may rise to about \$2.50 a gallon this spring, said G. Scott Sundstrom, a spokesman for the auto club AAA.

Employment
Joblessness will remain low
This is probably the wrong year to look for a job in home building or automaking. But doctors, lawyers, educators, accountants, entertainers and others in the service industries should be able to find work, while average hourly earnings rose 4.2 percent over the past 12 months.
Employers cut thousands of jobs related to home construction and auto production. But they added many more in the fast-growing service industries. Those trends should continue in 2007.
The Blue Chip consensus predicts that joblessness will average 4.8 percent in 2007, still low by historical standards. Even the most pessimistic forecast, by Merrill Lynch Economics, has unemployment averaging 5.1 percent this year, though that assumes the rate will rise to 5.5 percent by year-end.
CVI counts an unemployment rate of 5.5 percent may sound low if Wall Street economists, but a percentage-point increase in the rate over the course of one year "doesn't feel too good on Main Street," said David Rosenberg, chief economist for North America at Merrill Lynch.

Cingular out, AT&T in for wireless provider

Detroit Press
Detroit — Cingular Wireless may claim to have the fewest dropped calls, but the popular brand name is being dropped in favor of the global AT&T Inc. nameplate, effective Jan. 15.
In a move that comes about following the completion of the AT&T/Bellsouth merger, the six-year-old Cingular brand will now be known as AT&T Wireless.
"AT&T Bellsouth and Cingular are now one company and going to market with our services under one brand is the right thing to do," Edward Whitacre Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of AT&T, said in a statement.
The new branding campaign will be called "Raising It Higher." Cingular's 58.7 million customers won't have to change telephone numbers or get new equipment during the transition.
"We understood that customers really want one communications and entertainment company to do business with," said Whitacre. Cingular's president of advertising for AT&T in San Antonio, "If you have multiple brands, it is not one company to consumers."



Wages

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"I just don't know how I'm ever going to make it. My ex-husband's not paying his child support. That means I'm on my own, as is the home pregnancy test, the most stolidified item in the store."

"This is not a wealthy community," Bowser explained. "The thing is, a lot of people depend on this store. Robert Iles has his own version of a dollar's meaning. He learned last February when Bowser took him aside and said he would be getting a pay raise for \$7.25. 'OK,' Iles remembers replying, wanting to seem businesslike. 'But inside I was doing the cha-cha-cha,' he said. 'It was like going from lower class to lower middle class.'"

Soon after, he bought his car, a used 2005 Dodge Neon, and just about every workday since then he has spent his lunch break in the driver's seat, eating a bologna sandwich with the engine off to save gas, even in winter. An hour later, he was back behind the cash register. And meanwhile, the Bowser wondered whose hours he will cut if he has to give his employees a raise.

It's not that he's against raising the minimum wage — "I don't think \$5.15 is adequate," he said, adding that \$7.25 seems fair — but his profit margin is thin, and wages are his biggest controllable expense. So if wages go up, he said, hours will have to come down. "The question will become 'Whose?'"

Will it be Neil Simpson, 66, who works six hours a day as a stockman, and then five more hours somewhere else cleaning floors, and takes care of a wife who is blind and arthritis? Will it be Susan Ross, 57, who was infected with hepatitis C from a blood transfusion, is on a waiting list for a liver transplant and needs more money rather than fewer? Will it be Christina Lax, who is 22 years old and 13 weeks pregnant?

Payng the bills

Seven dollars and twenty cents an hour equals \$15,000 per year, and out of that comes \$300 for the car loan and \$100 for car insurance, Iles said, leaving her monthly bills at an additional \$90 for the 1995 car which is buying from a friend for his monthly bill, \$35 on his credit card, \$100 for gas, \$100 for the mortgage on the trailer. "That's about it. Oh yeah, \$20 in doctors' bills," he said, and totaled it up on fingers scarred by surgical nitches. Nine hundred and eight dollars. "I bring home '000 a month," he said. "So I very rarely have any money for myself."

He parked in front of Always Low Prices, once a full-service grocery store, which has the cheapest Christmas gifts in town. After the Wal-Mart Supercenter's arrival, the store became a bare-business operation where the starting pay for its few employees is \$5.30.

"We're at the bottom," said manager Michelle Henry. "If the minimum wage went up, I don't know how we would make the cuts to cover it." The lone salaried employee, she works 80 hours a week to make up for the lack of workers. "I have mixed feelings," she continued. "I know that people can't afford to live on \$5.15 an hour. But on the business side, small businesses can't afford to pay it."

At the register, meanwhile, Shannon Wilk, 33, who makes \$6.25 an hour, said that of course she would like to earn more money. It would help her. It would help her 18-month-old daughter. "It would be good," she said, "but also, for me, I live in income-based housing, and if I get a raise, my rent would go up, and I would lose my assistance." "But the easiest raise would affect her," she said, and with nowhere to go, the last thing she can afford is a raise to \$7.25.

In such an equation, the fact that she was working in Kansas was to her benefit. Atchison sits on the Kansas-Missouri border, and if Wilk worked a few hundred yards to the east, she would already be in jeopardy. In November, Missouri voters supported a ballot initiative increasing the state's minimum wage to \$6.50, with an annual adjustment for inflation. Now 29 states require an hourly wage above the federal minimum.

Iles handed over a \$10 bill for his 10 chinchillas and two burritos. He stuffed the change deep in his pocket, and headed next to a convenience store owned by a man named Bill Murphy, who said if he had the chance to talk to new House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., he would ask one question.

"Where does she think the money will come from? And this is the question," he said. "My wages are going to go up 10 percent. Unlike Jack Bowser, who would compensate by cutting hours, Murphy said that in his two convenience stores there are no hours to cut. "I'm going to have to raise my prices," he said — not only because his workers who make less than the new minimum wage would get raises but also because those who earn more would insist on raises as well.

Economists classify such workers as the ones who would be indirectly affected by a minimum-wage increase. Of the estimated 13 million workers expected to get raises, 7.4 million are in that category. "You've created this entitlement," Murphy said he would tell Pelosi.

And yet he will pay it, he said, and compensate with price increases, which he worries might be inflationary, even though most economists say that won't happen. He will raise prices, he continued, because the only other option would be to earn less money, which he doesn't want to do because he owes \$1.5 million on his business and wouldn't want to default.

Wal-Mart support

Iles drove past the Atchison Inn, where starting pay is \$5.15, past Movie Gallery, where it's also \$5.15, and stopped in front of Country Mart, the fanciest grocery store in town, where high school students start at \$5.15, said owner Dennis Garrett.

A few days earlier, Garrett had gotten a letter from a lobbying consortium called

the Coalition for Job Opportunities, urging him to write Congress to protest the minimum-wage increase. It came in the form of a letter already written, to which he merely had to add his congressman's name and send it off to Washington. It was signed by 25 organizations.

"The most conspicuous signature, though, was the one that wasn't there, that of Wal-Mart, the nation's largest private employer, with 1.3 million workers. Wal-Mart won't say how many of those workers earn less than the new minimum wage would be, but at the Atchison store, starting pay is \$6 an hour.

Nonetheless, in October 2005, Wal-Mart chief executive Lee Scott said in a speech that the "U.S. minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour has not been raised in nearly a decade, and we believe it is out of date with the times." He went on to say, "Our customers simply don't have the money to buy basic necessities between paychecks."

When it comes to Wal-Mart, however, just about any announcement that affects public policy is greeted with suspicion, and that has been the case with the minimum wage. Some have said that Wal-Mart is supporting an increase for public relations reasons; others have declared it an attempt to drive small, independently owned stores out of business.

These suspicions exist in Atchison as well. As in many small communities, Wal-Mart defines local retail, and just as Always Low Prices had to retort itself, Country Mart was significantly affected by Wal-Mart's new food-stocked Supercenter.

What is Wal-Mart up to? What are its true motives? Like many others, Dennis Garrett wonders. He imagines public relations in play, but he didn't want to speculate on whether this was an attempt to put him out of business, except to say that raising some wages wouldn't do that. He'd reduce some

hours, he said. He'd manage.

Caring for family

So go the calculations of a \$7.25 worker, now headed home. "It's an old trailer," he explained earlier in the day.

"The heat doesn't work," he said, and the water heater works sporadically. One of the bedroom ceilings is caving in. He sleeps in the other bedroom, and his parents sleep in the living room because his father, who has diabetes and had to have part

of a foot amputated, can't really get around.

Also, his father has leukemia and is legally blind. His mother, who once made \$8.50 an hour as an aide at a nursing home, quit to take care of her husband.

"We're pretty much living off my money," Iles said, and in the winter to cook their dinner, bring pay day to an end and, the next morning, start the cycle again.

Life at \$7.25. Would that be the minimum wage? "Yes," Iles said. Even if it hurts job opportu-

nities for people like him, as Dennis Garrett had suggested?

"Yes."

Or causes price increases, as Bill Murphy had suggested?

"Yes."

Or damages businesses such as Always Low Prices?

"I mean, it's tough for me, and I'm already making \$7.25 an hour."

Or causes Jack Bowser to reduce hours for one of his employees? Perhaps for Iles himself?

"It's just so hard for people. I mean, it's hard," Iles said, and then he went to work.



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Court: TV company must pay for giving out phone number

BEIJING (AP) — A court has ordered a Chinese television production company to pay damages to a man who received more than 3,000 nuisance messages after his mobile phone number was used in a police TV drama.

The court said the Runshi

Rongguang Film Production Co. should have made sure the number was not in use before having a villain say it aloud on-screen, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The company was ordered to pay \$256 to the mobile phone customer, Chen Bing.

Chen, 39, says he started receiving a stream of text messages in July 2004. "I was so annoyed and for a long time I wondered why I was getting all these text messages," he said.

Chen discovered that his number had been used in a TV series called "Chinese Police — September Storm."

broadcast between 2004-06 and later released on DVD. A villain spoke the number slowly, to allow another character to write it down.

The company said it made up the number from a staff member's birthday and did not mean to cause trouble, according to Xinhua.

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EDITORIAL

Give TF area high school students similar options

The countdown to opening day has begun for Canyon Ridge High School. But long before the school opens in the fall of 2008, the Twin Falls School District must draw guidelines about which students will go there.

Don't expect it to be an easy discussion. The district's biggest challenge will be to make sure residents don't flood to Canyon Ridge. The district must also decide whether to allow open enrollment, or to base enrollment on geographic boundaries.

That leads to the key directive for the district: Avoid building the impression that Canyon Ridge is the more prestigious and more alluring school for academics and activities.

The district will soon launch new committees that will weigh policy for programs at both schools, as well as boundaries for students in the district. Both high schools will become four-grade facilities with the addition of 900 teachers. The breakdown will likely be evenly split around 1,500 students each. But Canyon Ridge has more room for expansion in the long term, while Twin Falls is relatively land-locked.

Another component will be dividing faculty between two facilities. Last spring during the bond campaign, the district said it would need only 17 new certified staff members for the new school. The rest would be existing personnel that are reassigned to the new school.

But Dale Thornberry, facilities director for the Twin Falls School District, said faculty will be determined by enrollment and programs — not the other way around.

"It's hard to nail down, but it's part of the process with the committees," he said. "First, we look at the zoning issues to see how many in each school, with a precise and realistic number of those enrolled, and then programs in place. Then we examine how many teachers are needed to satisfy the program needs."

Some programs will be unique to each high school. Canyon Ridge will have resources for special classes, individual sciences, home construction and pre-engineering.

Twin Falls will cater to agricultural science, fine arts and information technology.

But the district should be cautious of separating programs beyond that. Both high schools should field equal programs for most of its activities.

A few examples of where both schools should be on equal footing include:

▶ **Performance arts** — The Canyon Ridge facilities will include a smaller performance auditorium that seats 350, whereas Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High seats 1,200. But even with the disparity, programs for band, choir and drama should be equal. Canyon Ridge students could also perform at the College of Southern Idaho auditorium and Roper Auditorium.

▶ **Dual credit** — While Canyon Ridge will be adjacent to CSI, both schools will need to continue offering dual credit courses. The chance to earn college credits for higher end classes should exist for all students, regardless of where they attend. "I visualize that we're going to be providing shuttle service between the two schools," said Thornberry.

▶ **Athletics** — Canyon Ridge will open with smaller athletic facilities, but it's most likely that will change over time. The district should let that progression take place with booster clubs, however, and not just district resources. Canyon Ridge will have facilities (indoor track, cardiovascular rooms) that emphasize individual health and fitness, not just team sports. That emphasis should also exist at TFHS.

In passing its \$49.7 million bond for school renovations last year, the district assured that \$6.5 million would be to renovate Twin Falls High. That's a good start toward a stable enrollment at the older high school.

But even with unique specialty programs, an equal balance of programs needs to exist. In many ways, that's what voters wanted when they endorsed a plan for two high schools.

Tip of the iceberg for global warming

On Dec. 27, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne announced a proposal to list the polar bear as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act because of the loss of its sea ice habitat from global warming.

KASSIE SIEGEL

This proposal marks the first legally binding admission by the Bush administration of the reality of global warming. The significance of the polar bear decision has not been missed by those who stand to benefit from a continuation of the administration's head-in-the-sand approach to global warming.

Once protection for the polar bear is finalized, federal agencies and other large greenhouse gas emitters will be required to ensure that their emissions do not jeopardize the species. And the only way to avoid jeopardizing the polar bear is to reduce emissions.

Predictably, opponents of emissions cuts are doing what they always have done: chain a scientific dispute where none exists and urge that no action be taken until the science is "conclusive." Singing this tired tune is the editorial board of Street Journal last week called the proposal to protect polar bears a "triumph of politics over science," arguing that polar bears are "overly abundant" and that the species cannot be considered threatened until its population has declined further.

The journal got it wrong in every respect. What is remarkable about the polar bear decision is that it is a rare case of science actually trumping over politics, not the other way around. From burying the National Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on the United States, to trying to keep the NASA climate scientist James Hansen, the Bush administration systematically has attempted to suppress science on global warming.

However, the "best available science" standard required by



the Endangered Species Act forbids political and economic considerations. That was the basis for the strategy of my organization, the Center for Biological Diversity, when, on Feb. 16, 2005 (the same day the Kyoto Protocol entered into force without the participation of the U.S.), we filed a petition requesting protection of the polar bear. The Bush administration could refuse only by denying the science of global warming. So protecting the polar bear was the only decision it could legally make.

Unfortunately for the polar bear, the "best available science" — in fact, the only available science — paints a grim picture. The bear is entirely dependent on sea ice, using it as a platform on which to travel, hunt and give birth. Yet each year, as the Arctic warms, the sea ice shrinks. Polar bear populations are already suffering from drowning, starvation and lower cub survival. Absent cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, the summer sea ice and the polar bear, might disappear entirely in less than 10 years. All this has been documented in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Notwithstanding the scientific consensus that polar bears

are threatened with extinction because of global warming, there always will be fossil fuel-addicted naysayers misrepresenting reality, just as the tobacco industry always could find a "scientist" to claim that there was no link between smoking and lung cancer, climate-change deniers such as Sen. James M. Inhofe, R-Okla., always will find polar bear population numbers and trends that purport to prove that the species is doing fine.

More polar bears are being seen near human settlements in Canada, they say. Therefore, polar bear populations must be increasing. Wrong. A study by NASA and Canadian Wildlife Service scientists published in September 2006 in the journal Arctic demonstrated that male polar bears were indeed being seen on land — not because the species was "overly abundant" but because the bears had nowhere else to go. They should be out on the ice hunting seals, but earlier loss of sea ice means the bears are stuck on land, where they are more likely to be spotted.

Inhofe and the Wall Street Journal would take no action to protect polar bears until their population has declined

significantly. But five of the 19 distinct polar bear populations are already known to be declining. And given the undisputed trajectory of sea ice retreat, the species must still be considered threatened even if there were not yet any evidence of population decline.

But polar bears are not the first species (nor will they likely be the last) for which we have sought the protections of the Endangered Species Act because of global warming. The first, in 2001, was the Kùtlúzú murrelet, a small seabird that feeds at the mouth of tidewater glaciers and whose decline corresponds to the global-warming-induced retreat of those glaciers.

These species are, unfortunately, the tip of the global warming extinction iceberg. One study estimates that a third of the Earth's creatures will be condemned to extinction by 2050. Polar bears might not be extinct until 2040, but that doesn't mean we have 30 years to do nothing.

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New initiative plans bold push toward college

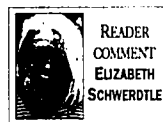
"Innovating" — John Engler, former governor of Michigan, current president of National Association of Manufacturers.

"Extraordinary" — Norman Augustine, retired chief executive officer, Lockheed Martin.

"Bold" — Joel Klein, chancellor, New York City Public Schools.

"Exciting" — Susan Fuhrman, president, Teachers College, Columbia University. So, these comments were inspired by Boise State University's performance at the Fiesta Bowl, but by a major new report on public education that was issued on Dec. 13, 2006.

It is a high-powered panel, led by a high-powered panel, the New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce (see www.skillscommission.org). The bipartisan commission included two former federal education secretaries, Rod Paige, a Republican, and Richard W. Riley, a Democrat, two former labor secretaries, William E. Brock, a Republican, and Ray Marshall, a Democrat, and an array of other luminaries, including a former governor, mayor and



READER COMMENT
ELIZABETH SCHWERDTLE

school leaders such as Thomas Payzant, former superintendent of Boston Public Schools and Joel Klein, chancellor of New York City Public Schools.

Education Week magazine reported the major recommendations of the panel this way:

"At the heart of the commission plan is the removal of state board examinations that most students would take at age 16. Those who passed would automatically be admitted to state community or technical colleges, or, if their scores were high enough, could choose to stay in high school for two more years to take advanced placement or international baccalaureate or similar programs that prepared them for advanced entry to selective four-year colleges and universities.

Some of the savings from having students leave high school earlier (estimated at about \$45 billion if implemented nationally) would be plowed back into investments

such as after-school tutoring and summer school that would get most youngsters ready for college by the age of 16. More than \$19 billion would be devoted to ensuring access to high-quality early childhood education for all 4-year-olds and all low-income 3-year-olds to prepare them for schooling.

The American testing industry would have to be overhauled to establish the kind of ambitious, standards-based exams that the commission envisions, which could test for such skills as the ability to work in teams, think in abstractions, or devise novel solutions to problems."

Finally, our editorial claims that there is no hurry because of a high snow pack and a good water forecast for Idaho. Yet, your paper's Jan. 7 snow-pack report indicated Henry's Fork and Upper Snake basins at only 85 percent and 84 percent of normal. Groundwater levels and spring flows are at all-time lows and Idaho weather is under the influence

cherry-pick and implement the best of these recommendations because we already have one ingredient that no other state except Hawaii has: all funding of education now comes from the state.

Unfortunately, the major precondition of the report — that in order for these ideas to be able to be implemented, all funding of education must come from the state — will prove to be a significant political stumbling block for most states but one that we here in Idaho won't have to deal with.

Idaho can become the national leader in bringing public education into the global age.

The stars are lined up right now for our state to do what BSU did: act boldly when the stakes are high, earning respect, vision and courage.

I encourage our state's education leaders and legislators to join forces in this worthy goal.

Elizabeth Schwerdtle is co-director of the Parent Elementary School District Teacher Organization.

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State should rush to judgement on water ruling

Despite re-reading your Jan. 7 editorial several times, I remain puzzled by your explanation that "Idaho serves no purpose for critical water ruling" (the water lawsuit before the Idaho Supreme Court). To paraphrase: rushing to a decision to satisfy the interest of the Legislature, litigators or state government wouldn't be wise. To the contrary, how about "rushing to a decision" to clarify and uphold state

law, a matter now postponed for more than 30 years by a succession of governors, the Legislatures, and the Idaho Department of Revenues. Postponement has resulted in depleted water resources, an indeterminate basis for planning and millions of dollars in legal costs spent by citizens to defend water rights.

You opine: "Why should they (the Idaho Supreme Court) be buffalooned into an early decision when their work could be broken apart by hungry water lobbyists and

irrigation interests." So, are we to believe these entities will not pursue their interests should the court delay a decision?

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of an El Niño, historically producing below average precipitation.

In summary, your flawed argument leads me to believe there must be something more, maybe unrevealed political maneuvering in the works. No matter what the Idaho Supreme Court decides, hopefully very soon, state government must go to work immediately to protect water rights that are decreed by state law.

J. DAVID ERICKSON
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LETTER

Make them fight all of us, not just the military

I've heard the president's surge speech, and I have a reaction, an observation and some advice.

My reaction to the president's speech was to recall a line from Bill Maher's book about the war against terrorists: "Make them fight all of us."

Mr. President, you want a surge? I'll surge. I'll surge on the condition that you once and for all enlist the entire American people in this war



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

effort, and the stopping of 130,000 military families, and now 20,000 more. I'll surge on the condition that you make them fight all of us — and that means a real energy policy, with a real gasoline tax, that ends our addiction to oil, shrinks the flow of petrodollars to bad actors and makes America the world's leader in conservation.

But please, Mr. President, stop insulting our intelligence by telling us that this is the "decisive ideological struggle of our time," but we're going to put the whole burden of victory on 150,000 U.S. soldiers. Yes, you're right, confronting violent Islamic radicalism by trying to tilt Iraq and the Arab-Muslim world onto a more progressive track is indeed hugely important. But the way you have fought this war — with our pinkie — is contemptible. For three years you would not summon the military means to back your lofty ends.

That led to a vacuum. The Sunnis, who refused to accept

The only tiny hope left of transforming Iraq is if its leaders have to pay the full retail price of their passions and we have to pay the full retail price of our oil.

majority rule by Shiites, went on a murderous rampage, and that rampage has now metastasized into five different wars: In Iraq: Sunnis against Shiites; Sunnis and Shiites against the U.S. "occupiers"; al-Qaida against the United States; Shiite theocratic thugs against ordinary Shiites; and Iran, Syria and all the Arab autocrats against any kind of democratic Shiite Iran that could be a model for their own people.

Hence my observation: The notion that the only war in Iraq now is good guys versus terrorists is ludicrous. There is no center in Iraq. And when there is no center and you put in more troops, you end up supporting a side. (See

Lebanon: 1982.)

And now for the advice. At this 11th hour, with Iraq's sectarian fires raging, the only way more U.S. troops might bring stability is if you add two missing elements: a deadline and a floor.

You need to tell Iraqis that by calling for a surge in troops you're giving them one last chance to reconcile; otherwise, we're gone by Dec. 1. And you need to tell Americans that you're creating a \$45-a-barrel floor price for imported oil, so investors can safely finance alternatives without worrying that they'll be undercut by OPEC.

By not setting a hard date to leave Iraq, we are only putting a floor under bad behavior

and allowing Iraqi leaders to pay wholesale, not retail, for their tribal politics. If Sunnis or Shiites want it all in Iraq, they have to pay for it all.

Of course, just leaving would be bad for us and terrible for those Iraqis who have worked with us. We need to give them all U.S. passports. We have a moral responsibility to them. But it would also be bad for a lot of bad people. They would be left to fight it out with each other. And yes, Syria and Iran would "win" Iraq — meaning they'd win the responsibility of managing the mess these or have it spill over on them. I have a nice day.

And by not setting a hard floor price for oil to promote alternative energy, we are only

helping to subsidize bad governance by Arab leaders toward their people and bad behavior by Americans toward the climate.

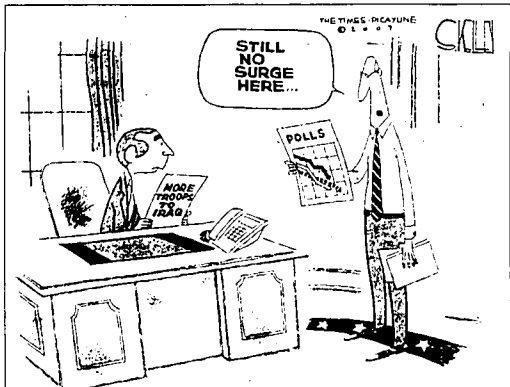
Make them fight all of us, Mr. President, or don't do it at all! If we made ourselves energy-independent, we would bring down global oil prices, which would not only shrink the resources for mischief by our enemies and limit Saudi Arabia's ability to transform Islam all over the world into its most intolerant Wahhabi form, but also, more important, would force the Arab world to reform. It would force Arab leaders, including Iraqis, to organize their societies in ways that would tap their people, not just their oil wells — whether our troops were there or not. Also, if the

rest of the world saw all of us sacrificing to win this war, we might actually be able to enlist them to help a little.

More troops alone will not suffice. The only tiny hope left of transforming Iraq is if its leaders have to pay the full retail price of their passions and we have to pay the full retail price of our oil. And if even that won't work, then setting a date and setting an oil price will extract us from this disaster and make us less vulnerable to the madness we leave behind.

If we fall in Iraq, at least let America be stronger — by being energy independent — the morning after.

Thomas L. Friedman is a columnist for *The New York Times*.



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LETTER

Odor and data reflect need for dairy moratorium

Per the *Times-News*, sufficient documentation showing dairies pose major risks to public health, safety or welfare is lacking. The Ground Water Quality Technical Report No. 14 July 2000 study conducted by Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality provides sufficient evidence for concern, with irrigated land and fertilizers ready, but cattle numbers doubling over 20 years and nitrates rising in areas of greatest growth. The American Public Health Association's policy statement from 2003, recommends federal, state and local governments and public health agencies impose a moratorium on new confined animal feeding operations until additional scientific data on the attendant risks to public health have been collected and uncertainties resolved.

The *Times-News* thinks Gooding County's recent moratorium on CAFOs isn't sound; others believe it's a wise decision. The stench in the valley attests to the fact

these operations have continued to expand without regard for neighbors or the environment.

Idaho's State Department of Agriculture is notorious for closed-door policy, having kept cow numbers and waste management plans secret, developing odor management plans without penalties, etc. The new director could prove to the public ISDA's eradicated its closed-door policies and is no longer the fox guarding the henhouse by enacting a statewide moratorium, while every cow's counted. Once a true assessment of cattle and land available for waste application determined, a saturation point can be established. Until we know where we stand, we can't begin to solve problems surrounding CAFOs, and risks to neighborhoods and our environment will prevail.

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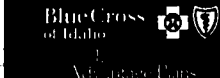
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NATION/WORLD

Rice says don't give up on peace in the Mideast

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice explored opportunities Saturday for a fresh start in the stalled effort at a political compromise between Israel and the Palestinians. At the start of a weeklong trip to the region, she warned that an enduring peace cannot be stamped "made in America."

Rice said she did not carry a specific plan and she tried to lower expectations for quick changes. Any progress would require political risk-taking from weakened Israeli and Palestinian leaders, and some resolution to escalat-

ating divides in the Palestinian ranks. One idea on the table is a bold stroke — sketching the rough outlines of an eventual Palestinian state even though that day is far off. Other approaches include finding ways to speed up elements of an existing U.S.-backed peace plan.

"This is a very important and challenging time in the Middle East, but a time that I believe does have promise if we exercise our responsibilities with creativity and with resolve," Rice said before an evening meeting with Israel's foreign minister, Tzipi Livni.

Her references were to new strategies and the underlying commitment to freeze the ruling Islamic Palestinian Hamas faction and others she branded extremists, bent on denying peace and democracy to the rest of the Middle East.

"We are determined to resist their efforts, but also to strengthen the hands of those who wish to resist their efforts," Rice said.

The United States wants to move more swiftly to shore up Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. He is in a power struggle with Hamas and

grasping for ways to demonstrate progress. Abbas has told U.S. diplomats he needs to offer Palestinians a vision of a political future that makes the frustrating effort to seek peace with Israel seem worthwhile.

To reward Abbas for standing firm against Hamas, the Bush administration soon will ask Congress to approve \$65 million to train and equip Abbas' security forces. Israel supports the plan.

"Part of our responsibility is to give the moderate Palestinians a political horizon while providing the Israelis

security," Livni said.

Ahead of Rice's visit to Jerusalem and the Palestinian-controlled West Bank, Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas contended Saturday that Israel and the U.S. were trying to fan the flames of a Palestinian civil war.

Rice also is promoting President Bush's new strategy for the Iraq war to sometimes skeptical Arab allies and asking those nations to do more to help the struggling government of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Reformers challenge Iran's nuclear diplomacy

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Conservatives and reformists are openly challenging President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's hard-line nuclear diplomacy, an unusual spectrum across Iran's political spectrum, with many saying his provocative remarks have increasingly isolated their country.

The criticism comes after the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously last month to impose sanctions on Iran for refusing to halt uranium enrichment. Some critics view the sanctions as an indication that Iran must change its policy.

After a year of silence, reformists are demanding that Iran dispel fears that it is seeking to build atomic weapons, pressing for a return to former President Mohammad Khatami's policy of suspending enrichment, a process that can produce the material for either nuclear reactors or bombs.

The U.N. Security Council resolution will put us in a more isolated position, said the Islamic Iran Participation Front, the largest reformist party.

Ahmadinejad's popularity already was weakened after his close conservative allies were defeated last month in local elections, which were widely seen as a referendum on his 18 months in power.

Even some conservatives warn his confrontational tactics are backfiring.

"Your language is so offensive ... that it shows that the nuclear issue is being dealt with a sort of stubbornness," the hard-line daily Jomhuri-ye Eslami said in a recent editorial.

Some lawmakers on both sides of the political spectrum are considering imposing Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki if the Security Council approves more resolutions against Iran.

"That all 15 members of the Security Council unanimously voted against the claim by our diplomatic apparatus that there was no unanimity against Iran, shows the weakness of our diplomatic apparatus," said Nouredin Faramaz, a reformist lawmaker.

Despite the criticism, Ahmadinejad has remained defiant, escalating Iran's nuclear standoff with the United States and its allies. He has repeatedly refused to suspend enrichment, even under pressure from its trade allies Russia and China. Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, denying allegations from the U.S. and its allies that it is secretly trying to build a bomb.

On Saturday, Ahmadinejad met with fellow U.S. critic Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez at the start of a Latin America tour — his second such visit in four months. Critics say the trip was partly aimed at diverting attention from the disapproval at home.

Ahmadinejad has also distanced some of his conservative base by calling for Israel to be "wiped off the map" and hosting a conference last month that cast doubt on the Holocaust.



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Sure you want 'TaB' on your tombstone?

Momofuku Ando died earlier this month at age 96. The China-born Japanese entrepreneur was a key figure in developing the fast-food industry internationally during the 1950s and '60s.

Lamentably, Ando also gave the world Top Ramen. You know ramen — the cheap, indestructible, salt-laden noodles that have been the bane of American college students' lives since 1962. I've been out of school for 30 years, and I think I *still* have some in the cupboard.

If you were Mr. Ando, would you really want your epitaph to read: "Invented ramen?"



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Same goes for the authors of some of the more unfortunate consumer food products of the past few generations: Tab (Fred Dickson), Tang (William Bruce James), shredded wheat (Henry Perky), Sanka (Ludwig Roselius), puffed rice (Alexander B. Anderson), TV dinners (Gerry Thomas), Tater Tots (Nephil Grigg), Pop Rocks (William Mitchell), Cheez Doodles (Morrie Yohai), Pringles (Alexander Liepa), SweetTarts (J. Fish Smith), boxed wine (Tom Angove) and, most diabolical of all, Spam (Jay Hornell).

Hornell, at least, lived long enough to hear his comeuppance: The Minnesota meat-packer invented Spam in 1937. In plenty of time to be cursed by millions of American soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen who had to eat the stuff during World War II.

But Roselius and Anderson made a lot of money, retired and died before the consequences of their infamy became fully apparent. Roselius, the Sanka-swilling German coffee merchant, was an enthusiastic supporter of Adolf Hitler and developed the process for making decaffeinated coffee, which is a lot to answer for.

And Anderson, a mild-mannered Minnesota botanist who in 1901 invented the technique for manufacturing puffed cereal, in the process made rice cakes inevitable. The *second* rat. Much wiser, I think, were the crazed inventors who opted for anonymity. Fizzes, the cloying, fruit-flavored, '60s confection that effervesced when dropped into a glass of water, was thought up by a task force of chemists at Emerson Drug Co., maker of Bromo-Selzer antacid medicine. But nobody actually lent his name to the Fizzes enterprise.

So when, in 1970, the federal Food and Drug Administration banned cyclamates — the artificial sweeteners in Fizzes — because they caused cancer, no one had to leave Fizzes or his resume. (Fizzes have since been resurrected, using another artificial sweetener).

Same deal with Cheez Whiz, cream soda, Tuna Helper, olive loaf and Pita Puffs.

As far as history knows, those were the follies of a committee of mad scientists, probably all hopped up on R.C. Cola and MoonPies.

That said, let's celebrate Mr. Ando's achievements, and forget — for a moment — his Top Ramen. That legacy will last forever, and so too will the product.

Literally.
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Skiers go airborne as they hit the final roller before crossing the finish line during the skier cross race Saturday at the Honda Ski Tour in Sun Valley.



A skier is interviewed by a television news crew Saturday after a race on Dollar Mountain.



Jordan Fitzgerald, a member of the Sun Valley Ski Team, poses for his banner signed by a professional skier at Dollar Mountain after the races.



Announcers from ESPN provide commentary Saturday as skiers race down the mountain.

Snow dance

Honda Ski Tour transforms Blaine County



Winners celebrate Saturday by spraying the crowd with champagne after the skier cross races.

By Matt Lalmecker
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Marketed as the "Loudest Show on Snow," the Honda Ski Tour wraps up four days of competition, music and parties with the Superpipe finals under the lights from 6 to 7 p.m. today on Bald Mountain.

During the day, world-class skiers like Daron Rahlyns, Zach Crist and Tanner Hall fight for part of a \$125,000 purse in two USAA-sanctioned skiercross and superpipe competitions. But the races are only a small part of this four-day event that includes live music, a film festival, bonfires and street parties.

To create a "Base Camp Experience," event organizers worked with the City Council to close off several of the main streets in downtown Ketchum. A 14,000-square-foot tent was erected to cover the main musical event of the weekend, a reggae performance by the legendary band The Wailers.

After braving temperatures in the low teens Friday to watch Jake Fiala post the

fastest qualifying run on the Dollar Mountain Skiercross course, crowds began filtering into the Honda Ski Tour Basecamp in the middle of town. As the sun dropped below the horizon, the temperatures plummeted to below freezing.

Revelers were not daunted as they crowded around two enormous bonfires. "It was just 30 degrees out, this would be great," said local Mike Schlatter, laughing as he hopped from foot to foot to stay warm.

The cold weather didn't stop The Wailers from taking the stage and belting out classic reggae tunes that kept the crowd enthused and on its feet. At the end of the show, fireworks exploded over town and revelers took refuge from the cold in many of the local bars and restaurants.

As the party moved to Main Street, hip-hop bands like Swollen Members and Kamphire Collective played to full crowds. Three new fires were lit to provide more warmth, drum circles formed and jugglers entertained the throngs outside as they traveled from bar to bar.



A child looks through a meat partition as announcers introduce the winners of the older cross event during the Honda Ski Tour.

OBITUARIES

D. Max Burton

BURLEY — Donald Max Burton, an 84-year-old resident of Burley, passed away on Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center, after a short illness.

He was born Dec. 11, 1922, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Joseph E. and Selma Danielson Burton. He was raised on the family farm in the Springdale area. Max graduated from Burley High School and spent time living with his Uncle Fred and Aunt Latta Danielson in Portland, Ore., driving a logging truck. Max came back to Burley to help on the farm and married Dorothy Goffman on Jan. 9, 1943. He enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in San Diego, Calif., where he trained to be a medic and worked in the Naval Hospital. Max and Dorothy returned to Burley, where he started his lifelong occupation of farming and raising livestock.

Max was a member and chairman of the Cassia Mounted Sheriff's posse. He was also involved with the Magic Valley Catter Association, the Sugar Beet Growers, and was awarded Honorary FFA degrees while supporting his four sons in the FFA activities. He was chairman of the North Cassia Fire District Board, was president of the Good Sams Club, and a member of the Burley Elks Lodge. Most recently, Max worked as a senior care

panion in the Mini-Cassia Care, Carol (K) Wells of Oakley, Don (Vicki) Burton of Burley and Dennis (Cindy) Burton of Rupert; 17 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Dorothy, he was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Gary; a grandson; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, George Burton and Gale Burton.

The family would like to thank Dr. Klett and Dr. Spackman, the staff of the ICU, the nursing staff and hospice program at Cassia Regional Medical Center for their care and concern for Max during his illness.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 454 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Duffey Spitznagler officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1500 S. 1st St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Elks Rehabilitation Center and a member of the staff of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Howard H. Thon

BERLEY — Howard H. Thon, 76, passed away Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his home after a long battle with cancer.

Howard was born Dec. 16, 1928, to Herman and Myrtle Thon in Idaho Falls, Idaho. His family later moved to Costa Mesa, Calif., where he met the love of his life, Jeanette Forrest. They were married Oct. 24, 1957. To them were born three sons. Immediately after being married, he was called to duty for the Korean War in which he served two years. Upon returning to California, he started his own business in landscaping business. After 48 years, he decided it was time to semi-retire and he and Jeanette purchased a mobile home park in Jerome, Idaho, where they continued to work

to this day. Howard's love for life crossed many paths. He never stopped learning. No topic was too small or too large.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette; sons, Dale (Sue) Thon, Steve (Kathy) Thon and David (Karen) Thon; and grandchildren, Don Thon and Crystal Thon.

The family asks that, instead of flowers, you please donate to your favorite charity.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, Idaho. Howard will be laid to rest at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Frank Richard Lesneski

BUHL — Frank Richard Lesneski, 67, of Buhl, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Dec. 22, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Frank was born March 30, 1939, in Bridgeport, Conn.

Richard A. and Beulah E. Lesneski Lesneski. He graduated from Stratford High School in 1957 and worked in the U.S. Navy. He served construction until he moved to Idaho in 1983, where he worked at Anderson Lumber and then made ice cream for Smith's Dairy. He married Clara Kuffik in 1983 in Stratford, Conn. He is survived by his wife,

Clara, and two children, Laura Lesneski and L. Lesneski; three grandchildren, Janet (Don) Mattice of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., Dennis Kuffik of Bronx, N.Y., and Michael (Rose) Kuffik of Killen, Texas; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Beulah E. Lesneski of Wendell, Idaho; two brothers, Paul R. (Berdel) Lesneski of Wendell, Idaho, and Erik (Cheryl) Lesneski of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and one sister, Judith L. Lesneski of West Palm Beach, Fla. His father, Richard A. Lesneski, preceded him in death in 1993.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the First Methodist Church in Wendell. The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the United Methodist Church in Wendell.

Katherine I. Earl

TWIN FALLS — Katherine I. Earl, 76, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates. She was born Nov. 1, 1930, in Alvarado, Texas, the daughter of George Pollard Dickson and Katie Hill Sorrells Dickson. She moved to Twin Falls in 1964 from Texas, and on Aug. 9, 1967, married Frank Wright Earl. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Boise LDS Temple on Nov. 17, 1987. With her nursing background,

Katherine spent many of her working years loving and caring for others in her homes. She is survived by her husband, Frank Wright Earl of Twin Falls; two grandsons, Mark Propp and wife Linda, and David Propp; three great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Helen M. Kinsfater.

After services, no services are planned. Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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Angelo Ernest Carpenetti

JEROME — A man who loved life and his family, our beloved Angelo Ernest Carpenetti passed away on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, from complications of heart disease and prostate cancer. He was surrounded by his family and died peacefully at his home on Dec. 23, 2006.

He was born Feb. 13, 1922, in Peckville, Pa., the son of the late Mariano and Asunta Forbiddusi Carpenetti and brother to his twin sister, Ernest. As a young child, his family moved to a farm in Lathrop Township near Nicholson, Pa. As a young man, he served his country in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater, along with four other brothers. In 1951, he settled down in Nicholson, Pa., where he married his only love, Shirley Joyce Legg, and raised three girls, for which he proudly provided by working at Duquesne and Eastern Milk as a dairy farm inspector.

He was an active member of the American Legion 953, Veterans of Foreign Wars, a volunteer fireman and a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic

Church. In 2004, he moved with his wife from their home of 52 years in Nicholson, Pa., to Jerome, Idaho, where they peacefully spent the last two years. He enjoyed bingo, traveling, his little dog, Lucy, tinkering in the garage and eating at a buffet, but most of all, his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Legg Carpenetti; his three daughters, Barbara Alden of Scranton, Pa., Dianne Pugh of Salmon, Idaho, and Rita Driscoll of New Milford, Pa.; two brothers, Frank Carpenetti of Byrd, Pa., and Ted Carpenetti of Gilroy, Calif.; a sister, Jenny Noble of Kingsley, Pa.; seven grandchildren, Tim Alden, Sonya Black-Haines, Adam Black, Shannon Rasmussen, Ernest Black, Kelly Driscoll and Sean Driscoll; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas Black and Lily Rasmussen. In addition, he had many nieces, nephews, godchildren and friends that are going to greatly miss him. He was preceded in death by brothers, Attilio, Joseph, Anthony, Leo, Mariano (Momo), and sisters, Pierina, Margaret, Beatrice and Benvenuto, Berta Carpenetti, including his twin, Helen Mead.

Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Allen E. 'Doodle' Hunt

BURLEY — Allen E. "Doodle" Hunt, a 79-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his home.

Allen was born Sept. 27, 1927, in American Falls, Idaho, the son of Merlin and Ella Nora Allen Hunt. His early life was spent on his parent's cattle ranch at Lake Channel. When Allen was a small child, he gave himself the nickname, "Doodle," and it has stuck to this day. He spent many an hour herding cattle and it was here he learned to love horses.

His love for rodeo was influenced by his father, Merle, who during the summer traveled the rodeo circuit as a saddle bronc rider. At the age of 12, Allen began his rodeo career at Cody, Wyo., traveling the rodeo circuit with his father and brothers. When Allen turned 18, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving with the U.S. Cavalry. When he returned from the Army, he worked the family ranch at Lake Channel, and then continued with the rodeo circuit, winning many awards in bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding and bull dogging. An accident severing three fingers from his right hand prevented him from competing in any roping events.

Allen met and married

Twylla Glorfield in 1949, and farmed south of Burley, until he was thrown from a saddle bronc at a rodeo in Wells, Nev. The injuries resulting from this accident made him incapable of participating in rodeos and farming anymore; so Allen got his real estate and insurance license while Twylla went back to school and received a degree in education. Allen and Twylla spent most of their time at their home in Burley, enjoying their family.

He is survived by his wife, Twylla of Burley; four children, Dawn (Bruce) Beck and Allen B. (Debbie) Hunt, both of Burley, Tim (Debi) Hunt of Jerome and Terry (Janal) Hunt of Aurora, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Alea (Lionnie) Singsham of Oakley; and one brother, Merle (Jeffery) "Jay" Hunt of Bountiful, Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Geraldine Hunt; and one brother, Pons Day "Pete" Hunt.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Burley West State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave., with Bishop Brian Barlow officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Ashtyn Roger Lynn

TWIN FALLS — Ashtyn Roger Lynn, 2, of Twin Falls, died early Wednesday morning, Jan. 10, 2007, in Twin Falls.

Ashtyn was born on Oct. 11, 2004, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Joylene Kay Hochstrasser and Will Roger Lynn. Ashtyn was a child that could brighten any room with his contagious smile. He loved to sing and dance to all kinds of music and enjoyed the beginning skills of reading and sounding out words. Ashtyn loved all kinds of sports, especially football.

Ashtyn and his mother are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 13th Ward, where he enjoyed going to nursery. Ashtyn is survived by his mother, Joy Lynn of Twin Falls;

his father, Will Lynn of Boise; his maternal grandparents, Janet Hochstrasser of Twin Falls and Lynn Hochstrasser of Eden; his paternal grandparents, Mary and Reg Jones of Caldwell; and Jim Lynn of Texas. Also surviving is his maternal great-grandparents, Roger and Verline Lee of Wendell and Marjorie Hochstrasser of Twin Falls, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

A celebration of Ashtyn's life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Twin Falls Working Center LDS Church, 421 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Vaughn Casdorph conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. in Twin Falls, as well as one hour prior to the service at the church. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

Jan. 18 marks day when Arizona's loss became Nevada's gain

By Henry Bryan
Las Vegas Review-Journal

LAS VEGAS — It is an anniversary every bit as historic as Nevada Day or the city's centennial, but no one will get the day off.

There will be no parade downtown, no birthday cake the size of a basketball court. Jan. 18 will pass just like any other day in Las Vegas, even if it isn't.

On that date in 1867 — 140 years ago this month — the newly minted Silver State launched its third year of statehood by taking possession of a mostly empty, triangle-shaped slice of the Arizona Territory, just west of the Colorado River.

The acquisition took in all of present-day Nevada south of 37 degrees latitude, including all of Clark County, which today is home to more than 70 percent of Nevada's population and roughly an equal share of its economic output.

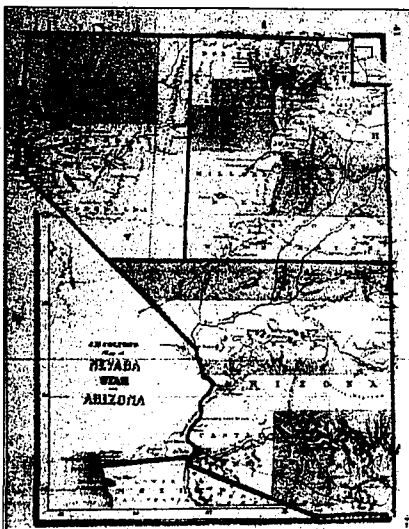
"No one could have foreseen the outcome that we have now," State Archivist Guy Rocha said. "This state has tilted to the south and not the north."

The story doesn't end there. Due to an oversight by officials in Carson City at the time of the acquisition, Nevada's

Constitution was never amended to reflect the addition of the state's southern tip. The discrepancy would remain on the books for the next 115 years.

"The action that needed to be taken was taken by the Legislature and the governor (in 1967). What they failed to do was the follow-up," said Rocha, who researched the boundary intrigue and wrote an essay about it last year as part of his "Historical Myth a Month" series.

To some, it was a mere book-keeping error. To others, including two men locked up for murder, it provided legal



This photo of a territorial map from 1865, provided by Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, shows the boundaries of Nevada, Utah and Arizona, which features the Las Vegas Valley as part of Arizona. On Jan. 18, 1867, the newly minted Silver State launched its third year of statehood by taking possession of a mostly empty, triangle-shaped slice of the Arizona Territory, just west of the Colorado River.

Photo courtesy of Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Carson City.

weight to an argument as old as Nevada itself: that Clark County — and Las Vegas in particular — really belongs to some other state.

Prison inmate Jerome Peter Kuk was the first to raise the issue in court. In 1968, he challenged his murder conviction on the grounds that Clark County wasn't actually in Nevada so prosecutors lacked the jurisdiction to try him under state law.

Convicted murderer Antonio Surlanello tried a similar tactic in 1976.

The Nevada Supreme Court ultimately rejected both arguments.

"It certainly consumed a lot of people's time, let's put it that way," Rocha said. "A tremendous amount of time and energy and money was spent because some people in 1867 didn't do their jobs. What they left us with was a history of unfinished business."

Former Nevada Legislative Counsel Frank Daykin recalls the effort he led 25 years ago to clear up the mess once and for all, a feat finally accomplished through legislative decree and a statewide ballot measure.

Though some rural representatives were still stinging from a reapportionment that delivered more seats to Clark

County, the constitutional amendment met no serious opposition from lawmakers.

"It was pretty much treated as a housekeeping measure," Daykin said.

"There were a few legislators who, in moments of frustration, might have wanted things to stay the way they were," the 85-year-old said with a chuckle. "Jim Slattery, the senator from Storey County, God rest his soul, kind of wished they would have cut (southern Nevada) off."

Ultimately, the amendment passed the Legislature in 1981, and Nevada voters approved it by an almost 2-1 margin in

November 1982.

"The measure passed in every county, though the margin was wider in some places than others. Mineral County came within 116 votes of rejecting the idea of adding southern Nevada to the state's constitutional boundaries."

Norma Scott, who has called Hawthorne home since 1939, remembers the ballot measure well. She voted against it, and she encouraged everyone she knew to do the same.

Scott said the rural county had just lost an Assembly seat to reapportionment, and many people were worried about the growing political clout of Las Vegas.

"They were trying to run the whole state," Scott said of Clark County residents. "My thought was, 'Let Arizona have them. We'll be better off without them.'"

Apparently, the feeling was mutual. Of the 76,514 ballots cast against including southern Nevada in the constitutional description of the state, almost 60 percent came from Clark County voters.

Scott said she has made peace with the boundary change in the 25 years since the vote, but she still thinks "these of us in rural Nevada

struggle to get our fair share."

"It's done with, so we just accept it and go on," she said, only half-kidding.

But like it or not, Rocha said, Jan. 18 is an anniversary that deserves to be observed by residents on both sides of 37th parallel. After all, the addition of southern Nevada forever changed the state's destiny.

"It was quite a coup for Nevada to have secured the Colorado River. We came to know how important that was in the early 20th century," Rocha said.

It started with construction of Hoover Dam, which brought flowers and industry to the area.

Then came the casinos. "By 1967, with the growth of the Strip, Las Vegas had eclipsed Reno as a gambling tourist destination," Rocha said.

Ready as ready to the river made all of that possible. It continues to fuel growth in the Las Vegas valley, where about 90 percent of the drinking water comes from the Colorado.

"That's what rounded out Nevada," Rocha said of the land acquisition. "In the end, it's Nevada's gain and Arizona's loss."

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DEATH NOTICES

Shirley J. McClellan

in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS — Shirley J. McClellan, 71, of Twin Falls died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel

S. Rose Vaughn

RICHFIELD — S. Rose Vaughn, 40, of Richfield, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

SERVICES

Father Simeon (Wilber Paul) Van de Voord of Jerome, vigil service at 7 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Eldred "Arlene" Lammers of Filer, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Monday at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer (White Mortuary).

Pedro B. Gabriel of Gooding, funeral at 3 p.m. Monday at the St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome (Demary Funeral Service in Gooding).

Ignacio Azumendi, formerly of Gooding, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; visitation for family and friends from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel; rosary will follow the visitation Friday at the chapel.

John Allen McClure

HEYBURN — John Allen McClure, an 80-year-old Heyburn resident, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

John was born May 30, 1926, in Hazeau, Kan., the son of John P. and Frances McClure. He served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean Conflict. He married Ruth Atlene Allison in Miltonville, Kan. John moved to Idaho and worked for the United Co-op of Southern Idaho, Sumplo's and later ran his own business, John's Pump Service in the Burley and Rupert area. He enjoyed fishing, traveling and working.

He is survived by his four children, Joe McClure, Jerry McClure, Janet McClure and Jeff McClure; six grandchildren, Jennifer Collantes, Jackie McClure, Jonette Kirch, Jacob McClure, Misty McClure and Joseph McClure; eight great-grandchildren, Natalie Collantes, Lizette Martinez, Francisco Sosa, Diego Sosa, Noah McClure, Brady McClure, Madison Kirch and Leze Wingo; and step grandchildren, April, Andy and Amber McFadden, Lisa Capurro and

Julie Dickenson. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Hansen Mortuary, Bentley Chapel, 321 E. Main. Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho, with military graveside rites by the Mini-Cassia Veterans.

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E. Idaho man must stand trial in deaths

REXBURG (AP) — An eastern Idaho man must stand trial on five counts accusing him of contributing to the deaths of his wife and daughter, whose decomposed bodies were found in 2004 surrounded by hundreds of air fresheners and fans.

Magistrate Michael Kennedy ruled Friday that Kenichi David Kaneko must stand trial after family members and medical experts testified at a two-day hearing.

Kaneko was charged in April in 7th District Court with two counts of involuntary

manslaughter, two counts of abandonment of a vulnerable adult, and one count of desertion and nonsupport of a spouse.

Investigators determined that his daughter, Laura Marie Kaneko, 33, died in May or June of 2001, and that his wife, Lorraine Kiyoe Kaneko, 58, died Feb. 9, 2003. When authorities did a welfare check at the request of family members, their bodies were found side by side on a bed on June 19, 2004.

During Friday's hearing, psychologist Craig Beuver testified that Kenichi Kaneko said his wife and daughter died after following a divine plan that restricted their diet and required isolation from others, including Kenichi Kaneko.

Kaneko said he was told not to disrupt the plan that began after the two women received a revelation that the daughter was to marry an apostle.

The women died from a combination of starvation and sickness, according to autopsy reports. After their deaths, Kaneko continued living in the house.

Dr. Ann Marie O'Mella, who treats patients suffering from mental and physical illnesses, testified at the hearing that the two women had a mental illness that made it difficult for them to judge reality and take care of themselves.

Madison County Prosecutor Sid Brown said Kenichi Kaneko wasn't similarly impaired and was therefore partially to blame for the deaths.

"This isn't a person who doesn't know what's happening in the house," Brown said, the *Post Register* reported. "He knows exactly what is going on in that house."

Man charged with DUI after fire engine escapade

NAMPA (AP) — An inactive member of a volunteer fire department has been arrested and charged with driving under the influence after police say he drove a fire truck from Owyhee County through his southwestern Idaho city with the siren on and lights flashing.

After police determined the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Volunteer Fire Department truck wasn't responding to an emergency, they pulled it over early Friday and arrested Winston Keith Goering of Murphy, who was booked into the Canyon County jail on the DUI charge and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Authorities said he is a member of the volunteer fire department that operates the fire truck, but has not been active recently. Police are investigating how Goering got access to the fire truck, which they spotted about 12:30 a.m. Friday and followed as it entered Nampa

city limits and circled through a grocery store parking lot. Goering is the grandson of the late Winston Goering, the mayor of Nampa from 1982 to 1997 and who oversaw some of the most ambitious civic projects in the city.

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Search turns up stolen Nobel medal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A peek inside the trunk of a car belonging to a wanted man turned up something police didn't expect — a Nobel Peace Prize medal.

State parole officers looking for a handgun Friday found the medal, which was stolen in October. The car belongs to a 21-year-old man wanted by police in connection with a series of crimes, including domestic violence, assault and impersonating an officer.

The medal belongs to Kay Miller. She was awarded the honor in 1985 for her work with the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Last fall, Miller rented her basement apartment to the car owner.

"I thought he was a very nice young man. I was wrong," said Miller. "I hope he gets whatever help he needs. I feel sorry for him."

She says she's thrilled to be getting the medal back.

Police arrested the man on Thursday and booked him into the Salt Lake County jail after an unrelated incident involving an allegation of domestic violence, sheriff's Sgt. Darren Carr said.

HUMAN ICICLE



Geno Scarsella of Durango, Colo., pauses after skiing at Durango Mountain Resort on Friday as a storm rolled in, blurring visibility.

Pocatello officials seek biodiesel vehicles

POCATELLO (AP) — Officials in this eastern Idaho city want to switch its diesel fleet of vehicles to biodiesel within three to six months, and have asked area businesses with diesel-burning machinery to take part in a seminar on Tuesday with biodiesel experts.

John Sigler, senior environmental coordinator for the city, said Pocatello would use a fuel called B20 — which is 80 percent diesel fuel and 20 percent vegetable-based oil — to power its equipment.

He said the cost of the more environmentally

friendly biodiesel is similar to diesel, but getting it to Pocatello cheaply could be difficult.

"Ultimately, we'd like to use as much biodiesel as is feasible to use," he said.

Sigler said the seminar should help city officials learn more about biodiesel.

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ALMA, Colo. (AP) — At 10,578 feet above sea level, culetes crack like salt flats. Newcomers grip for air climbing a flight of stairs. The sun bakes skin even when it's cloudy.

This is high-altitude living even by Colorado standards, and folks in this Park County hamlet are proud of it. A T-shirt popular with tourists says, "Get High in Alma; North America's Highest Town."

Or is it? People here were surprised — and many were outraged — to learn recently that someplace else is claiming to be the highest town in North America. Winter Park annexed its ski area, and officials there say they are the highest, since one of the peaks in the resort rises to 12,050 feet.

Flintlanders may scoff at such a dispute, but folks in Alma aren't laughing. "It's absolutely a source of pride for people in Alma," said Bob Ensign, former Alma Mayor. "It seems to be like a sort of cheap cash grab for Winter Park."

"The town of Winter Park has always been lower than us, and suddenly they're thousands of feet higher? Come on." Alma, population 183, is perched in a valley along Colorado Highway 9, just south of Hoosier Pass. Three of the state's most popular fourteenters, mountains Lincoln, Democrat and Bross, tower above.

It's the sort of laid-back mountain town where Grateful Dead music drifts from a bar at noon, and the mayor skips an appointment with a reporter to go skiing. The town council, tired of the everlasting winter, once passed an ordinance banning snowfall from May to November.

Its claim to be the highest town has been undisputed for more than a decade.

In the mid-1990s, Alma reached a truce with Leadville over who was higher.



Resident Mark Kleinschmidt displays one of the modified Colorado license plate plaques he sells at his store, Silverhearts Mercantile, in Alma, Colo. People in Alma were surprised and angered recently when Winter Park began claiming that it was North America's highest town.

Leadville, 150 feet lower than Alma but with a large enough population to be a city, there must be at least 2,000 residents to be a city, agreed to be America's highest city and Alma would be America's highest town.

Then, Winter Park decided to stake its claim. Winter Park Councilman Vince Turner said the town annexed the high parts of the ski resort not to make any altitude claims, but to simplify permits and zoning issues at the request of the ski area and the U.S. Forest Service, since 70 percent of the resort was already in the town.

"We're saying we're the highest incorporated municipality in North America," Turner said.

"We've got them by over 1,500 feet," he said of Alma. Of course, nobody lives at the top of the ski lifts. The residential part of town is at 9,200 feet.

"My understanding is you measure the highest point in town, which is what I'm sure Alma did and Leadville did," Turner said.

The town plans to put up a sign in the coming months along U.S. 40 advertising its status as the nation's highest

incorporated municipality. He acknowledges that it is a marketing ploy for Winter Park. With so many options available for skiers, resorts need something to set them apart, he said.

"People back in New York trying to book a vacation say, 'Let's go to the highest place. They're bound to have the best snow,'" he said.

Alma has no ski area or resort economy, though much of its modest tourist business does come from traffic to and from ski country. People here say Winter Park is trying to rob this old

mining town of what sets it apart.

"We're much higher than anybody else. I don't care what anybody else says," said Lynn Field, a bartender at Alma's Only Bar, which is a few doors down from the South Park Saloon, Alma's other bar.

"This is what we have here, our elevation," she said. "We're just a little town of 200 people. Let us keep our pride. Winter Park has everything."

"Basically, they own property that's higher. No one lives there," said Dean Misantoni, while stopping in the South

Park Saloon, which bills itself as the "highest saloon in America" but isn't the highest saloon in America if ski-resort bars are considered.

"I think they should say they're the highest uninhabited town in the country," Misantoni said.

Both Alma and Leadville measure elevation at their water towers.

There is little uniformity in how towns record their official elevations.

The U.S. Geological Survey's official elevation recordings are 10,361 feet for Alma, 10,161 for Leadville and 9,052 for Winter Park.

Steve Reiter, a geographer with the USGS in Denver, said the agency usually measures a central point in a town, such as city hall or a post office, but local officials can choose any point they want to find the measurement they advertise to the world.

It's not regulated, and in most places, altitude would not be a matter of controversy. But this is Colorado, where every town wants its own claim on extremity.

"It's kind of like two children fighting over a piece of pie," Reiter said.

In Denver, the "mile-high" point is a step at the state Capitol. In Colorado Springs, the official elevation of 6,035 feet is at the south steps of City Hall.

Officials in Alma are so

incensed by Winter Park's claims, they may change where they record their elevation.

Some have even talked of annexing Mount Bross, which looms over the town at 14,172 feet.

But Alma Mayor Mark Dowdilly said the town doesn't need to annex a mountain to be higher.

"Nobody in Winter Park lives at 10,500 feet like all the people in Alma do," he said. "We are higher. They can claim anything they want, I guess. What else are they lying about down there? And I say 'down there.'"

Winter Park's Turner said that if Alma annexes a fourteener, his town will cease making the claim.

"If they do it, then they'll be the highest municipality in North America," he said. "We're not being mean-spirited at all."

He sees room for compromise between Winter Park, Alma and Leadville — even though, as the self-described "highest municipality," Winter Park would also be the highest town.

But Ensign, Alma's former mayor, said his town should compromise.

"I don't want to recognize Winter Park's claim because I don't feel like it's honest," he said. "Obviously, they're doing it for the money. We're doing it because it's true."

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Governor slams fed officials over wolves

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Federal officials told newspapers one thing and state officials another about the minimum number of wolves that Wyoming will eventually be expected to support, Gov. Dave Freudenthal told the Wyoming Press Association.

"We're a long way from knowing what the current status of the federal minimum target is," he said Friday at a luncheon for newspaper representatives and people who work with the media.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials say they're close to submitting a plan for how wolves could be managed in the state after their removal from endangered species protection.

But Freudenthal has been displeased by differing things he's heard and read.

"One of the requests we made was 'tell us who can speak on behalf of the Department of Interior.' We have yet to receive that notification," he said.

"But everybody is speaking on behalf of the Department of Interior in newspapers. And what they're saying in the newspapers is different than what they said in the meeting with us."

He said Interior officials said in a meeting with state lawmakers and Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., that they would accept a minimum of 10 breeding pairs of wolves in the state.

"I read in the paper the other day that now they're saying, 'Oh, we meant 15 breeding pairs,'" Freudenthal said. "Sort of, 'Oops, we're sorry.'"

"Well, I've been down this road with them three times. I mean, I can negotiate with the devil himself, and I've got to know what his position is and I've got to know who speaks for him," he said. "And at this stage, we know neither of those."

A message left with Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Helena, Mont., was returned by Sharon Rose, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver. Rose said that Mitch King, the regional director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver, would have returned the call but was out of town.

She said King has been in touch with the state on the issue.

"We're certainly working with the state of Wyoming to help clear up this confusion and we will continue to do that," she said.

She said 15 breeding pairs is the Fish and Wildlife proposed minimum. A breeding pair, she said, is an adult male and an adult female traveling with two pups in December.

King said Thursday that he expected his agency to submit a formal wolf proposal to Wyoming in time for the Legislature to act before adjourning.

Wyoming has a lawsuit pending in federal court over the federal government's rejection of a state plan for removing wolves from endangered species protection. Idaho and Montana submitted wolf management plans that were accepted; the rejection of Wyoming's plan is holding up the process to delist the species.

Higher education interest runs high in N. Idaho

SANDPOINT (AP) — Three Idaho colleges, recognizing a growing demand for higher education in the region, are considering offering more programs in this northern Idaho town.

"Sandpoint really is a college town looking for a college and we're looking to fill that," said Larry Brannen, associate vice president for the University of Idaho's North Idaho programs.

Besides UI, North Idaho College and Lewis-Clark State College are also looking to offer more classes to prospective students in the area.

About 800 people responded to a survey by UI asking if people thought more higher education opportunities were needed. The survey found a desire for bachelor's degree programs in education, psychology, social sciences, fine arts, interdisciplinary sciences, environmental sciences, and health occupations such as nursing, premed and medical technology.

"I can't tell you that was a very positive survey," Brannen said.

Area residents seem to back up the survey by signing up for classes that are offered. UI began offering a master's degree in educational leadership last fall that drew 37 students. North Idaho College in five years has outgrown its Sandpoint classrooms, and Lewis-Clark State College wants to begin offering on-site degrees.

Cyndie Hammond, Coeur d'Alene director for Lewis-Clark State College, said the school is offering Internet courses to residents in Boundary and Bonner counties, and when that number reaches "critical mass" the school would like to expand with on-site courses in the area.

Northern Idaho College President Michael Burke said the community college supports the other two schools by offering access to higher education in an area where it said "going off to college is really not an option."

Idaho tribe says it will harvest more steelhead

LEVISTON (AP) — The Nez Perce Tribe in northern Idaho has announced that it will increase the number of steelhead it harvests in the region, using gill nets to catch more of the ocean-going fish that return to spawn in the area's rivers.

Tribe leaders announced the plan Friday, saying that "abundant" runs have in the past mostly been caught by recreational anglers, who annually flood the region in pursuit of the prized game fish.

"We would be concerned with nets in the river, and I think that deserves some further discussion with the tribe," said Cal Green, regional manager of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Lewiston.

The tribal fishing would take place in the main stem of the Snake River from Lower Granite Dam to Hells Canyon Dam, and above the confluence of the Snake River and mainstem Clearwater River to the Orofino bridge.

The tribe has the right to 50 percent of the harvestable fish within the reservation and from off-reservation fishing areas, according to its treaty with the United States. About 130,000 steelhead have gone over Lower Granite Dam annually in recent years, the tribe said, with up to 80 percent of those fish are harvestable.

Tribal anglers would catch them with 7-inch gill nets, hoop nets, gaffs, dipnets, spears, and hook and line techniques.

Investigators: Deaths of man, son in park a murder-suicide

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The deaths of an Arizona man and his 13-year-old son in Yellowstone National Park in September 2005 have been classified as murder-suicide.

National Park Service investigators believe Drew W. Speedie, 50, a computer software designer from Scottsdale, Ariz., pushed his son, Brent, off a bridge 200 feet above the Gardner River and then jumped to his death.

Investigators will never know for sure what happened, but several factors — physical evidence, the position of the bodies and the fact that Drew Speedie had talked about suicide — allowed park officials to classify it as murder-suicide and close the case.

"There's enough evidence to lead us to one conclusion," said Brian Smith, special agent in charge for the intermountain region, who led the investigation.

"We'll never absolutely know because we weren't there," Smith said. "Anything is possible, but that's the most probable."

Speedie, his wife, Irene, and Brent were on the last day of a Yellowstone vacation when Drew and Brent decided to go to the Gardner Bridge while Irene stayed at a hotel in Gardner.

Hours later their bodies were found below the bridge at the bottom of the canyon.

Smith said piecing together what happened was difficult.

Coastal communities scramble after warning of Alaska tsunami

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A tsunami warning sent residents of two remote Aleutian Islands to high ground Friday night, but the alert was canceled after waves recorded by tidal sensors proved to be small, officials said.

A tsunami of less than 4 inches was recorded at about 9:35 p.m. Alaska Standard Time at Shemya, Alaska, at the

western end of the Aleutians, the National Weather Service said.

The warning was canceled even after weather officials later recorded a 1 foot wave at Shemya.

"It's one of those situations where the indications are, when you look at Shemya and the other places in Japan, it really doesn't meet the criteria to be destructive,"

Romano said. "These types of heights are not considered destructive," he said.

Officials did, however, warn people of strong currents in the Pacific Northwest and Southern California into Saturday morning.

The 27 people on Shemya Island, caretakers of an Air Force station, took refuge in an underground shelter, as did

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One of the most popular and difficult types of pictures Evelyn Hedges makes are the ones depicting the temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Declo woman excels in scratch art

By Treasa Togan
For the Times-News

DECLO — What is gold or silver and black all over?

If you were visiting the home of Evelyn Hedges of Declo, it might be a horse, a rose or even a child — not literally, but in scratch art.

The foil-coated panels have a coat of black ink and the pictures are made using a scratch knife, hobby knife, or steel wool to remove the ink and expose the foil underneath. With some of the pictures Hedges also adds color with either glass or acrylic paints.

Though she started out with simple pictures, her artwork now shows incredible detail and shading. Subjects range from animals to architecture and can appear almost three-dimensional.

One of the most popular and difficult types of pictures she makes are the ones depicting the temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"I started making them to give as wedding gifts," Hedges said. She adds that she always tries to personalize them with a special message.

Hedges has been making scratch art pictures for 10 years. She took lessons while wintering in Yuma, Ariz.

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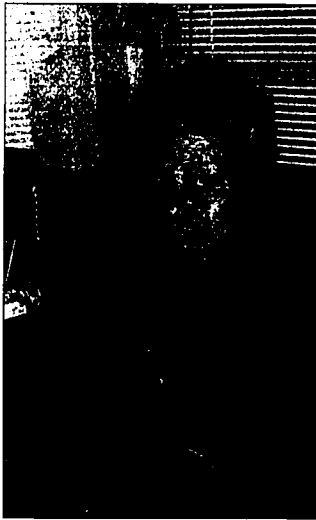
While there she entered her artwork in the county fair and won top ribbons on several occasions.

She also sold her artwork at various tradeshows. Back in Declo, she still continues to sell pieces and take special orders but she no longer takes her craft to shows.

About four years ago, Hedges thought she would have to give up the craft. She began having vision problems and eventually lost the sight in her right eye. She was able to continue the craft using special goggles that help her to focus.

In spite of her talent, Hedges doesn't take her hobby too seriously.

"I never thought of myself as an artist," she says. "It's just something I like to do in my spare time."



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Despite losing sight in one eye, Hedges was able to continue her craft by using special goggles that help her to focus.

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Paul Wayne dribbles past a defender Saturday night in the Golden Eagles' game against Salt Lake Community College at CSI. CSI won 98-91 to earn a weekend split with the Bruins.

Golden Eagles split with Salt Lake

CSI men control game late for 98-91 win

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The No. 6 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball didn't get the two wins head coach Barrett Peery claimed his team needed over the weekend. Saturday night, the Golden Eagles made sure they got one.

The 14-2 Golden Eagles slogged their way through a game mired by 61 fouls to earn a 98-91 victory over the visiting Salt Lake Community College Bruins, salvaging a Scenic West Athletic Conference split for the weekend. CSI didn't get the separation from the SWAC pack it was looking for, but at 4-2 in the conference standings are in solid position heading into next weekend's

home doubleheader against the Snow College Badgers.

"They're a great team," CSI sophomore guard Travis Bunker said. "They came in here and surprised us yesterday. Obviously we're happy with the win tonight, but we need to not lose anymore home games and go get some wins on the road."

The Golden Eagles and 13-3 Bruins saw the lead change 10 times during Saturday's game, but never after CSI managed a four-point play after Brad Garrett hit the front-end of two free-throws and missed the second before the ball went careening out of play off a SLCC player. DeCarlos Riley worked his way to an open 3-pointer off the ensuing inbound pass to put CSI up for

good 69-64.

Both teams struggled to find a rhythm in a game that was often played 15 seconds at a time between whistles, but CSI's dedication to playing solid defense late helped cut out some of the inside looks the Bruins were finding earlier in the game.

"I think the main thing is we stopped fouling them and putting them on the line," Bunker said. "We put them on the line early with 13 minutes left and it killed us. But late in the game we were able to play in better position and get somekeys."

Bunker finished with 11 points and seven rebounds, finding his outside touch to tie in the second half to finish 3-for-6 from the 3-point line. After missing the first three months of the season

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CSI women complete the sweep

Golden Eagles claim SWAC lead

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They always had an answer.

Be it a lead-cutting 7-0 run, a key second-chance bucket or a momentum-changing 3-pointer, the No. 19 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team had an answer for everything the No. 17 Salt Lake Community College Bruins did Saturday night at the CSI gymnasium.

Now the Golden Eagles also have an answer about which team is in the Scenic West Athletic Conference driver's seat after Saturday night's 70-62 win over the Bruins. It's that 14-2 team in black and gold that's worked its way to a 5-1 league mark.

"It feels good. It's just awesome," CSI freshman guard Kall Hess said. "I'm just really thrilled that we did it as a team."

The Bruins cut the CSI lead to five points with 2:43 remaining after a seven-point spurt. Then came the Golden Eagles' most definitive answer.

Hess' kept alive an errant Eva Ivanova shot and hit both of her free-throws after being fouled by SLCC's Danielle McDonald. Ashley Thompson's 18-foot jumper from the corner kept CSI's momentum going, helping spark a 7-0 CSI run that iced the game.

"They kept making run after run after run, but Ashley Thompson's baseline shot, I thought that was the shot of the game because the momentum started to turn."

The Golden Eagles were able to run the ball effectively, scoring 21 fast-break points to make up for only 37.5 percent shooting. Sophomore Brittany Moore led CSI with a game-high 17 points, while Maria More added 16. Hess sparked

CSI off the bench with eight points and six rebounds, while fellow reserve Ivanova pumped in 10 from the post.

"Eva had those 10, and Kall had some big rebounds for us," Rogers said.

"Kall's going to give you those hustle plays. Last year, I felt Jelena Williams gave us those and Kall's giving them to us now."

The Bruins (13-4, 4-2 SWAC) were led by Shordy Mulford's 15 points, while Michelle Pace added 14. Katie King hustled her way to nine points and a game-high 18 rebounds. The Bruins were once again limited on the inside to 24 points in the paint, with star sophomore Breanne Law held to 11 points.

"It all starts with our team defense," Hess said. "All last week, we talked about how it has to be our team defense."

CSI entered the break up seven, leading 36-29 behind 12 points from each Moore. The Golden Eagles took a 9-8 lead on Maria Moore's coast-to-coast lay-up at the 14:45 mark and held the lead into the break despite 11 first-half points from Law. The Bruins outshot CSI 42.3 percent to 38.2 in the game's first 20 minutes, but the Golden Eagles translated 12 SLCC turnovers into 12 points, helping them hold the early lead.

Ashley Thompson was the recipient of one brutal possession as she picked up all three of her first-half fouls on one sequence. After picking up a pair while chasing down Bruins passes, Thompson was called for her third while trying to draw a charge on Law. The resulting 3-point play on Law's made layup cut the CSI lead to 32-27 with 2:25 left.

The Golden Eagles are back in home SWAC action next



College of Southern Idaho player Kall Hess steals the ball from a Salt Lake Community College player Saturday night during the Golden Eagles' win in Twin Falls.

Friday and Saturday, hosting the Snow College Badgers.

No. 18 CSU 70, No. 17 Salt Lake CC 62

CSU 94-82, Northern Colorado 74-53, W. Colorado 85-57, Idaho State 73-61, Air Force 81-67, Utah State 66-50, Utah Valley 64-48, Montana State 63-45, Lake Superior 54-50, Idaho Tech 51-42, Southern Utah 50-41, Idaho State 49-39, Oregon Tech 46-35, Eastern Oregon 44-32, Eastern Oregon 42-31, Montana State 41-34, Northern Utah 37-31, Idaho Tech 34-32

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SAINTS 27, EAGLES 24

Saints clip Eagles

By Barry Winer
Associated Press writer

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NEW ORLEANS — Who needs Mardi Gras when you're one game from the Super Bowl?

Deuce McAllister and rookie sensation Reggie Bush gave this battered city a reason to throw itself a party, carrying the New Orleans Saints where they've never been before — one game from the Super Bowl.

To constant chants of "DEUCE!" or "REG-GIE! REG-GIE!" the Saints used an assortment of spectacular plays to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 27-24.

"It means everything," Bush said. "All that stuff we went

through as a team, these are the type of games we live for. And this game is even bigger for the city."

All season long, the Saints have been at the heart of New Orleans' revival from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Now, the franchise best known for four decades of failure, the 'Aints and fans wearing paper bags, is on the verge of being the toast of the NFC.

New Orleans will play at Chicago or host Seattle, depending on the outcome of the other NFC division round

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New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton reacts after a touchdown by Deuce McAllister during the NFC divisional playoff game in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Saturday.

COLTS 15, RAVENS 6

Kickin' Colts best Ravens

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press writer

BALTIMORE — Peyton Manning couldn't get Indianapolis into the end zone and, for once, it didn't matter.

That's because Adam Vinatieri needed the Colts with all the offense they provided to advance to the AFC championship game.

Signed during the offseason specifically for his playoff experience, Vinatieri kicked five field goals Saturday to put his name in the NFL record book and carry Indianapolis past the Baltimore Ravens 15-6.

"Adam's been exceptional all year," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "You just feel like you're going to make it every time when he



Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Derrick Mason (25) is stepped by Indianapolis Colts linebacker Cole Jones (46), Colts linebacker Gary Brackett and Indianapolis Colts cornerback Marlin Jackson, right, during the AFC divisional playoff game in Baltimore, Saturday.

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Gators celebrate second national title with 50,000 faithful fans

GAINEVILLE, Fla. — Former Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel, Florida State's 1995 Sugar Bowl MVP and a member of the Gators' first title-winning team, presented the title game's most valuable player trophy to quarterback Chris Leak.

Idaho alumni to meet at Blue Lakes CC
TWIN FALLS — The University of Idaho alumni will gather at Blue Lakes Country Club on Friday, Jan. 26, for the annual Winter Fest.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship scheduled
TWIN FALLS — The local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, in St. Edwards Catholic Church Parish Hall Gym.

Twin Falls baseball seeks umpires
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball is seeking umpires for the upcoming 2007 spring Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball seasons.

MAGIC VALLEY
Bruins Boosters hold lunch fundraiser
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins Boosters will hold the "Lunch at the Outback Steakhouse" fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19.

Cap Ripken sign-ups scheduled
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will hold Cal Ripken baseball registration from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22 at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Park.

Minico boys holding dinner
RUPERT — The Minico High School boys basketball team will sponsor a dinner from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the Minico lunch room (back gym) prior to the Burley versus Minico basketball game.

ATP Tour Medibank International
ATP Tour Medibank International is a tennis tournament held in Perth, Australia.

SPORTS

Broncos unable to end Aggies' win streak

BOISE — Elijah Ingram scored 15 points and Hatia Passos added 13 points and 12 rebounds as New Mexico State moved its winning streak to 13 games by defeating Boise State 73-69 on Saturday.

The Aggies (11-4, 4-0 Western Athletic Conference) withstood a furious comeback by the Broncos by hitting nine of their last 10 free throws.

Reggie Larry scored 19 points and had eight rebounds for the Broncos (8-7, 2-2 WAC), who saw their seven-game home winning streak snapped.

The Broncos never led in the second half as many as 16 points early in the game but failed to win a point at 68-67 on Cory Karls two free throws with 23.9 seconds left.

But the Broncos were forced to foul, and Ingram made two free throws and, after a missed 3-pointer by the Broncos' Eric Lane, Justin Hawkins added two more free

throws for the Aggies to make it 72-67 with 10.7 seconds left.

Ildaho St. 70, N. Colorado 60

POCATELLO — David Schroeder scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds and Kustin Patrick added a career-high 16 points off the bench to lead Idaho State past Northern Colorado 70-60 Saturday night.

Sean Talbi paced Northern Colorado with 15 points and 7 rebounds.

Both teams struggled from the field in a low-scoring first half.

A 3-pointer by Matt Klinte gave Northern Colorado (3-15, 1-5 Big Sky) a 10-6 lead at the 13:00 mark.

Idaho State (9-8, 4-0 Big Sky) grabbed the largest lead by either team in the first half, at 26-20, on two free throws by Akbar Abdul-Ahad with 5:13 left.

UNLV 83, BYU 75

LAS VEGAS — Wink Adams scored 27 points and Wendell White had 21 points and 10 rebounds Saturday night as UNLV snapped BYU's seven game winning streak with an 83-75 victory.

Lee Commard led the Cougars with 18 points and Keena'Vaugh added 16.

New Mexico 86, Utah 82 (OT)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — J.R. Giddens finally got back on the court and New Mexico got off the deck.

Giddens, hobbled by a sprained left ankle the last three weeks, scored 26 points and had a career-high 13 rebounds as New Mexico snapped a four-game losing streak with an 86-82 win over Utah on Saturday night.

— The Associated Press



New Mexico State's Hatia Passos (15) shoots over the reach of Boise State's Matt Nelson, left, and Reggie Larry during the first half Saturday in Boise.

Wade, Heat burn Jazz in Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY — Dwyane Wade had 32 points and 10 assists, and the Miami Heat extended their longest winning streak of the season to four by beating the Utah Jazz 119-110 Saturday night.

Wade made 21 of 23 free throws and Miami improved to 4-1 on a six-game road trip, which concludes Monday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Heat are also 4-2 since Ron Rothstein took over as interim coach for Pat Riley.

The game took nearly three hours, as the teams shot a combined 99 free throws. The Heat were far better at the line, going 42-for-45 while giving the Jazz their first three-game losing streak of the season.



Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem, right, comes down hard on Utah Jazz forward Matt Harpring, left, while going after a rebound during the second half Saturday in Salt Lake City.

Carlo Bozler led the Jazz with 29 points and 14 rebounds. Matt Harpring scored 18 points for Utah. Deron Williams added 19 points and five assists.

The Heat led by 22 in the third quarter and led Utah by just seven early in the fourth before Miami regrouped and led comfortably the rest of the way.

Jason Williams scored 20 for Miami and Jason Kapono added 18 points, going 4-of-6 from mid-range, but that continued to stave even without Shaquille O'Neal.

Spurs 93, Wizards 80

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 19 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 93-80 victory Saturday night over the Washington Wizards, who lost coach Eddie Jordan to an infection.

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 11 rebounds, while Tony Parker had 13 points and 10 boards. Fabricio Oberto had five points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the Spurs' impressive defensive effort.

Gilbert Arenas led the Wizards with 17 points, well below his average of 30 per game. Antonio Daniels had 12 points. Antonio Jamison added

11 and Garon Butler and Andrew Blatche had 10 pieces. Butler also had 12 boards.

The Wizards shot just 27-of-87 (31 percent) from the field and had only eight assists while tying their season low in points.

Twolves 109, Nets 98

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett scored 32 points and surpassed 10,000 rebounds for his career as Minnesota won a game by more than six points for the first time this season.

Garnett pulled down 11 rebounds to become the 42nd player in league history to reach the milestone. Mark Blundell added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Timberwolves, who used a 12-1 run midway through the fourth quarter to win for the ninth time in 12 games.

For the first time this season, the Wolves won a game by more than six points and improved to 1-1 in 2007.

Jason Kidd had 24 points, 13 assists and six rebounds, falling short of his second triple-double in a row for the Nets, who led by five points

entering the fourth.

Bulls 111, Grizzlies 66

CHICAGO — Ben Gordon scored 24 points and Luol Deng added 16 as Chicago had its easiest victory of the season despite missing starters Andres Nocioni and Ben Wallace.

Nocioni was suspended for one game by the NBA for elbowing New Jersey's center Mikki Moore on Thursday and Wallace missed the game with a sore back.

Kirk Hinrich added 20 points and eight assists for Chicago, which won for just the second time in seven games.

Bobcats 89, 76ers 83

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Adam Morrison scored 17 points, and Charlotte overcame a pregame blunder that let it in a short and two more costly technical fouls.

Brook Anderson added 18 points and Raymond Felton had 14 points and nine assists for the Bobcats, who won their season-high third straight game despite losing backup

Howell III leads Sony, but not by very much

HONOLULU (AP) — Charles Howell III has heard the whistles that he doesn't have won more, and he doesn't disagree.

A former NCAA champion, Rookie of the year despite not having his PGA Tour card. A winner in his second full season at Michelob, and then a dry spell that has lasted more than four years and 123 tournaments since he last hoisted a trophy.

"I understand the questions people have and the comments they make — 'Why haven't you won more?' he said. "It's not something I haven't had awake at night thinking about it. But if you keep giving yourself chances, you have to win one."

He gave himself a good opportunity Saturday in the Sony Open, closing with birdies on his last two holes for a 5-under 65 that gave him a one-shot lead over Luke Donald.



16-year-old Tadd Fujikawa reacts after making a birdie putt on the third green of Waialae Country Club during the third round of the Sony Open PGA Tour golf event in Honolulu, Saturday.

Most believe — and Howell agrees — that his putter has kept him from winning. Howell dived into his offseason to the flat stick, making sure his father or swing coaches were watching so he wouldn't get into any bad habits. The results are obvious.

He is second in putting at Waialae, taking only 25 putts in his 23 rounds, including four par saves.

"My putter really bailed me out," said Howell, who was at 13-under 197. "I don't think I've ever been second in the field in putting after three rounds. We spent a lot of time on it, and I'm glad it's showing here."

Donald was 2 over for his run through six holes, but he had a chance to join Howell on the leaderboard with a long eagle putt on the par-5 18th. It veered to the left, and he settled for a 69 and a spot

in the final group.

"I shot 1 under without holing much, so I'm pretty happy with my score," Donald said.

Graydon struggled with his putter down the stretch and shot 70, leaving him two shots behind at 199.

Still in the mix with the biggest smile at Waialae was 16-year-old Tadd Fujikawa, the pint-sized sophomore from Honolulu who delivered more surprises and allowed everyone to dream big. A day after becoming the youngest player in 50 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour, he shot another 66 and was tied for eighth, six shots behind Howell.

"I don't have anything to lose right now," Fujikawa said.

Steve Stricker (67) and Ted Purdy (66) were another shot back, followed by Jim Furyk (69) and Byler Cup captain Paul Azinger, who shot 68 despite playing the two par 5s in 1 over.

Dowdell, Hokies knock off top-ranked North Carolina

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Zabian Dowdell, Jamon Gordon and ball-hawking Virginia Tech did not allow North Carolina to enjoy its stay at No. 1 for very long, holding off a strong comeback in the last eight minutes for a 91-88 upset Saturday.

Dowdell scored 23 points, Gordon had 17 and six assists and the Hokies (13-4, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) turned in 20 points against the Tar Heels. Virginia Tech earned its second win ever against a top-ranked team.

North Carolina (15-2, 2-1), atop the poll for the first time in nearly six years, found out what everyone else is learning — these Hokies will take the ball away from you, not make too many mistakes and force teams to play smart or risk discomfitment.

Duke found all that out a week ago when the Hokies beat the No. 11 Blue Devils 69-67 in overtime at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Hamthrough led the Tar Heels with 19 points and 15 rebounds.

No. 2 Florida 84, South Carolina 50

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Lee

Humphrey set career highs with seven 3-pointers and 27 points, and Florida beat South Carolina for its ninth straight victory.

The Gators (16-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) put away their biggest nemesis from their 2006 national championship season. The Gamecocks (10-5, 0-2) swept both regular-season meetings a season ago, then took Florida to the buzzer before losing the SIC tournament final, 49-47.

No. 3 Wisconsin 56, Northwestern 50

EVANSTON, Ill. — Alando Tucker scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half and Wisconsin held off Northwestern for its 13th consecutive victory.

The Wildcats' Jeff Ryan hit a 3-pointer with 52 seconds left to cut Wisconsin's lead to 52-50, but Kamronn Taylor and Tucker each hit two free throws for the Badgers to clinch the win.

No. 4 UCLA 65, Southern California 64

LOS ANGELES — Arron Affalo hit a go-ahead jumper with 4 seconds left, Darren Collison scored a career-high

17 points and UCLA rallied in the final 4½ minutes to beat crosstown rival Southern California.

USC's Gabe Pruitt and Nick Young hit consecutive 3-pointers to tie the score at 63 with 22 seconds to go. Young was fouled and made the free throw for a 64-63 lead.

Affalo's jumper put the Bruins back in front, 65-64. The Trojans brought the ball past midcourt under heavy pressure, but freshman Taj Gibson was being forced out of bounds as he tossed up a desperation shot that never had a chance.

No. 5 Ohio St. 68, No. 16 Tennessee 66

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State finally found an SEC team it could beat.

With Greg Oden playing his most dominating game so far — 24 points, 15 rebounds and numerous shots altered on defense — the Buckeyes defeated Tennessee.

Ron Lewis' 3-pointer with 11.2 seconds left gave the Buckeyes the victory and helped the school save the wounds of what has been a bad week.

Mike Conley Jr. added 16 points for the Buckeyes (14-3), who had lost their three previ-

ous games this season against ranked opponents.

Chris Lofton was strong down the stretch for the Volunteers (13-4), scoring eight of their final nine points. Ramar Smith added 14 points and Dane Bradshaw 11.

No. 6 Kansas 68, Iowa State 64, OT

AMES, Iowa — Sasha Kaun scored 13 points and Brandon Rush added two key baskets late in overtime to lead Kansas past Iowa State.

No. 7 Pittsburgh 74, Georgetown 69

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Cook had 18 points and Pittsburgh won its sixth in a row.

No. 8 Texas A&M 87, Colorado 69

BOULDER, Colo. — Joseph Jones scored 18 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds as Texas A&M beat Colorado for its eighth straight victory.

No. 12 Butler 62, S. Dakota St. 47

INDIANAPOLIS — Brandon

Grone scored 14 points and Butler beat South Dakota State despite playing without leading scorer A.J. Graves.

No. 13 LSU 65, Auburn 63

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jerry Martin scored 17 of his season-high 23 points in the second half and LSU held off Auburn.

Maryland 92, No. 17 Clemson 87

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Ekene Ibekwe had 20 points and 10 rebounds in Maryland's victory over Clemson, the last unbeaten team in Division I.

No. 18 Air Force 58, Wyoming 56

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Jacob Burschell made the winning basket at the buzzer and scored 18 points, sending Air Force to a victory over Wyoming.

No. 20 Memphis 75, Southern Miss 62

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 23 points, including nine during a decisive 12-3 run, and Memphis beat Southern Miss.

Marquette 81, No. 21 West Virginia 63

MILWAUKEE — Dominic Janusz snapped out of his shooting slump, scoring 21 points to help Marquette beat West Virginia.

Stanford 71, No. 22 Washington State 68, OT

STANFORD, Calif. — Anthony Goods hit a long 3-point shot at the buzzer and matched his career high with 30 points, lifting Stanford to a thrilling overtime victory against Washington State.

No. 24 Connecticut 68, St. John's 59

NEW YORK — Freshmen Stanley Robinson, A.J. Price and Hasheem Thabeet combined for 40 points and No. 24 Connecticut snapped a two-game losing streak.

No. 25 Texas 80, Oklahoma 69

AUSTIN, Texas — Freshman Kevin Durant had his usual stellar game with 28 points and 13 rebounds, and Texas overcame Big 12 rival Oklahoma.

— The Associated Press

Chargers living for today as they face playoff-tested Pats

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers have beaten the New England Patriots in September and October without any problem.

Now they need to do it in January, when the Patriots really shine.

The Patriots visit the Chargers on Sunday in the divisional round, and the numbers don't lie — it should be a pretty good game.

San Diego has been supercharged by NFL MVP LaDainian Tomlinson, who rewrites the league's single-season scoring records with 31 touchdowns and 186 points. He's still looking for the first playoff win — and touchdown — of his six-year career.

New England is led by Tom Brady, the quarterback who is 11-1 in the playoffs, including three Super Bowl victories in a four-year span.

There are plenty of other factors.

San Diego scored an NFL-high 492 points behind Tomlinson and first-year starting quarterback Philip Rivers. New England held its opponents to 237, second-lowest in the league. Defensive-minded coach Bill Belichick no doubt will throw something at Rivers that the QB hasn't seen.

While the Patriots will try to keep marching toward their fourth Super Bowl appearance in six seasons, the Chargers and their coach, Marty



San Diego Chargers head coach Marty Schottenheimer looks over his players while they stretch before a football practice Friday in San Diego. The Chargers will face the New England Patriots in an AFC divisional playoff football game today.

Schottenheimer will try to erase some brutal playoff history.

The Chargers haven't won in the playoffs since stunning Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game on Jan. 15, 1995. Counting the Super Bowl wipeout that followed, they've lost

three straight in the postseason.

And of course, Schottenheimer is 5-12 in the playoffs, with Cleveland, Kansas City and San Diego. Should the loss column hit 13 short of the Super Bowl, he could be fired by general manager A.J. Smith. They haven't seen eye to eye — or even spoken much — in the last several months.

Schottenheimer has a year left on his contract, at more than \$3 million.

San Diego has beaten the Patriots twice in the last five regular seasons, in 2002 in San Diego and in 2005, when they snapped the Patriots' NFL-record 21-game home winning streak.

Then again, all that might not matter on Sunday.

"I honestly don't believe the outcome of this weekend's game is going to be influenced in any way by history," said Schottenheimer, who has lost his last five playoff games dating to 1993 when he was coaching Kansas City. "History is a road map. You know, it doesn't give you the ultimate declaration of what is."

What the Chargers hope for is a step toward their first Super Bowl title.

While the Patriots were winning those three Super Bowls in four seasons, the Chargers made just one appearance, an overtime loss at home

to the New York Jets in the 2004 wild-card round.

Rivers was just a rookie then, the third-string inactive quarterback. The Chargers had yet to draft Shawne Merriman, the outside linebacker who led the NFL with 17 sacks this season despite serving a four-game suspension after testing positive for steroids.

The Chargers, who were their last 10 games to finish an NFL-best 14-2, are well aware of the Patriots' mystique.

"But what does it mean to us?" asked Merriman. "They're a team we have to beat to get to where we want to go. That's really all it means to the San Diego Chargers. And that's not a discredit to the New England Patriots because they know how to win, but everybody to us has the same record in the playoffs."

Brady will be making his 13th playoff appearance while Rivers makes his first.

"He's a heck of a player, and I think he's a lot of the reason why they've done what they've done in the past years, and why they keep getting back here year after year," Rivers said. "They don't get maybe all the attention throughout the year and you look up and they're 12-3 and they're right back where they usually are."

While the Chargers earned a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs, the AFC East champion Patriots beat the Jets 37-16 last Sunday in the wild-card round.

While the Patriots have the three Super Bowl rings, the Chargers have nine Pro Bowl players and five All-Pro.

Those three Super Bowls, that was a long time ago," Brady said. "This year they're the top dog, 14-2. They see it all. We have to travel out there and have it with us. We can put together our best football, because that is what it is going to take."

Tomlinson and Rivers remember the Chargers coming out too emotional in the playoffs two years ago, then being drained before the game was over. While trying to remain more businesslike this time, they've got to expect a surprise or two from Belichick.

"Every team that is left is a good team," Belichick said. "They all have a significant number of strengths that make them hard to put together the record and standing that they are in. San Diego is at the top of that list. You are playing the best teams and you have to play your best football because there is not a lot of room for error."

Staying healthy

Engram provides needed security for Seahawks' passing game

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The pills are now a part of Bobby Engram's daily routine, just like driving to practice at Seahawks headquarters or playing with his two kids at home.

Seattle's veteran wide receiver doesn't know the medical name of his thyroid condition, but the illness cost Engram nine games this season when his energy was zapped and all he wanted to do was sleep.

"Before he got sick, he was like the Energizer Bunny. He'd just go, and go, and go, and go," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. "Then, all of a sudden, he couldn't. It was surprising to him. It was surprising to me."

"That now he's feeling better, and it just makes us better."

Engram re-emerged as the stabilizer of Seattle's passing game in last week's NFC wild-card playoff win over Dallas. Engram caught four passes for 88 yards, again displaying his connection with quarterback Matt Hasselbeck developed during their six seasons together.

And now comes Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game at Chicago. It's where Engram spent his first five seasons as a pro, and where he realized after a Week 4 loss to the Bears that something was wrong with his health.

"I was tired. I knew I wasn't myself," Engram said. "The week after the Bears' game we had a bye week and I slept, literally, that whole week. And then I went in that following Monday and that's when we got it diagnosed."

Injuries have dogged Engram at times throughout his career. He missed five games in 1997 with an ankle injury and lost most of the 2000 season — his last in Chicago — to a knee injury.

In both 2004 and 2005, ankle and rib injuries sidelined Engram for three games. But those were evident, physical ailments.

His sudden lack of energy and stamina early this season was concerning. At first, Engram thought he was running too much in practice. He started leaning his legs more and suggested to Holmgren about cutting back on his practice reps.

On the flight back from Chicago, the Seahawks made an emergency landing in Rapid City, S.D., for assistant coach



Seattle Seahawks receiver Bobby Engram runs after catching a pass with Dallas Cowboys defender Bradie James chasing in an NFC wild card game in Seattle on Jan. 6. Seattle faces Chicago today.

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Ray Rhodes to get medical care. Amid the hubbub of players wondering what was going on, Barrell Jackson told Engram of the emergency landing. Engram replied "good," and went back to sleep.

"He had no energy. He had nothing," Holmgren said.

It took weeks for doctors to find the right medication for Engram that didn't increase his fatigue. A virus and Graves' disease triggered a hyperactive thyroid condition, and accelerated Engram's heart rate. By the time doctors found the correct combination of medication, Engram was completely exhausted and had lost 10 pounds — not much, but needed weight for a receiver generously listed at 5-foot-10 and 188 pounds.

Holmgren became concerned that Engram would not return this season. But the allure of getting to play in the postseason for a fourth straight year remained a motivation.

"You don't play this game to practice or go through training camp. That's the stuff they pay you for," Engram said. "So to go through all of that and then missing most

of the season you want to get back, you want to salvage the season somehow."

Engram returned Dec. 14 against San Francisco. Engram's first catch in more than two months came 10 days later against San Diego and he had two more catches in the season finale at Tampa Bay as he slowly worked back into the Seahawks' offense.

Then came last week against Dallas. With DJ Hackett slowed by a hip injury and later a sprained ankle, Engram again became Hasselbeck's favorite target in the slot. While Hasselbeck was inconsistent at times, his throws to Engram were on the mark.

"I have to believe it's just because of the experience that I have had with him," Hasselbeck said. "Me trusting him and knowing exactly what he is going to do. It is a comfort level we have had together."

Engram's highlight was a 36-yard catch-and-run where he sprinted past Dallas' DeMarcus Ware down the middle, then ran into the open field with a burst absent all season. It was a gratifying performance for both Engram and Holmgren.

"He's one of my favorite guys of all time," Holmgren said. "When I write my memoirs, he'll be one of the guys who will be in the special chapter."

Bears face Seahawks, who've been where they want to go

CHICAGO (AP) — An impossible to miss, mysterious sign was planted near the driveway to the Chicago Bears' practice complex this week, implying a team desperate for a playoff victory: "Play Angry."

Getting mad won't necessarily secure a victory Sunday for the Chicago Bears on what should be a lopsided and perhaps snowy Soldier Field. Playing well against the Seattle Seahawks, the defending AFC champions, is more important.

Since they lugged personal belongings into their training camp dormitory six months ago, the Bears have been saying two magic words: Super Bowl.

"I don't want to be one of those players (saying), 'I'm going to wait till next year.' I want to defend my back," Charles Tillman said.

"I might never have it. We might never make it this far again. Who am I to say? Now that we're in, now is the time to take it on."

The Bears didn't do that a year ago in a similar scenario. After winning a division title, securing a first-round bye and playing a team they had already beaten in the regular season, the Bears were ousted by the Arizona Cardinals.

Steve Smith put on a pass-catching clinic at Soldier Field. The player Smith burned a couple of times during the long afternoon was Tillman, going around him early for a 14. On the Bears' comeback, stumbled, and later outjumping him for a pass that set up a field goal.

Tillman, sidelined the final two weeks of this regular season with a sore back, has a chance to bounce back. And he should be busy against the Seahawks' multiple-receiver sets.

Atomizing his postseason performance of a year ago motivates him — to a certain extent.

"I'm not going to say I've played a bad game. Error. I got to play better now," Tillman said. "Disappointment is my personal trainer, so yeah it fuels me in a sense."

Seattle came to Soldier Field on Oct. 1 missing some of its offensive firepower, most notably last year's MVP Shaun Alexander and tight end Jeremy Stevens and the Chicago win it upended 37-6 defeat. Now they're expecting a better performance, hoping to give Matt Hasselbeck more time to throw after he was sacked five times in the first meeting.

Both teams are working around key injuries. Bears defensive tackle Tommie Harris, who sacked Hasselbeck twice in October, is out, as is safety and team leader Mike Brown. And Chicago's defen-



Seattle Seahawks' Shaun Alexander (137) and Matt Hasselbeck, right, take part in NFL football practice Friday in Kirkland, Wash. The Seahawks will play the Chicago Bears today in an NFC playoff game in Chicago.

dominant force it was earlier. Seattle's big concern is a patched-up line that turned to reinforcements from other walks of life after Marcus Trufant, Kelly Herndon and Tommy Williams all were hurt.

Among those injured were Rich Gardner and Pete Hoffer. Hoffer had worked at a mortgage office in Dallas while away from the game.

"Well, usually you don't have a lot of loan officers back there playing," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said comically. "I'd been told we could about it until we stop playing ... They've only been here a couple days and then all the sudden you're throwing them out there in a playoff situation against some of the best receivers in football. It's tough stuff."

Talk about tough, Seattle got jolted about the second round last week, ending the Cowboys' 21-20 and becoming the first Super Bowl runner-up to win a playoff game the following season since 1997.

The Seahawks were either lucky or opportunistic, depending on your point of view, as Dallas quarterback Tony Stewart misaligned a snap for what could have been a go-ahead field goal. Seahawks defensive back Jordan Babineaux extended the season by making a heads-up tackle, preventing the Dallas quarterback from getting a first down or even hitting the end zone.

Last week also marked the first time all season Seattle had its full complement of receivers available for one game — and then WR Darrell Jackson left in the third quarter with a recurrence of left turf toe and DJ Hackett sprained his ankle.

Jackson, the team's leading receiver listed as questionable for Sunday, was not practicing by midweek but said he will play Sunday.

Hackett, listed as doubtful, is far less likely to play, meaning backup quarterback Seneca Wallace may play receiver for the third time in four games.

Judge orders Giants star to pay \$15 million to ex-wife

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants star Michael Strahan was ordered to pay his ex-wife \$15.3 million — more than half his net worth — in keeping with the couple's prenuptial agreement.

Under the agreement, Jean Strahan was entitled to 50 percent of their joint marital assets and 20 percent of his yearly income from each year they were married.

Strahan claimed that he wasn't responsible for the 20 percent because his wife failed to ask for it every year.

But state Superior Court Judge James Convery disagreed, saying in his ruling that "the plaintiff is not credible in his claim that the defendant never asked for her separate funds."

In addition to the \$15.3 million,

Convery awarded Jean Strahan hundreds of thousands of dollars in child support.

Jean Strahan, who married the football player in 1999, said she was happy with the ruling.

"It pays to tell the truth, and I told the truth," she said in Saturday's New York Post. "I never asked for a penny more than the prenup that Michael and his lawyers wrote and made me sign. And all I ever asked for was that to be upheld."

A call to Michael Strahan's attorney, Robert Penza, and his agent, Tony Agnone, were not immediately returned Saturday.

A call to Jean Strahan's attorney, Ellen Marshall, was also not immediately returned.



Michael Strahan

SPORTS

Hula Bowl: Zabransky finally gets his shot to play against the Gators

HONOLULU (AP) — The Hula Bowl is the closest thing to a Boise State-Florida showdown this season.

Quarterback Jared Zabransky, who led the Broncos to a perfect 13-0 year, will lead the Kai on Sunday against the Alua squad, which features three Gators who spent Ohio State in the BCS National Championship game last week.

The college football all-star game will hardly settle any lingering debates about who is better, should be ranked higher or anything else. A win for the Kai could, however, provide even more fodder for Boise State fans.

"We're considered No. 1, but I know Boise State's mad because they're undefeated," Florida cornerback Reggie Lewis said. "That's the way it works out sometimes."

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Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky on the Broncos going undefeated but missing out on a shot at a national title

The Broncos, the nation's only undefeated team, finished fifth in the final Associated Press poll and took one first-place vote away from Florida.

Zabransky, who led Boise State to a thrilling 43-42 overtime victory over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, said his team should at least be in the top 3.

"We were dealt 13 cards and we played them well," he said. "But that's just how it goes. College football is a funny game."

Florida (13-1) got all but one of the 65 first-place votes in the AP poll after its lopsided victory over Ohio State (12-1), which fell from the top spot and finished second. Wisconsin and Louisville also have just one loss each.

"There's no doubt in my mind we're No. 1, and we showed that to everybody," Gators center Steve Bissler said. "Boise State did everything they could. They won every game they played. They had a couple argue, maybe, that they shouldn't have a shot at the title. But that's the way it goes."

"Until they have a playoff system to fix that, it will continue to happen."

This week's Hula Bowl practices had some interesting moments with three Gators and four Buckeyes sharing the same sideline.

Zabransky is also on the same team as Oklahoma quarterback Paul Thompson, who is on a different team than Sooners defensive end C.J. Ahum.

Thompson worked out as a receiver this week and even caught passes from Zabransky.

"I have no problem with him," Thompson said. "He's a great guy. Great competitor."

Thompson, who became Oklahoma's starting quarterback this season when Thrett Bumar was dismissed from the team for breaking NCAA rules, said he's comfortable playing both positions to show his versatility to the NFL scouts.

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Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky looks out the field as he arrives to practice for today's Hula Bowl at Aloha Stadium, in Honolulu, Thursday.

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quarterback Justin Zwick, who backed up Troy Smith. "I started games there. I'm a player. And I want to come out here and have a good showing."

Fresno State coach Pat Hill, who is heading Kal, said the practice and game is like a week-long job interview. The score Sunday doesn't really matter.

"There is no winner or loser," he said. "What these players are going to show is how they can bond together as a team in a three-day period. More importantly, is how they perform against top-caliber athletes."

"Everybody's out here to win," he said. "You want to do well but you also want to have your football team win."

Not so quick fixes for some NFL teams, including Bengals

NEW YORK (AP) — One thing went right for the Cincinnati Bengals this season: Carson Palmer returned quickly from a potentially devastating, knee injury and continued to play at a top level.

Everything else was a mess, from eight arrests and two suspensions, an unofficial NFL record, to a botched extra point and a missed field goal that cost them a playoff berth.

Yes, they finished 8-8, a record which would have delighted their fans during almost 15 years preceding Marvin Lewis' arrival as coach. But after winning the AFC North at 11-5 last season (beating out the eventual Super Bowl champions Steelers for the division title) more was expected, especially because Palmer's knee-injured in a playoff loss to Pittsburgh, was healthy enough that he threw for a career-high 4,035 yards and 28 touchdowns.

With the chase for the Vince Lombardi Trophy continuing, a capsule look at five teams with intriguing seasons and varying futures.

CINCINNATI (8-8)

Three straight losses to finish the season was the symbol of something deeper.

"We have enough talent to win games," All-Pro offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "We, as a team, will never get over the hump with the selfishness."

The symbols of the problem were linebacker Odell Thurman, suspended for the season for substance abuse violations, and Chris Henry, a wide receiver with the ability to create electrifying passes and finding trouble. But Lewis, who has turned the Bengals



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer (9) walks off the field with guard Bobbie Williams (63) in the closing moments of a football game won by the Pittsburgh Steelers, 23-17, in overtime, Dec. 31 in Cincinnati. Palmer returned from a devastating knee injury to have a solid season.

around on the field, shares the blame for declining — at least publicly — to take the off-field problems seriously enough until late in the season.

And even the law-abiding Bengals seem to specialize in distraction, none more so than Chad Johnson, the very talented wide receiver. Johnson is no Terrill Owens and his demonstrations and pranks are often cute and charming. But his antics symbolize a "look at me" mentality that really should be "look at us."

The off-field staff overshadows any problems on the field. The football woes are primarily on defense, espe-

cially in a secondary that gets a lot of interceptions but also gives up a lot of big plays. None was bigger than the 67-yard TD in overtime by Pittsburgh that knocked the Bengals out of the playoffs in the final game of the season. It came on a medium-range pass from Ben Roethlisberger to Antonio Holmes, who simply outran the secondary for the TD.

Lewis seems set to get tougher with his microscans next season. It would help if he stopped acquiring them.

DETROIT (3-13)

The Lions are so bad they win at the wrong time. Their 39-30 win over Dallas in the final game of the season cost them the first pick in April's draft. The obvious fix isn't likely to happen. Matt Millen remains the team president, although the Lions are 24-7 during his five-season tenure.

One fix that had serious implications is Calvin Johnson, who is probably the best player in the draft and is likely to be available with the second pick because Oakland figures to go quarterback. Sounds good, except that Johnson plays wide receiver and the Lions have taken wideouts with their first pick in three of the last four drafts. Roy Williams (2004) is a standout, but Charles Rogers (2003) was released and couldn't find any other work, and Mike Williams (2005) had eight catches this year.

One major need is a long-term quarterback. Jon Kitna, who will be 35 next season, can put up numbers, but as he was in Seattle and Cincinnati, is prone to game-changing turnovers. The Lions drafted Joey Harrington third overall in 2002 and he wasn't the answer, and no one's sure if Brady

Quinn, who may be available at No. 2, will be either.

But Johnson, good as he may be, won't solve much either.

DENVER (9-7)

This is a historically good team, but one that is 1-4 in the playoffs since winning its second straight Super Bowl following the 1998 season. John Elway retired after that victory and the QBs since have been Brian Griese, Bobby Brister, Luke Plummer and now Jay Cutler.

Cutler is now officially "the next Elway." He replaced Plummer as the starter with the Broncos in position to make the playoffs, reaffirming the belief that Mike Shanahan can't only about winning a Super Bowl and is willing to miss the postseason if he can develop a championship caliber QB.

Shanahan has been a quarterback guru for two decades and Cutler showed enough to demonstrate he may be the right guy, although it's hard to judge any young QB this early. The defense, beset by injuries, faded down the stretch after starting off at a record pace, and Shanahan fired coordinator Larry Coryer this week.

NEW YORK GIANTS (8-9)

Tom Coughlin is back. Tim Barber isn't. That's not necessarily a minus. One reason the Giants faded from 6-2 this season was injuries — to Michael Strahan, Luke Petitgoat and most of all, Armani Toomer. The folks bashing El Manning should understand that Toomer was Manning's most reliable receiver and that the guys who replaced him were barely adequate. That left Manning looking

He got game: Allen's 54 is a Sonic boom

SEATTLE (AP) — The last time Ray Allen went on a scoring binge like this, he was portraying a fictional high school kid named Jesus Shuttlesworth.

But there Allen was on Friday night backpedaling downcourt with a grin on his face, his arms pumping and even taking a little snack after swishing yet another 3-pointer. This, however, had nothing to do with "The Got Game," the 1998 Spike Lee movie in which Allen starred.

It was all part of a career-high 54-point performance by the six-time All-Star in Seattle's 122-114 overtime win over Utah that provided a needed jolt of excitement to a season that's been mostly dismal for the Sonics.

"To do it at home and give the people in the building and the people in the city something to cheer about, I feel great to be a part of that," Allen said.

Allen's total was the second-highest in franchise history and he became just the fifth Seattle player to eclipse the 50-point mark. Fred Brown holds the team record with 58 points on March 23, 1974, in a 139-137 victory at Golden State.

Allen had approached the 50-point mark during the 2002 season while still in Milwaukee. He scored 47 against Charlotte. He was slowed by tendinitis in his knee during that stretch of the season, forcing him to be exact with every release on every shot, not trying to put excessive strain on his knee.

The shots didn't come easily against the Jazz, none more than his 3-pointer with eight seconds left in regulation that tied the game at 106. Allen rubbed off a pair of screens and slightly altered his shot as 6-foot-9 Utah forward Carlos Boozer came charging with a hand in Allen's face. Allen ignored the distract-



Seattle SuperSonics guard Ray Allen yells after making a 3-point basket in the closing seconds of regulation to tie the game against Utah, forcing overtime in Seattle on Friday. Seattle won 122-114, and Allen scored a career-high 54 points.

tion and swished a 27-footer, capping an 18-point fourth quarter. 15 in the final five minutes. Seattle overcame a 102-93 deficit with 2:37 remaining, then outscored the Jazz 16-8 in overtime.

His previous high with the Sonics came in the 2005 playoffs when he scored 45 at Sacramento.

"It might have had another one in his career that's close, but I can't imagine one being better than that," Seattle's Nick Collison said. "He hit a lot of unbelievable shots."

Allen scored 35 points after halftime, and no defensive scheme by Utah coach Jerry Sloan worked. He scored Gordon Gierick, Derek Fisher and even Andrei Kirilenko to guard Allen. They could do little to slow him.

"It's a phenomenal play-

Barbaro has more of his left hoof removed

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Barbaro had another section of his laminitis-sickened left hind hoof removed Saturday, and a cast was placed back on his right hind leg for additional support.

The Kentucky Derby winner had a significant setback the week he was recovered from laminitis — a painful,

often fatal disease — in his left hind foot. Chief surgeon Dean Richardson removed more of his hoof Saturday.

"The left hind deep digital flexor tendon was cut to help decrease the pull on the coffin bone by that tendon," Richardson said in an update issued by the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.

only for Barber. Plastic Burs and Jersey Shocky, who is always banded up.

Barber? Great player. But he spent the last two-thirds of the season celebrating retirement. Yes, he was brilliant in the game New York needed him the most, getting 234 yards rushing against Washington in the win that got the team into the playoffs. But running backs can be replaced — Indy replaced Edgerrin James with Joseph Addai plus Dominic Rhodes. About two-thirds of Barber's 1,662 yards might come from 265-pound Brandon Jacobs, the rest from a smaller, more elusive guy to be acquired later.

Coughlin didn't assemble the economics in the locker room, but he gets roasted because he's not Mr. Personality.

WASHINGTON (5-11)

Joe Gibbs was 140-65 with three Super Bowl victories with the Redskins from 1981-92 and was elected to the Hall of Fame for that work. He is 22-28 since returning in 2004.

Has he lost it? Probably not. What he's lost is a general manager, it was Bobby Beathard for most of his first tenure.

The current de facto GM is the owner, Dan "The Fan" Snyder, who continues to run his franchise like a fantasy team. He adds seven-figure big-name coaches, too, as he did this year with offensive coordinator Al Saunders, who changed an offense that got to the playoffs last season and forced it to take two steps backward. Snyder's idea of building is to spend in free agency, and quickly, making it look like he's getting the jump on everyone else.

Your Scores and Stats

BOWLING

MAGIC BOWL TWIN FALLS
MASON
SERIES: Glenda Barutia 526, Kathy Gray 425, Dot Van Hook 515, Kathy McClure 598.
GAMES: Glenda Barutia 192, Kathy Gray 189, Kathy McClure 181, Dot Van Hook 180.
PIONEER
SERIES: Bobbie Thompson 565, Toni Champlyn 551, Cindy Countryman 537, Mary Morris 535.
GAMES: Bobbie Thompson 227, Mary Morris 223, Sunny McKelvey 201, Cindy Countryman 196.
VALLEY
SERIES: Kent Stowe 683, Jerry Marcantonio 653, Kerry Klassen 653, Ron Dawson 649.
GAMES: Kerry Klassen 267, Hank Heeling 257, Tom Smith 247, Kent Stowe 246, Leon Nilmes 246.
FIFTY FIFTY
MEN'S SERIES: Howard Harder 625, Russ Barlett 601, Ed Dutry 591, Geralt Lois 586.
MEN'S GAMES: Blaine Ross 234, Geralt Lois 226, Howard Harder 223, Tom Draper 222.
LADIES SERIES: Jean Stokesberry 536, Pat Glass 514, Bonnie Draper 494, Virginia Williams 490.
LADIES GAMES: Pat Glass 192, Virginia Williams 190, Jean Stokesberry 190, Joan Lois 179.
THURSDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Jim Lewis 609, Robert Watkins 589, Bobbie Maxfield 579, Jim Brawley 568.
MEN'S GAMES: Robert Watkins 228, Bobbie Maxfield 226, Kevin Parks 215, Steve Allison 205.
LADIES SERIES: Edie Barkley 514, Gail Cedofnand 502, Joyce Parks 489, Daevena Hamrick 475.
LADIES GAMES: Edie Barkley 200, Gail Cedofnand 180, Nancy Lewis 177, Melissa Straub 173.
EARLY FRI. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Geralt Lois 628, Joe McClure 608, Blaine Ross 608, Tad Capurro 592.
MEN'S GAMES: Geralt Lois 245, Joe McClure 236, Blaine Ross 214, Phil Re 214.
LADIES SERIES: Bobbie Thompson 545, Cindy Countryman 543, Missy Straub 542, Julie Capurro 514.
LADIES GAMES: Bobbie Thompson 268, Cindy Countryman 196, Angel Olson 191, Missy Straub 190.
BOWLADROME TWIN FALLS
NFL SUPER BOWLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Ryan Lucht 421, Dennis Seckel 396, Paul Donat Sr. 370.
MEN'S GAMES: Dennis Seckel 245, Ryan Lucht 233, Paul Donat Sr. 215.
BOYS' SERIES: Myershall Myers 407, Craig Grayer 286.
LADIES SERIES: Myershall Myers 221, Craig Grayer 161, Matthew Thrall 144.
GIRLS' SERIES: Aimee Myers 339, Teri Myers 333, Samantha Canary 273, Tiffany Grayer 267.
GIRLS' GAMES: Aimee Myers 191, Teri Myers 177, Samantha Canary 186, Tiffany Grayer 149.
MID MORNING MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Dave Wilson 662, Maury Miller 626, Gerald Lois 613, Ed Dutry

602.
MEN'S GAMES: Dave Wilson 264, Gerald Lois 232, Ed Dutry 224, Maury Miller 222.
LADIES SERIES: Marie Stewart 547, Vicki Kleisig 503, Pat Glass 503, Margie Howard 485.
LADIES GAMES: Marie Stewart 200, Pat Glass 193, Vicki Kleisig 186, Jeanne Miller 178.
LATECOMERS
SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 579, Jessi Biggestaff 551, Linda Vining 526, Lisa Allen 511.
GAMES: Linda Vining 215, Kristy Rodriguez 202, Jessi Biggestaff 202, Barb Aslett 191.
CITY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Rod Sorenson 623, Mike Watchford 598, Herb Melody 564, Mike Starr 475, Ryan Shull 475.
MEN'S GAMES: Rod Sorenson 216, Mike Watchford 213, Herb Melody 202, Mike Starr 180.
LADIES SERIES: Crystal Shull 543, Julie Waters 500, Carol Sorenson 500, Carole Fredrickson 487.
LADIES GAMES: Crystal Shull 213, Julie Waters 191, Carole Fredrickson 181, Lori Widon 172.
MEN'S CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Dale Black 726, Cobey Magee 695, Lynn Baid 663, Dave Dutry 659.
GAMES: Cory Holloway 288, Kerry Davis 267, Craig Pitman 256, Lee Crump 256.
MOOSE
BOYS' SERIES: Bob Leazer 726, Todd Ficus 70, Cobey Magee 704, Jim Coggins 693.
GAMES: Jim Coggins 269, Bob Leazer 269, Jerry Fovalovits 268, Dale Black 257.
M.V. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 646, David Wilson 606, Ed Dutry 606, Victor Hagood 595.
MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 246, David Wilson 219, Ed Dutry 212, Max Danos 211, Victor Hagood 211.
LADIES SERIES: Carolyn Beaver 509, Dee Hall 495, Barbara Frith 493, Linda Cline 485.
LADIES GAMES: Carolyn Beaver 169, Barbara Frith 184, Judy Sneyby 179, Shirley Kunsman 176.
LADIES CLASSIC
SERIES: Julie Waters 581, Elaine Hager 564, Crystal Shull 549, Georgia Randall 536.
GAMES: Angie Hillman 213, Kay Puschel 211, Julie Waters 208, Crystal Shull 204, Teena Thompson 204.
SPECIAL FORCES I
MEN'S SERIES: Rickie Roger 198, Ronnie Riddle 193, Bryon James 189, Steven Herkess 156.
MEN'S GAMES: Rickie Roger 100, Bryon James 98, Ronnie Riddle 97, Steven Herkess 88.
LADIES SERIES: Marcus Henkelman 251, Tamara Ahrensden 209, Martha Draine 201.
LADIES GAMES: Marcus Henkelman 138, Martha Draine 130, Tamara Ahrensden 109.
SPECIAL FORCES II
MEN'S SERIES: Trevor McLean 403, Nick Adams 396, Mike Ellis 392, Norman Archer 341.
MEN'S GAMES: Nick Adams 260, Trevor McLean 248, Norman Archer 216, Mike Ellis 207.

LADIES SERIES: Sharon Fitzpatrick 299, Pam Taylor 221, Jenni Norman 155, Melanie Bernstrash 143.
LADIES GAMES: Sharon Fitzpatrick 193, Pam Taylor 112, Jenni Norman 91, Melanie Bernstrash 87.
SUNSET
SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 584, Kim Leazer 560, Ann Shepherd 550, Diane Newton 524.
GAMES: Kristy Rodriguez 224, Imogene Morgan 212, Ann Shepherd 205, Kim Leazer 202.
FRI. P.M. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Brown 598, Gene Schulte 564, Ed Dutry 556, Jim DeVries 544.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Brown 248, Gene Schulte 225, Myron Schroeder 214, Ed Dutry 202.
LADIES SERIES: Jessi Biggestaff 529, Linda Cline 503, Shirley Kunsman 494, Barbara Frith 453.
LADIES GAMES: Shirley Kinsman 192, Jessi Biggestaff 189, Linda Cline 184, Betty Jeppeson 170.
MOONSHINERS
SERIES: Danielle Allen 589, Samara Arthur 517, Deanna Houli 489, Jackie Boyd 477.
GAMES: Danielle Allen 216, Samara Arthur 187, Jackie Boyd 179, Jackie Boyd 179.
PEEWEE & BUNPER
BOYS' SERIES: Derek Robinson 157, Jacob Hidreth 154, Brendon Rife 154, Griffin Magee 140.
BOYS' GAMES: Derek Robinson 87, Jacob Hidreth 81, Brendon Rife 80, Griffin Magee 73.
GIRLS' SERIES: Alicia Bevelry 204, Kaitlyn Suarez 200, Kate Dixon 183, Jennifer Leazer 162.
GIRLS' GAMES: Alicia Bevelry 116, Kaitlyn Suarez 103, Kate Dixon 102, Rebecca Robinson 94.
LIL' GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Dillon Adams 356, Chris Coates 303, Michael Tetley 301, Braeden Lanier 250.
BOYS' GAMES: Dillon Adams 124, Chris Coates 115, Michael Tetley 104, Braeden Lanier 91.
GIRLS' SERIES: Alexis Kiesig 301, Samantha Bevelry 265, Britney Stirling 261, Elyse Matlock 260.
GIRLS' GAMES: Alexis Kiesig 301, Samantha Bevelry 265, Britney Stirling 261, Elyse Matlock 260.
GIANTS
SERIES: Hyle Lorbeck 406, Nick Overton 363, Ryan Overton 360, Jaden Tuma 338.
GAMES: Hyle Lorbeck 142, Jaden Tuma 141, Nick Overton 139, Ryan Overton 138.
GIRLS' SERIES: Kotti Jo Moses 418, Anel Uher 389, Teya Moses 386, Kayla Jacobsen 323.
GIRLS' GAMES: Kotti Jo Moses 169, Teya Moses 138, Anel Uher 135, Kirstie Payne 121, Kayla Jacobsen 121.
SUNSET BOWL BUHL
MASON'S
SERIES: Lena Haazy 528, Nancy Bright 467, Verna Kodesh 442, Katie Owsley 432.
GAMES: Lena Haazy 215, Nancy Bright 173, Katie Owsley 163, Verna Kodesh 158.
LUCKY STRIKERS
SERIES: Mandi Olson 592, Kay

Reynolds 519, Lena Haazy 503, Darla McCallister 489.
GAMES: Mandi Olson 208, Lena Haazy 204, Kay Reynolds 190, Elaine Wigniflon 182.
STARLITE
MEN'S SERIES: Drew Foster 672, Dirk McCallister 635, Matt Olson 627, Juan Hernandez 595.
MEN'S GAMES: Drew Foster 247, Dirk McCallister 235, Todd Dickenson 222, Juan Hernandez 217.
LADIES SERIES: Darla McCallister 562, Lisa Dickenson 551, Teresa Boehm 536, Jeanne Hicks 527.
LADIES GAMES: Darla McCallister 211, Lisa Dickenson 202, Mandi Olson 197, Jeanne Hicks 193.
PINBUSTERS
SERIES: Dirk McCallister 681, Kerry Davis 638, Nathan Cross 637, Wehman Caldwell 631.
GAMES: Wehman Caldwell 268, Dirk McCallister 255, David Hanna 240, Nathan Cross 235.
SPARE PAIRS
MEN'S SERIES: Chuck Hicks 583, Curt Quinlance 558, Tom Rhodes 555, Bob Lewis 555.
MEN'S GAMES: Chuck Hicks 235, Bill Lemmons 208, Kerry Davis 202, Curt Quinlance 202.
LADIES SERIES: Debbie Franklin 596, Kay Miller 544, Darla McCallister 518, Shirley Shady 488.
LADIES GAMES: Debbie Franklin 240, Jeanne Hicks 193, Kay Miller 189, Cheryl Russell 181.
M.V. SENIORS TRAVEL LEAGUE
SERIES: Bob Bywater 673, Todd Dickenson 648, Blayne Thompson 648, Dee Maber 646.
GAMES: Blayne Thompson 269, Gary Tracy 266, Gerald Lois 248, Sign Bywater 246.
SNAKE RIVER BOWL BURLEY
BURLEY HIGH SCHOOL
SERIES: Andrew Morgan 521, Michael Boehmer 506, Robbie Merril 485, Amanda Rowley 432, Cassie Lindsay 421, Breanna Pace 378.
GAMES: Stephen Swearingen 225, Andrew Morgan 214, Michael Boehmer 183, Cassie Lindsay 152, Amanda Rowley 150, Breanna Pace 145.
MAJOR
GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 706, Rusty Holm 668, Steve Hicks 661, Jonny Amen 641.
GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 259, Steve Hicks 247, Garth Jones 255, Don Ondler 248.
TUESDAY MIXED
SERIES: Gene Smith 646, Wally Studer 643, Bob Bywater 581, Alicia Bywater 550, Chris Rowley 520, Theresa Knowlton 472.
GAMES: Gene Smith 263, Bob Bywater 237, Terry Pockett 236, Alicia Bywater 201, Chris Rowley 198, Kristie Johnston 185.
WED. MIXED
SERIES: Jordan Pansh 631, Galan Rogers 594, Tyson Hirsch 572, Annette Hirsch 543, Georgia Schutt 496, Christy Gonzalez 486.
GAMES: Jordan Pansh 220, Galan Rogers 212, Rhyno Daumgartner 211, Anette Hirsch 207, Georgia Schutt 194, Christy Gonzalez 191.
MA & PA
SERIES: Bob Despain 606, Rod Runyon

553, Tim Ferguson 489, Kris Rodriguez 523, Janet Grant 504, Kay Poole 482, GAMES: Bob Despain 223, Rod Runyon 211, Marshall Morris 187, Janet Grant 173, Kris Rodriguez 187, Kay Poole 171.
EARLY BIRDS
SERIES: Darin Carter 595, Duane Smith 583, Shannon Carter 577, Norma Carter 494, Nita Maler 483, Shannon Carter 444.
GAMES: Darin Carter 222, George Sherborn 215, Cecil Carter 212, Shannon Carter 176, Cast Millspaugh 170, Norma Carter 169.
THURS. MORNING DBLS.
SERIES: Deryn Smith 500, Kris Zanona 514, Doorn Richards 510, Deon Fasset 456.
GAMES: Kris Zanona 194, Deann Richards 189, Jamie Stewart 180, Janice Rice 174.
RAILROADERS
SERIES: Kris Rodriguez 534, Kathie Hamblin 485, Bobbie Martindale 480, Angie Castaneda 471.
GAMES: Kris Rodriguez 209, Kathie Hamblin 183, Debbie Pfeifer 171, Gynsly Matriniz 165.
HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Sharon Rathe 554, Lisa Hutchison 553, Bonnie McClellan 545, Bonnie Murphy 520.
GAMES: Sharon Rathe 200, Lisa Hutchison 191, Bonnie Murphy 187, Teza Murphy 179.
JEROME BOWL
MEN'S
SERIES: Mike Larsen 668 Eric Larsen 630 Bud Whismore 611.
GAMES: Mike Larsen 254 Eric Larsen 228 Bud Whismore 213 Wayne Halfner 233 Bob Watts 233.
WOMEN'S
SERIES: Tommy Carter 630 Sue Hughes 601 Brenda Altin 601 Teena Mccandless 597 Cassi Larsen 582.
GAMES: Tommy Carter 226 Sue Hughes 206 Brenda Altin 206 Teena Mccandless 225 Cassi Larsen 221.
WOMEN'S SERIES: Ron Poston 575 Bill Taylor 520 Don Vanpation 497 Cal Peterson 464.
MEN'S GAMES: Ron Poston 212 Bill Taylor 178 Don Vanpation 187 Cal Peterson 174.
WOMEN'S SERIES: Vi Benson 516 Judy Turpin 483 Jeri Throck 458 Marlene Turpin 418 Dee Teeters 417.
WOMEN'S GAMES: Vi Benson 176 Judy Turpin 169 Jeri Throck 162 Marlene Turpin 148 Dee Teeters 150.
YOUTH KNOX KIDS
BOYS' SERIES: Joey Lottspeich 278 Greg Aguda 274 Matt Lottspeich 265 Damon Zamora 197 Gage Ferrero 190 Wayne Hull 155.
BOYS' GAMES: Joey Lottspeich 101 Greg Aguda 105 Matt Lottspeich 95 Damon Zamora 86 Gage Ferrero 70 Wayne Hull 65.
GIRLS' SERIES: Halle Bentzinger 255 Mackenzie Jerke 220 Yolanda Diaz 204.
GIRLS' GAMES: Halle Bentzinger 94 Mackenzie Jerke 86 Yolanda Diaz 81.
RIO'S SQUAD
SERIES: Jordan Lee, 14 years Old Had A 720 Series Games Of 247, 246, & 227.

New 4-H Air Rifle Club in Filer seeks members

FILER— Anyone interested is invited to join a new 4-H Air Rifle Club at the 4-H building on the Filer Fairgrounds. The club will teach Olympic style air rifle shooting and will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. The cost is \$1 per night to shoot or \$20 to join, which includes 4-H membership and a fair pass. Due to the size of the rifles, shooters must be 14-18 years old.
For more information, contact John Pitts, a 4-H leader with National Rifle Association coach certification, at 733-5234.



Will Brown of Twin Falls, at left, shoots at the Air Rifle National Championship in July 2006, in Redwood, Ore.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Variably to mostly cloudy. Highs: 20s
 Tonight: Will tend average temperatures and mostly cloudy. Low: single digits to near 10
 Tomorrow: Breaks in the clouds, still chilly. Highs: 20s

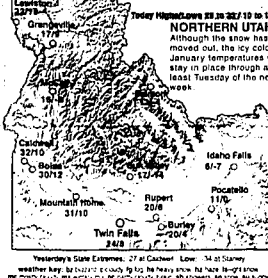
BURLEIGH/UPPERT FORECAST

Today: A very cold end to the weekend with mostly cloudy skies. Highs near 20
 Tonight: Cold and mostly cloudy. Low: single digits
 Tomorrow: Less cloud cover, but still very chilly. Highs: 20s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 A few flurries or ice crystals are possible today, but accumulations will be light if at all. The big weather story will be the low temperatures that will last for at least the next two to three days

BOISE
 Snow begins: 4 p.m. Tonight's lows: -18 to -21
 How through Tuesday we will have to see a little more sun each day. What that means is there will be a chance to rack over to slightly at night. Precipitation is not expected



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Chilly to mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, but dry	Colder than average	Staying dry and cool	A few clouds	Just a touch warmer
High 24	Low 8	26 / 11	29 / 14	31 / 26	34 / 16

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 10 Record High: 88 in 1960 Record Low: -20 in 1963 Needed Low: 28 in 1963	Month to Date: 0.27 Year to Date: 0.27 Monthly: 0.27 Daily: 0.27	Yesterday's Maximum: 24 Today's Maximum: 24 Monthly: 24 Daily: 24	Yesterday's Minimum: 10 Today's Minimum: 8 Monthly: 10 Daily: 8	Today's Sunrise: 8:01 AM Today's Sunset: 5:32 PM Yesterday's Sunrise: 8:01 AM Yesterday's Sunset: 5:32 PM

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	19	-1	Trace
Coeur d'Alene	12	-4	0.00"
Jerome	18	-1	0.00"
Lowell	22	-3	0.00"
Malden	12	-4	0.00"
Post Falls	21	-7	0.00"
Starbuck	1	-34	0.00"

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We must not be trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences."

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday
Boise	10-22	10-18	10-18	10-18
Idaho Falls	10-22	10-18	10-18	10-18
Lowell	10-22	10-18	10-18	10-18
Post Falls	10-22	10-18	10-18	10-18
Starbuck	10-22	10-18	10-18	10-18

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday
Atlanta	42-52	42-52	42-52	42-52
Chicago	31-41	31-41	31-41	31-41
Denver	21-31	21-31	21-31	21-31
Los Angeles	61-71	61-71	61-71	61-71
New York	31-41	31-41	31-41	31-41

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday
Calgary	11-16	11-16	11-16	11-16
Edmonton	11-16	11-16	11-16	11-16
Halifax	11-16	11-16	11-16	11-16
Montreal	11-16	11-16	11-16	11-16
Ottawa	11-16	11-16	11-16	11-16

So close in 2006, Federer prepares to do it all over again at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — All the brilliant numbers came down to one simple equation for Roger Federer. He was two sets short of a Grand Slam season.

Federer returns to Melbourne Park as the overwhelming favorite and defending Australian Open champion, one of three players he would while compiling a 92-5 record.

Four of his losses were against second-ranked Rafael Nadal, including the French Open final when he won the first set before going down in four.

Federer was the first man since Rod Laver completed his second Grand Slam — winning all four majors — in 1969 to make the finals in all four majors in a single season.

But that was quite good enough for the 25-year-old Swiss star. Federer skipped his regular season-opener at the Qatar Open, deciding he needed a breather.

"You have to look at the big picture," he said. "I wanted to have a life, you know, have Christmas and New Years and come here rested and not exhausted already for me, it was most important to come to Melbourne in the mood to win the Australian Open, not come here and feel like it's a pain."

He did some work in Dubai, then arrived in Australia a week earlier than usual.

He had a patchy first week back, coming within two points of defeating Ilijanek Stanek and then losing to Andy Roddick in the final of the Kooyong exhibition tournament. But the figures three matches is all the fine-tuning he needs.

"I'm probably playing again on Rod Laver Arena," he said. "I play so well on that court, and with my experience, that's the way I finished the season and the way I'm coming into this — I don't see why I should be vulnerable. It's going to be really tough for people to beat me here."

Federer got no favors in the draw Friday. His third- and fourth-round opponents could



Switzerland's Roger Federer in action in the final of the Kooyong Classic against Andy Roddick of the U.S. in Melbourne, Australia, Saturday. Roddick won 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

be the U.S. open semifinalist Mikhail Youzhny and former No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, while last year's surprise finalist, Marcos Baghdatis, looms as a quarterfinal rival.

Andy Roddick and Ivan Ljubicic are semifinal opponents. Nadal has a tough draw on the other side, having a tricky opener against Robert Kendrick, a possible third-round battle with Andy Murray and either James Blake or Lleyton Hewitt after that. And that is before possible snowdowns with No. 3 Nikolay Pietrangolo or David Nalbandian.

Federer already has enough entry rankings points to ensure that by the end of February he'll break Jimmy Connors' record of 160 consecutive weeks at No. 1. More important to him, though, is he'll know by

Jan. 28 whether he is set up for another shot at the season Grand Slam.

"If I win here, it gets very interesting," he said. "I know in a few weeks if that's a goal that I can give myself or not."

While Federer's domination is daunting for the other men on tour, there has been no equivalent figure on the women's side since the demise of the Williams sisters.

U.S. open champion Maria Sharapova stepped into the top-seeded position after Justine Henin-Hardenne withdrew from her Australian tour for undisclosed family reasons.

"I don't see it as putting any extra pressure on me," said Sharapova, who has made the semifinals or better at seven of the last 10 majors. "Whatever you are seeded, you've just got to go out and play your matches."

She will open against Camille Pin of France and the first seeded player she could meet is No. 11 Yulia Glushko in the fourth round.

Defending champion Amelie Mauresmo said she was desperately unhappy with her loss in a quarterfinal loss to Jelena Jankovic in Sydney.

Mauresmo had her personal breakthrough last year, winning her first Grand Slam title after 11 years of playing at the majors. She followed that up with another win at Wimbledon and spent most of the season at No. 1 before slipping to third.

Sharapova's chance of finishing at No. 1 ended in a semifinal loss to Belgium's Henin-Hardenne at the season-ending WTA Championship. She was one of five Russian women seeded in the top 10.

The 19-year-old Sharapova warmed up at an exhibition tournament last week in Hong Kong, where she lost in the final to Kim Clijsters.

Clijsters, who made another final in Sydney this week, is determined to put up a big performance in what she expects will be her last Australian Open. At 23, she has decided she'll retire at the end of the year.

Martina Hingis is coming out at the other end of tournament. The pair could meet in the quarterfinals.

The 26-year-old Hingis, a three-time champion and six-time finalist in Australia, returned here last year with a No. 34 ranking after three years off the tour and reached the quarterfinals. She ended the year at No. 7.

She has a difficult opening match against 2005 semifinalist Nathalie Dechy.

Serena Williams no doubt has contemplated retirement amid all her injuries, but thinks she can add to her seven Grand Slam singles titles. She won her last major here in 2005.

She'll be without sister and hitting partner Venus, who pulled out this week with an injured wrist.

DUKE LACROSSE D.A. hands case over to state prosecutors

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The state attorney general's office agreed Saturday to take over the sexual assault case against three Duke University lacrosse players at the request of the embattled district attorney.

Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong, hamstrung by a flip-flopping witness and dogged by allegations that he had made inflammatory statements to the media, asked Attorney General Roy Cooper's office Friday to appoint a special prosecutor.

"I wish I could tell you this case would be resolved quickly," Cooper said at a news conference Saturday. "Since we have not been involved in the investigation and prosecution, all of the information will be new to our office. Any case with such serious criminal charges will require careful review."

Cooper pledged that his

office would not comment on details of the case as officials review the investigation and the charges of sexual assault and kidnapping against Reade Seligmann, Collin Fennerty and David Evans.

Last month, Nifong dropped rape charges against the men after the accuser changed a key detail of her description of the alleged attack.

Nifong has led the investigation into allegations a 28-year-old student at North Carolina Central University — hired to perform as a stripper — was gang-raped and beat at a March 13 party thrown by Duke's highly ranked lacrosse team.

Nifong's comments to reporters in the early days of the case, including calling the lacrosse team "a bunch of hooligans," led the North Carolina State Bar to charge him last month with several ethics violations.

Roddick takes down Federer to retain Kooyong title

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick snapped his losing streak against Roger Federer.

Unfortunately for him, the result of the exhibition match doesn't count on their official records.

The defending champion picked up a confidence-

boosting 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 win Saturday over top-ranked Federer in the final of the invitational Kooyong Classic.

But he remains 1-12 officially in his career against Federer.

Beating Federer was encouraging, Roddick said. But, "I think it needs to be

done on a big stage before you put too much emphasis on it."

Blake repeats as Sydney champion

SYDNEY, Australia — James Blake won the Sydney International for the second straight year, beating Carlos Moya 6-3,

5-7, 6-1 in Saturday's final.

It is Blake's sixth title in the last year. Only Roger Federer has more victories in that span with 12.

The third set belonged to Blake, who became only the fourth player to defend his Sydney title.

— The Associated Press

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Timeshares: Not what they used to be

By Carol Setill
The Washington Post

Twenty years ago, a timeshare splat nearly ended my marriage. I happened on the presentation while strolling down a street in Baja California. After sucking down three free industrial-strength margaritas, I was ready to sign on the dotted line. My husband, being less susceptible to sipping drink, didn't share my zeal for plunking down \$2,500 to visit Rosarito Beach every year during the third week of July for the rest of our lives. Thankfully, cooler heads prevailed once the tequila wore off.

But that was then. Timeshares are now "vacation clubs," and respected hotel companies with deep pockets, including Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt, Starwood and Wyndham, have jumped into the game. Sure, there are still small companies selling a week at a time at tired properties to hapless tourists. But the old system, in which a buyer bought a specific week in a specific unit at a specific property, has been mostly supplanted by a more flexible product, with owners buying points that can be used for different weeks at various locations.

The U.S. timeshare biz is booming: In 2005, \$0.6 billion worth of timeshares were sold, according to an Ernst & Young study conducted for the American Resort Development Association (ARDA), which represents the timeshare industry. The industry has posted double-digit sales growth every year except one during the past 17 years.

Don Wallach, 72, of Potomac, Md., an executive search firm owner who owns six weeks' worth of timeshares (including four with Westin), said, "It's not just the guy being grabbed off the street anymore. It's legitimate. People like me want to know the value, and we need to be convinced of the value before we buy."

"I don't have a lot of complaints," said John Wildfong, 53, an aerospace executive from Centreville, Va., who is a Wyndham timeshare owner. Last year he used his 175,000 ownership points to stay in a two-bedroom unit in Las Vegas for a week and a one-bedroom on a lake in Arkansas for a week. "If you want to try to go to the Caribbean over spring break, it's going to be a problem," he said. "But if you want to go to a place a lot of people don't want to go, it works great."

ARDA President Howard Nussbaum said the newly arrived hotel companies have brought changes to the industry. "Sales tactics have changed dramatically during the last 20 years," he said. "Companies are trading on their good names, and they don't want to compromise that."



The U.S. timeshare industry is booming, posting double-digit sales growth in all but one of the last 17 years.

Photo courtesy of Hilton Grand Vacations

Tempted to buy in?

Here's a look at four of the top hotel-branded timeshare companies. We chose a representative property from each, looking at buy-in prices there; they reflect the equivalent of at least a one-week stay annually in the smallest unit) and how each company allows exchanges, both in-house and outside the company. We also checked the companies out with the Better Business Bureau.

We did cost-efficiency

analyses on each property, and it's good news for all the companies: Renting the units independently in 2007 would cost \$259 to \$1,406 more than the annual cost of owning the timeshare.

Our cost-efficiency formula is admittedly simplistic: Take how much you would have made by investing the amount of the buy-in cost in a certificate of deposit at 5 percent and put that toward the cost of renting the place in 2007;

compare the end result with the annual timeshare maintenance fees to decide whether the timeshare makes financial sense.

Our methodology is intended only to give an indication of value. It supposes that you pay in full for the timeshare (most companies will arrange financing, but interest rates are high).

Keep in mind that it's almost impossible to lose money that's invested in a cer-

tificate of deposit, whereas the value of the timeshare principal may decline. Maintenance fees will definitely go up, but hotel rents also will most likely increase.

Some additional caveats: Exchanges are based on availability, so don't assume you'll always get your first choice. When buying, pay attention to more complex details that we don't cover here, such as how long you have to use or exchange your timeshare.



Palm trees, golf and pool accommodations are found at many timeshare vacation resorts. But timeshares aren't for everyone.

Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa

Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Fla.
407-827-1100, www.disneyvacationclub.com

MINIMUM BUY-IN: \$15,150 plus \$200 closing costs and \$618 annual maintenance fees/taxes.

WHAT THAT GETS YOU: 150 points, the equivalent of about 11 nights in a 355-square-foot studio villa with kitchenette during low-season "adventure" weeks (Jan. 1-31, Sept. 1-30 and Dec. 1-14). Reservations allowed 11 months in advance. No minimum-stay requirement.

EXCHANGING FOR ANOTHER DISNEY VACATION CLUB PROPERTY: Minimum number of points per night range between six (Disney's Vero Beach Resort) and 12



Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa in Orlando, Fla., is not alone in emphasizing the happy times you'll have if you sign on the dotted line.

(Disney's Beach Club Villas and the Villas at Disney's Wilderness Lodge). Reservations allowed seven months in advance. Week can be broken up. No exchange fee.

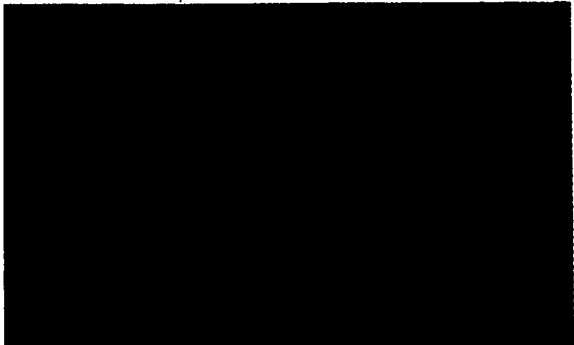
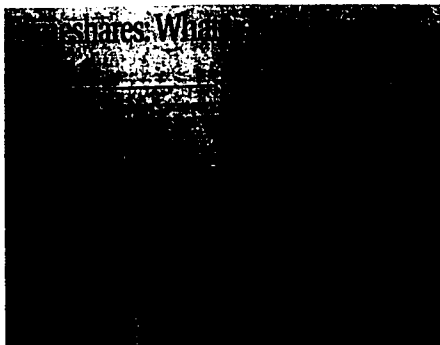
EXCHANGING FOR NON-DISNEY PROPERTIES: Various programs offered, including the "Concierge Collection," 26 hotels throughout the United States and in London, and the "World Passport Collection."

through Interval International, which represents more than 500 resorts in 25 countries, or through Disney-owned Buena Vista Trading Co. Points required vary, from four points per night at Club Innwest at Tremblant, Quebec, in spring and fall to 540 points per adult for a safari in Tanzania in December. Exchange fee: \$75 to \$95.

EXCHANGING FOR OTHER DISNEY PROPERTIES: Minimum number of points varies. Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Calif., for example, starts at 23 points per night per room, and a three-night cruise to the Bahamas aboard the Disney Wonder starts at 67 points per person. Exchange fee: \$75.

LEGALITIES: Deeded. Lapses in 2054.

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TRAVEL

400th birthday of Jamestown six months away

By Sonja Barick
Associated Press writer

NORFOLK, Va. — Virginia's government traveled to England in December to help the date three ships set sail across the Atlantic to the Virginia colony 400 years ago.

In May, England's Queen Elizabeth II will return the favor, heading to Virginia to recognize the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, America's first permanent English settlement.

Although it's not known yet whether the queen will visit Jamestown during the actual anniversary in May or some other time that month, her trip will add luster to the commemoration and already is piquing interest, Gov. Timothy W. Kaine said.

"If the people who have been angling with me to get invitations to things are any indication," Kaine said with a chuckle, interest in the anniversary "dramatically increased" when the queen announced her plans for a state visit to Virginia in May. She also visited Jamestown in 1957, the year of its 350th anniversary.

"The queen's announcement is the thing that will really put the kind of double excitement point on this," Kaine said in a telephone interview before his trip to England.

Planners say they are on target to at least meet their goal of attract 2.4 million visitors throughout the 18-month series of Jamestown 2007 events.

"We're six months away from anniversary week, which is the pinnacle ... but we are actually also six months into the commemoration, and I think we already have a success," said Jeanne Zeidler, executive director of Jamestown 2007, part of the 14-acre, 160-acre site of the Foundation, a state agency that runs two history museums and is coordinating commemoration efforts.

For example, a total of more than 100 people attended the free festivals held at each stop when the commemoration kicked off last May with a replica of one of the settlers' ships visiting six East Coast ports.

Organizers had expected 250,000.

Jamestown-related events in England were another opportunity to call attention to the commemoration and to celebrate the friendship between the United States and Great Britain, Kaine told reporters from London on Dec. 19, the anniversary of the launch of the settlers' three ships bound for Virginia.

The settlers brought with them "powerful founding virtues" of the rule of law, trial by jury, elected legislative leadership and religious freedom, said Kaine, who was in London at the Museum in Docklands for the opening of an exhibit about the outfitting and planning of their voyage.

Moored outside the Museum in Docklands is a replica of the Discovery, the smallest of the settlers' three ships. The replica from Jamestown Settlement was transported to England aboard a royal navy ship for the exhibition. The Discovery later will tour Britain's coast.

Jamestown began as a business venture operating under a royal charter. In the early years, the settlers were nearly wiped out by hunger and disease.

Later, tobacco exports helped the colony survive financially.

Virginia has commemorated Jamestown's birthday with big events every 50 years since 1807. The 2007 commemoration is the first to focus on all three cultures that converged at Jamestown: English settlers, native Indians and Africans.

In 2007, Jamestown-related events will be happening just about every month leading up to the anniversary. Among the highlights:

- Jan. 10, shortly after the 20th legislative session opened in Richmond, Va., lawmakers boarded buses for Jamestown for a day of ceremonial observances.

- A month later, the Rev. James Taylor will join the vision and radio personality Tavis Smiley as Smiley brings his "State of the Black Union 2007" to Hampton University.

- In April, the Godspeed will set off a journey up Virginia's James River, recreating parts of the Jamestown settlers' original route.

- Also in April will be the opening of "The World of 1607," a year-long exhibition at the Jamestown Settlement that will feature artifacts from



The replica 17th century sailing vessel Godspeed makes its way up the Chesapeake Bay near Reedville, Va., in this May 24 photo. Virginia Gov. Timothy W. Kaine will be in England next week for the 400th anniversary of the date three ships set sail for Virginia to found the Jamestown colony. Six months later, England's Queen Elizabeth II plans to be in Virginia for the 400th anniversary of America's first permanent English settlement.

around the world, including a 15th-century copy of the Magna Carta.

The premier event — "America's Anniversary Weekend" — will be May 11-13 at Jamestown Settlement and Historic Jamestowne, the site of the settlers' original triangular fort. President Bush has been invited to attend the festival, which is expected to draw 90,000 people.

Single-day tickets (\$30 for adults, \$15 for children) went on sale in December at Colonial Williamsburg's visitor center and online at <http://www.Americas400thA.com>.

Events don't stop with the

actual anniversary.

In June and July, The Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., will feature Virginia, England and parts of West Africa, highlighting Jamestown's roots and legacies.

The American Indian Intertribal Cultural Festival in July in Hampton will showcase the cultures of Virginia Indians, while a Black Cultural and Commerce Exposition being planned for August will feature contributions by Africans and black Americans to American society.

In September, Williamsburg will host the culminating

forum of a series of conferences on the future of democracy sponsored by the federal commemoration commission.

The budget for the commemorative events is \$30 million to \$32 million, about \$10 million below earlier planning numbers.

About half of the event money is coming from state funds. Private sponsors initially were slow to sign up, but a number have come on board since the commemoration began, Zeidler said.

"We look like we will be coming to a very successful conclusion for the commemoration," she said.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Getting medical help while out of country

One fear that vacationers, especially older ones, have concerns how to handle getting sick in a foreign country. Will they be able to find a qualified doctor? Can they find one who speaks English?

If this is a concern for you, check out the services of the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers. The Niagara Falls, N.Y.-based nonprofit organization has a database of physicians in 125 countries who speak English. The network includes general practitioners and specialists as well as hospitals and clinics. The doctors and hospitals in the network have agreed to treat IAMAT members for pre-negotiated fees. IAMAT says it continually inspects the doctors' offices, clinics and hospitals to make sure they are delivering competent care.

Membership is free. For more information, call 716-754-4083, or go to www.iamat.org.

The Web site has useful medical information for travelers, so even if you don't join, a visit here may make your journey safer.

Acoma Pueblo's Sky City in N.M. named national historic site

ACOMA PUEBLO, N.M. — Acoma Pueblo's Sky City has been named a National Trust Historic Site.

Sky City, perched atop a sheer 370-foot sandstone mesa, is the oldest continuously inhabited community in North America, according to the Washington, D.C.-based National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sky City, which dates to A.D. 1150, includes adobe houses, plazas and San Esteban del Rey mission church, which was completed about 1640. About 15 families live year-round on the 70-acre mesa top.

The community was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and a Save America's Treasures site in 1990.

— Compiled from wire reports

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COST EFFICIENCY: Apply \$768 CD investment earnings toward cost of booking 11 nights in a studio — \$2,293 through Travelocity (\$3,153 through Disney) — during low season (Sept. 9-16).

\$1,436. Compare with \$597 annual fees. Advantage: Timeshare by \$83.

COMPANY'S BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU RATING: Satisfactory. One complaint received and resolved in past 36 months.

Marrriott's Grande Vista Resort

Avenida Vista, Orlando, Fla. 407-238-7676. www.vacationclub.com

MINIMUM BUY-IN: \$19,500 plus \$100 closing costs and \$723 annual maintenance fees/taxes.

WHAT THAT GETS YOU: Seven nights in a 1,250-square-foot, two-bedroom unit with full kitchen during "low" (gold) season with floating weeks (starting Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays May 4-June 3 and Aug. 31-Dec. 23 in 2007). Reservations allowed 12 months in advance (13 months for multiple-week owners). Split weeks of four nights and three nights allowed. Can also split into one week in a studio and one week in a one-bedroom.

EXCHANGING FOR ANOTHER MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB PROPERTY: A gold week can be exchanged for a gold week in any other Marriott Vacation Club property. Within Marriott Vacation Club's Florida Club Vacations resorts located throughout the state, reservations allowed six months in advance; no exchange fee; split weeks of four nights/ three nights

allowed. Outside Florida Club, reservations allowed 60 days to 12 months in advance; exchange fee of \$89 through Interval International, plus \$94 annual membership fee.

EXCHANGING FOR OTHER VACATION CLUBS: Through Interval, Exchange fee of \$135 domestic, \$149 international. Also, \$84 annual membership fee.

EXCHANGING FOR MARRIOTT REWARD POINTS: Minimum buy-in equal to 90,000 reward points, hotel rooms cost 7,500 to 95,000 points per night depending on category. Exchange for points is allowed every other year.

LEGALITIES: Deeded in perpetuity.

COST EFFICIENCY: Apply \$999 CD investment earnings toward \$2,071 cost of booking independently (low season, May 5-12).

\$1,072. Compare with \$723 annual fees. Advantage: Timeshare by \$349.

COMPANY'S BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU RATING: Unsatisfactory. Twenty-five complaints received in past 36 months. 21 resolved or company made "every effort to resolve."

Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Arrezzo, Vero, Orlando, Fla. 407-465-2600. www.hiltongrandvacations.com

MINIMUM BUY-IN: \$14,990 plus \$595 closing costs and \$450 annual maintenance fees/taxes.

WHAT THAT GETS YOU: 3,400 ClubPoints, the equivalent of seven nights in a 900-square-foot, one-bedroom unit with full kitchen during low (gold) season (Jan. 6-Feb. 3; April 21-June 9; Aug. 18-Oct. 27). Reservations permitted 12

months in advance. Week can be broken up.

EXCHANGING FOR ANOTHER HILTON VACATIONS CLUB PROPERTY: 3,400 ClubPoints is enough to rent a one-bedroom villa during gold season at any Hilton Vacations Club property. Can be broken into three-night minimum increments.

Transfer fees range from \$49 to \$69. Reservations allowed nine months in advance of checkout date.

EXCHANGING FOR OTHER VACATION CLUBS: Through RCI, Exchange fee of \$164 for domestic resorts, \$199 for international, plus \$90 annual membership fee. Week can be broken into three-night minimum.

EXCHANGING FOR HILTON HONOR POINTS: Minimum purchase is equal to 78,200 Hilton Honors points. Can be turned into rewards points every year.

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EXCHANGING FOR OTHER VACATION CLUBS: Through Interval International, minimum buy-in gets you a week in a two-bedroom during high season at a premium property. Exchange fees are \$135 domestic, \$149 international.

EXCHANGING FOR HYATT GOLD PASSPORT POINTS: Timeshare points can be turned into passport points every other year. A bronze week in a two-bedroom is equal to about \$3,000 points. A night at a Hyatt hotel costs \$5,000 to 15,000 points.

LEGALITIES: Deeded in perpetuity.

COST EFFICIENCY: Apply \$768 CD earnings to cost of booking independently (week-long rentals are not usually available, but average nightly low-season rate is \$444 or \$3,108 for seven nights)

\$2,340. Compare with \$934 annual fees. Advantage: Timeshare by \$1,406.

COMPANY'S BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU RATING: Not rated. No complaints filed in past 36 months.

Involved

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membership fees, which usually start at about \$100,000 and can go all the way to \$1.5 million, are commonly 80 to 100 percent refundable when the person leaves the program. Annual dues range from about \$5,000 to as much as \$75,000. The concept took a hit earlier this year when Turner & Haley Destination Clubs, with 990 members, filed for bankruptcy.

Condo Hotel. This concept is the closest to owning a vacation home. A portion of a hotel's rooms are sold to individuals, who use the room as a vacation home for a certain period; the rest of the time, the room is rented to the general public through the hotel company. The owner receives revenue from the rentals, which is 100 percent refundable when the concept is especially popular in Las Vegas. Prices are all over the board: Signature at MGM Grand, for example, is currently selling studio units from about \$80,000, while one-bedroom units at the Trump Ocean Resort Baja Mexico start in the mid-\$200,000s.

SCRAP-METAL MOTHER

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New York spot returns with pomp, if not perfection

By Anne McDonough
The Washington Post

An elegantly dressed couple smiled as two chocolate soufflés with a lighted candle in each were set before them. The waiter reached for the woman's hand, kissed it, bowed to both and walked away while the couple exchanged what may have been the longest, public smooch in history.

The Russian Tea Room — with its unapologetically unsuitable pagentry — is back. The restaurant, founded by Russian Imperial Ballet members in 1926 and moved to its present location the following year, is one of those seemingly eternal emblems of New York, city of excess and reinvention. This despite the fact that its ornate doors have closed and reopened a great fanfare several times, the latest reopening in full under the RTR Funding Group.

The first thing you need to know about the Midtown restaurant, besides its proximity to Carnegie Hall, is that yuletide cheer reigns year-round. Tables fill the room with single file, with a servers station in the center. Tea-less samovars, golden firebricks and electrically placed framed art adorn the walls.

Understated, you say? The revolving bar and other extravaganzas added during



The latest incarnation of the Russian Tea Room is as ornate and theatrical as ever; the restaurant, founded in 1926 by members of the Russian Imperial Ballet, is one of New York's emblems.

the \$30 million renovation in the mid-1990s are still in the second-floor dining room (set to open to the public later this month). If they remind you of the gaudiness of Tavern on the Green, that's because the same restaurateur, Warner LeRoy, was responsible for both. LeRoy's millions couldn't ensure the Russian Tea Room's success: one review deemed it "appalling." It closed in 2002; the U.S. Golf Association bought the space, and in 2004 it was sold to HTR.

The menu prices are upscale; the dress code, for lunch at least, is not. We arrived on a recent Saturday

afternoon spilled up for the occasion, while across the room a turtlenecked family with two young children — looking more apres-ski than apres-tea — was intent on dessert. A group at another table (including teen-agers in Uggs and short flared skirts) chattered away. The trio to our right, whom we pegged as fellow city dwellers, were reading the Tea Room's review in the New Yorker before choosing what to order.

The lure (think boldfaced names and movie cameos) and decor are the reasons most people will come, but the food can be a draw as well. That is,

unless you're looking for a wide range of vegetarian options or traditional Russian food. Chicken Kiev and beef stroganoff are not on the main menu, which was created by chef Gary Robbins (previously of New York's highly regarded Biltmore Room), though they are available upon request. Caviar, blinchedki and borscht seemed to be the only obvious Russian items available.

No matter: The autumn market salad (\$17) came with zongolada croissants and a delicate dressing over a healthy portion of leafy greens. We enjoyed the clear ruby borscht

(\$14) flavored with strips of braised short ribs. The blinchedki (\$16) was rich; one was just right. The organic king salmon (\$28), crusted in black bread crumbs, sat on a bed of cabbage and lentils, an unusual combination that worked, though the shrimp atop the artichoke risotto (\$22) were over-salted.

The theater of serving, however, was more apparent than the service itself. And there's the rub, especially when your appetizer is \$16.

Though three people greeted us upon entering, the staff was a bit scattered. A steady stream of waiters (sharp in double-

Tea Time
The Russian Tea Room (212-681-7100, www.russianteatoomyc.com) is at 150 W. 57th St., between 56th and 58th avenues. Lunch entrees range from \$27 to \$35, dinner entrees from \$35 to \$48. Reservations recommended.

breasted black coats with tails and gold buttons), busboys and a sommelier moved by, yet water refills came only after repeated requests. The brunch menu with the specials appeared only when we asked about vegetarian options. A waiter bearing a tray with a choice of black, sourdough or seven-grain bread moseyed on by twice. The bread was not heated, and on the second go-around, the tray was sparsely filled and missing the seven-grain.

These are quibbles, perhaps, but when you're out for an Occasion — and for most people, this is that sort of place — the details matter.

As we left, a huge crowd piled into the small entryway, raising the noise level considerably. A man and woman asked us with an eager smile if it was worth it. Perhaps not wanting to ruin the illusion — but also remembering the hand-kissing waiter and our vanilla-syrup-drenched lingonberry pancakes topped with whipped ricotta (\$22) — we answered, "Absolutely." Thinking it over, we should have added, "with reservations."

In a brave new world, a heightened fear of flying

By Del Quentin Walker
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the days before flying to visit her newborn grandson in Southern California, Sandra Birnbach's hands started sweating. Her stomach churned and her head throbbled. A claustrophobic, she dreaded even the thought of boarding an airplane.

And that was just the beginning. She agonized over the plane at security and, worse, a potential delay stuck sitting in the plane waiting to take off. Even though her therapist drove her to Reagan National Airport for the trip in November, Birnbach cried during the entire ride to the terminal. On board, she warned a flight attendant about her condition. She didn't want to alarm the crew or other passengers if she had a panic attack.

"I pray a lot. May the plane take off on time and not sit on the runway for two or three hours," said Birnbach, a suburban financial planner. "There is this catastrophic feeling when I get on a plane. It's hard to explain, but it makes you feel like there is some catastrophe that is going to happen to you if you can't get off the plane."

For many people, flying is often an irritating experience. But mental health experts say few people have been so difficult for those who suffer from severe flying anxieties and phobias. Tight security, crowding and delays have worsened their conditions.

"It's a nightmare time for people who are anxious," said Jerilyn Ross, a psychologist



Flying with her father recently was tense, Emily Wexler says of her father, Robin, right. Robin Wexler has sought a therapist's help to combat his fear of flying, a phobia that these days is exacerbated by more crowded flights and longer security lines. The family, with Robin Wexler's grandson Eli Holder, is shown at Washington's Reagan National Airport.

in Washington who works with such clients.

At home, the anxious agonize about how to pack their bags to navigate security requirements, limiting the amount of gels and liquids in carry-on luggage. At the airport, they are warned to watch for unattended luggage and that the aviation system is under high alert. Security lines, which sometimes take an hour to navigate, offer plenty of time to sweat.

Once aboard, claustrophobics often face another threat: Planes increasingly are packed with passengers because airlines have cut flights to boost capacity.

Also, recent news of air fatalities has left some travelers unsettled. A regional jet crashed in Kentucky in August, killing 49 people. In October,

two jets collided in Brazil, and later television screens were filled with images reminiscent of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks after a small plane, flown by a New York Yankee pitcher and his flight instructor, slammed into a Manhattan high-rise. Last week, an airliner with 102 people aboard disappeared over Indonesia.

There are no statistics on how many people suffer from severe flying anxieties or phobias. But mental health experts say their patients exhibit the most extreme symptoms felt by millions of other air travelers.

"You can't not have some anxiety when you hear all of those cues around you telling you of the dangers," said Hoss, director of the Ror Center for Anxiety & Related Disorders.

FEARLESS TRAVELER

To see China, get off the bus

By Andrea Sachs
The Washington Post

Q: We're active travelers going to China and don't want to just sit on a bus. Any advice?

A: Trade in your bus ticket for a pair of sturdy shoes. China is made for walking. "In every city, you can do a hiking or walking tour," says Helen Yue, manager of China Custom Tours (800-865-6221, www.chinacustomtours.com), which has offices in New York and New Jersey. "You get a much better sense of the city by walking around."

Beijing has numerous foot tours. Yue, for example, recommends the Hutong tour, which takes travelers through ancient alleys as well as to a school, to a local family

home for tea or a meal, and on a pedicab ride. For a day up from Beijing, hike many miles atop a portion of the Great Wall. (You'll need to hire a car or take a bus to reach the wall, so ask your hotel about arranging a ride.) Shanghai, known as the Paris of the East, is also a pedestrian-friendly city, especially on the waterfront. The Bund has 50-odd buildings displaying myriad architectural styles, a riverfront park, restaurants and other attractions. Bouts cruising the Huangpu River day and night depart from here.

To explore the countryside, travel south. Guangxi Province's Guilin, two hours by plane from Beijing, is surrounded by villages set amid green mountains and rice paddies. Activities include

treks through bamboo and conifer stands, cave adventures, such as Reed Flute Cave, and Li River cruises that pass by water buffalo. To the west, Yunnan Province borders Burma and is populated by minority tribes. Outings include hiking the Tiger Leaping Gorge, one of the world's deepest, and visiting the ethnic communities and experiencing their customs and costumes.

North of Yunnan in Sichuan Province is the large city of Chengdu and the Wolong Reserve, a conservation center for giant pandas. Find more nature, plus Tibetan culture, in Sichuan's Hubeizhou Scenic Area, a hike-friendly sweep of land with sky-blue lakes, waterfalls and snowy peaks.

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Winging it in the Andes of Peru

By Marie Arana
The Washington Post

Say Peru, and you picture Lima, city of kings, birthplace of the New World; or the intricately joined stones of Cuzco; or Machu Picchu, that magical aerial, poised precariously between earth and sky. A regular in the region might picture the rain forest wonder of Manu, that magnificent reserve in the Peruvian Amazon jungle. Or the desert oasis of Puno, with its brightly colored hummingbirds and rugged sea.

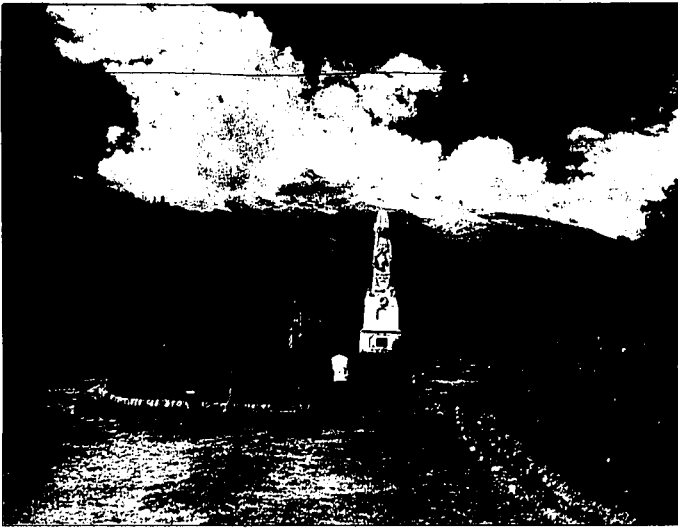
But it takes a veteran of South American travel to picture the Callejon de Huaylas, a verdant corridor between two majestic ranges, a place Peruvian historians call "the cradle of Andean culture." Though I'm a native of Peru who has returned year after year to immerse myself in the world of my ancestors, I'd never traveled to this legendary valley. It took a National Geographic expedition to get me there.

Bobby Haas, a seasoned aerial photographer, was on the seventh leg of a year-long project to take birds-eye views of all of Latin America for a lavish volume to be released in September. When, in e-mail correspondence with him, I casually expressed an interest in seeing the mountains of Peru from that vantage, he invited me to go along. Now, I'm no high-risk adventurer and actually prefer the comforts of a good tub to the rigors of the road, but when I learned that that particular leg of Haas' expedition would take in the Callejon de Huaylas, I couldn't help but remember an old Inca dictum that says: When the eagle of the North meets the condor of the South, the spirit of the Earth will awaken.

The spirit of the Earth will awaken! Some old ghost of Peruvian superstition must have come over me, for I was suddenly convinced that I was the condor, Haas the eagle, and this trip was meant to be. I decided right then and there to buy the long underwear and thick boots I would need to brave the glacial temperatures with him.

We boarded a Pilatus Porter — a robust little plane — in a sandlot outside Lima. It was June, the start of a foggy autumn along the Peruvian coast but, paradoxically, the very heart of the Andean summer. Our pilot was Swiss-born Rudolf Eberli, who has lived and worked in Peru for 25 years; his co-pilot was a young Peruvian named Manuel Garcia.

Haas strapped himself in



A memorial park built on what is left of Old Yungay in Peru honors the thousands who died in a 1970 earthquake. Yungay suffered a double catastrophe when, even as its walls were crumbling, an ice-bound lake cracked open and spilled down, bringing a deluge of ice and rock that buried the city in a matter of minutes.



Inkaterra's three-bedroom Villa Berta in Urubamba, Peru, has a garden setting and a mountain backdrop.

with an improvised belt, long gloves, strong boots, a balaclava and ski goggles, for the freezing wind through the open door would be hellacious as we flew over the snow-peaked Andes.

Our objective was the Cordillera Blanca and the Cordillera Negra, which jut from the earth like the gnarled spines of two mythical creatures.

The Cordillera Blanca boasts the tallest mountain in Peru, Mount Huascarán, whose snow-capped peak at 22,204 feet can be seen up and down the Andean highland and is considered by many the most beautiful in the world. Even veterans of the Alps or the Himalayas cannot help but be awed by this spectacle of snow and sky. The glaciers of the Cordillera Blanca — more than 600 of them — stretch as far as the eye can see. It is here that the continent's rivers began and the Amazon rain forest is nurtured.

We approached from the iridescent waters of Lake Junin, flying over the Bosque de Piedras, a veritable city of stone formations that thrust toward the clouds — some as high as 20 stories. As we winged over the silver mines of Cerro de

Pasco and the trails of the Cordillera Huayhuash, we could see the sunlit promontory of Mount Huascarán beckoning from the distance. We flew into the mouth of the Callejon, swooping low between the two ranges, and it seemed for all the world that we were entering the embrace of the apus, mountain spirits that Peruvians have feared and worshipped since the time of the Inca.

The sights from the air are unequalled, but by far the most popular way to explore the Cordillera Blanca and the Cordillera Huayhuash is by foot. Once we landed at Anta, it was evident that earthbound travelers have plenty of reasons to come here.

And come they do. There is much to please the eye at ground level. Rare Andean flowers abound in the mountain soil; gigantic puya raimondi rise from volcanic rock, their flowering stalks as tall as 30 feet. The waters of the Llanganuco Lakes sparkle a bright turquoise in the distance. At the Ratuquerena Scenic Lookout, hikers are rewarded with a panoramic view of Huazar and its yellow-flowered hills.

True veterans of Andean travel head for Huazar, where from the comforts of the Swiss-run Hotel Andino or the Hotel El Tumi they can hike to the gorgeously colored canyon of Pucaventura. The more adventurous will attempt five- to seven-day treks into the icy reaches of Mount Huandoy or Alpanayo.

For all the physical beauty that this region offers, however, its residents have known their share of hardship. The geologic activity that created the mountains continues to haunt these ranges. In 1941, Lake Palcacocha broke its shores and flooded the northern half of Huazar, killing 5,000 people. In 1962, the town of Ranrahirca was obliterated by an avalanche that tumbled from Huascarán. On May 31, 1970,

an earthquake registering 7.9 on the Richter scale shook Huazar, Carhuaz and Yungay to rubble.

But the lure of the mountains is strong, and Andeans have long succumbed to it. The first evidence of "el hombre Andino" can be found in the Guimera cave, whose wall etchings and primitive implements date to 10,000 B.C. Here, too, is Chavin de Huantar, "umbilical of the world" — a striking architectural ruin of a civilization that thrived from 800 to 200 B.C. and whose powerful religion continues to have a grip on the proud and resilient local people.

If you go

GETTING THERE: There are no commercial flights for the 250-mile trip from Lima to Huazar. The trip takes six hours by car and eight hours by bus, via the Panamerican Highway north to Paitica, where the turnoff to Huazar begins. Among the bus companies that make the trip are Movil Tours (telephone 011-51-332-0004 or 011-51-3-332-0024,

www.moviltours.com.pe/home.html), which range from \$17 to \$26 each way. The buses are largely air-conditioned, with bathrooms, televisions and (at the higher price range) sleeper seats.

WHEN TO GO: The best time to visit is April through October, the Andean summer. But remember: During the best mountain season, it can be chilly and foggy on the coast.

WHERE TO STAY: The best place to stay in the Callejon de Huaylas is the town of Huazar, and the most comfortable hotel is the Andino Club Hotel (Puno Cochachin 357, telephone 011-51-43-21602, www.hotelandino.com), a beautifully appointed, three-star, Swiss-style chalet. Rooms are spacious, some with kitchens, balconies and fireplaces. A few have spectacular views of Mount Huascarán and the Cordillera Blanca. Doubles run \$106 to \$122 per night.

Another good hotel with all the amenities but not as luxurious is Hotel El Tumi (5th and Marin 1121, 51-43-421784, www.hotelatumi.com), with doubles at \$52 a night. Less expensive hostels include Steel Guest House (Alejandro Magallanes 487, 011-51-43-429709, www.steelguest.com; doubles \$38), La Casa de Zareli (Julio Arguedas 1263; from \$12 per person), and Oriza Guest House (Julio 7630355 2242; from \$12.50 per person).



Bobby Haas, a seasoned aerial photographer, has been doing a year-long project to take birds-eye views of all of Latin America for a lavish volume to be released in September. This is one of his images of the Peruvian Andes.

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Burley Lions present funds to area groups

BURLEY — The Burley Lions Club presented money to several groups.

The Burley Lions Club presented a check for \$1,500 to Cary Bristol of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department. The money will be used for the Cop Shop, and to purchase supplies and uniforms for reserve officers.

The club also presented a check for \$1,500 to the city of Burley to help pay for the installation of a sprinkler system at Scheller Park and \$250 for the Burley public pool.

The Burley Lions Club gave a check for \$500 to the Minico High School cheerleaders for their help with the Spiritman Triathlon. The funds will be used for cheerleader competitions and expenses.

The club also presented several checks to Burley High



The Burley Lions Club presented a check for \$500 to the Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue. From left are Jim Jon Searle, and Jim Jakicic and Rod Draper of Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue.

School. A check for \$250 was presented to both the volleyball and the baseball teams.

\$500 for the football program and \$10,000 to the Burley High School track.

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Girl Scout has first dance with new governor

BOISE — A Twin Falls Scout was selected to dance the first dance with new Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter at his inaugural ball on Jan. 6.

Amy DiFrancesco, who served as the youngest National President of Boy Scouts of America's Venturing Program (the highest youth position in an organization of five million), received this honor as a result of her service to Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council. For her, it was a Cinderella story to be the high school student from the small town selected to dance the first dance of Otter's new administration. Scout representatives say,

DiFrancesco has also received the Congressional Award Gold Medal, was a Girls State delegate and represented Girl Scouts of the U.S. in London, is a member of the National Board of Directors of Boy Scouts of America, attends meetings of the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council Board of Directors and is a Coca-Cola Scholars semi-finalist. Three years ago, she was a hostess at Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Inaugural Ball, assisting with refreshments.



Amy DiFrancesco dances with Gov. Butch Otter at his Inaugural Ball.



Girl Scouts and Twin Falls High School students Claudia Crum, Camille Thornberry and Karwella Dolecheck of Twin Falls served as hostesses at the Inaugural Ball.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Buhl teen group seeks blankets for Crisis Center

BUHL — The Buhl TAG (Teen Advisory Group) is collecting baby blankets for the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Twin Falls throughout January as part of a community service. The blankets will be distributed by the center to its new mothers.

A purchased or handmade baby blanket can be brought to the Buhl Public Library during normal business hours. The baby blanket drive will end Jan. 31. TAG's adviser, Cynthia Thompson, will print the blankets to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in February.

TAG members for 2007 include Megan Slem, Branna Heath, Kirby Hutchinson, Shelly Davis and Audrey McCabe. Secret Highberger and Tanaraya Holebrook. TAG members learned to make new blankets on Jan. 11, under the tutelage of Esi Dease and the Buhl Omi Group of local quilters.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced weekly winners. Jan 8, tied for first, DeAnna McMahon and Betty Jepsen; and tied for third, Alice Kohltz, Evan Kohltz, Mido Pearson and Duane Schaeberger.

Jan 9, first, Jerry Burton and Bobette Hanky; second, Max Thompson and Wilma Driscoll; third, Jose Astorgia and Pauline Mulliner; fourth, Sue Skinner and Patricia Cooper; fifth, Madeline Sawaya and Faye Kochneff; and sixth, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Boettger.


Jan 10, first, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; second, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley; third, Sue Skinner and Joyce Astorgia; fourth, Renee Butcher and Al Hoobery; fifth, Linda Fir and Edna Pierson; sixth, Max Thompson and Wilma Driscoll; seventh, Bonnie Aspiarte and Pauline Mulliner; eighth, Doris Waits

and Betty Sabo; and ninth, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Keim. Games are held at 7 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.


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Tim Lowry Is An Avid Outdoorsman Who Doesn't Hunt Or Fish

The only thing he loves more than being with his family is being out in the field. Tim is a typical Idaho rancher. He watches over 600 acres and the animals that search the hills for nutrients. He finds everything he needs in his work, including a connection with nature.

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and operations like theirs, accounted for sales approaching \$1 billion during 2005.

The cattle industry continues to have a positive effect on Idaho's economy. Currently Idaho ranks fifteenth in the country in cattle production. In addition, cattlemen still explore new and better ways to raise the food that we consume.

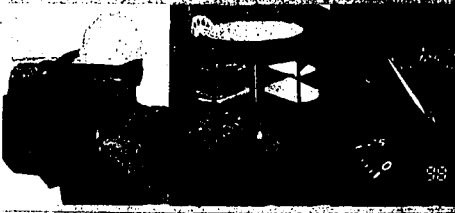
The next time you enjoy a rib eye from the grill, raised with tender loving care, think about Idaho's Tim Lowry. A little understanding and support for what he does will go a long way in helping him prepare "what's for dinner" next week.




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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

Notice is hereby given by Idaho Housing and Finance Association that the second application period for the year 2007 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit has been opened. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. February 9, 2007.

During the application period, approximately \$450,000 in credit will be available.

Non-targeted credit	\$ 270,000
Targeted credit	\$ 180,000
Rural Set-Aside	\$ 0
Total	\$ 450,000

Developers of affordable housing interested in applying for a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Reservation may obtain a copy of the 2007 Allocation Plan and application form by contacting the Multifamily Finance Secretary, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899, telephone (208) 331-4763 or toll free (800) 219-2265, or for hearing impaired (800) 545-1833. A copy of the Allocation Plan and application is also available on the Internet at www.ihfa.org under Developer Tools: Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HOME PROGRAM FUNDS

Request for Applications 2007 ROUND 2

AVAILABILITY OF Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) OPERATING ASSISTANCE

Notice is hereby given by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) of the availability of approximately \$ 3.3 million in HOME Program Funds. Applications must be received at the IHFA Office in Boise no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2007. Notice is hereby given by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) of the availability of \$25,175 in CHDO Operating Assistance Funds. Applications must be received at the IHFA Office no later than March 30, 2007. Recent selection of CHDOs for the 2007 operating year will be returned at this time with all supporting documentation due no later than March 30, 2007.

Applications for the HOME Program and CHDO Operating Assistance Funds must be mailed to P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho 83707-1899, or hand-delivered to the IHFA Grant Programs Department at 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho 83702.

Organizations eligible to apply for HOME Program funds include private non-profit organizations, 501(c)(3) or (4) private housing developers of affordable housing units of local government, local or Indian Housing Authorities, or certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Eligible applicants for CHDO Operating Assistance include all current or certified CHDOs and newly formed CHDOs that meet the criteria established by the HOME Department.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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P.O. Box 548
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the North Side Pumping Company, will be held at the office of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 10:00 AM for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-Laws of said Company. The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term:
One Director from District No. 3
One Director at Large

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 16, 2007 and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 16, 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of said Company. Dated this 15 day of December, 2006 at Jerome, Idaho.
NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY
By Bernice Johnson Secretary
PUBLISH January 7 and 14, 2007

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101 Lost and Found

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Twin Falls, Idaho

- FOUND**
- 1. Healer cross tan/white female Hoop Street
 - 2. Healer red neutered male adult Ameripede
 - 3. Rottweiler female adult, black & tan Near Airport
 - 4. Cocker dark buff male adult Carriage Lane
 - 5. Lab/Retriever cross black female lumpy pup Elsiebeth
 - 6. Lab/Collie cross male black & white adult Lewis Street
 - 7. Lab cross black female young adult Buchanan
 - 8. Lab cross black male pup South Park
 - 9. Lab (2) female Yellow adults Featherhill, Idaho
 - 10. Chow/Lab cross black female big pup City of Kimberly
 - 11. Lab cross black male, big pup Off of Elm

ADOPTIONS

- 1. Cocker X chocolate, neutered male adult
- 2. Lab/Vizsla cross chocolate female, big pup
- 3. Boxer/PI X brindle & white female adult
- 4. German Shepherd/Rottweiler X black & tan male adult
- 5. Border Collie X black & white male pup
- 6. Border Collie black & white spayed female adult
- 7. Boxer X black & white female pup
- 8. Blue Pit (2) adults, 1 male & 1 female must go together
- 9. Staffordshire cross white & black female pup
- 10. Aussie Border Collie X (2) female pups
- 11. Lab X vory young adult female
- 12. Lab cross chocolate & tan male adult
- 13. Boxer Dalm cross lann spayed female 2 year old adult
- 14. Border Collie X black & white female big pup
- 15. Catahula X brindle male adult
- 16. Healer/Rottweiler (2) cross sable pups
- 17. Lab X gold female pup
- 18. Rottweiler X sable female pup
- 19. Mastiff/Boxer cross tan & black female pup

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Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

101 Lost and Found

FOUND black Lab adult of Rupert, if not claimed free to good home 208-436-4929.

FOUND Dachshund, near Harmon Park area. Call to identify: 733-3930 ask for Joel

FOUND German Weasler Pointer, male. Was wearing Addison Ave. E. Call: 536-2424 or 734-8400 (Sun)

LOST Black Lab Border Collie cross, approx 2 miles southwest of airport on 1/5/2007. Silver & black collar no tags. Answers to Quasar Reward! 539-9609

LOST Boxer X female light brown with a white spot on chest, answers to Grogg. On January 11 around 57 Ave N in Twin Falls. 934-5175. If may or 736-4186

LOST cat, gray & white long haired female in Winco parking lot 1221 W. best heard! Reward! 838-2752

LOST child's purse, animal print, in the Burley-Rupert area on Dec 27. Water and ID inside. Reward Call 208-436-6470

LOST Dachshund, brown male near McDonalds and Walmart in Jerome. Family misses very much. Please call 208-430-1561 or 208-420-2344

LOST dog on Dec. 28 near 450 E. Baseline. Female, black, slightly larger than Healer with white speckled patch on chest, docked tail, answers to "Bain". 431-6261

LOST Pit Bull/Sherpie X, chocolate & white, in Burley area. Wear diamond stud collar 208-423-4662

104 Personals
Gentlemen would like to meet a young lady in the 60's or 70's that can care 734-4873

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D. L. Evans Bank
Are you ready to advance your career with a proven and progressive Idaho company?
D.L. Evans Bank, Idaho's HomeTown Community Bank for over 100 years, has an opening in Burley for a
Part-Time Teller
The ideal candidate for this position will be a dynamic, self-motivated individual with excellent customer service skills, strong cash handling experience. Applications for employment are available at any D.L. Evans Bank location. EOE

108 Professional Services

Bankruptcy Chapter 7
Guaranteed lowest price for representation. We are a debt relief agency. Free Consultation. Call 1-866-688-2399.

118 Child Care Services

AGAPE CHILD CARE
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CHILD CARE
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118 Community Events

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Part-Time Activities Assistant \$20/hr/week. Sat. 12-20 hrs/week. Sat. 12-20 hrs/week. Apply in person with Patty Hutchison. Care Center. 874 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, Idaho

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ADMINISTRATIVE
The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind accepting applications for the following positions:
 Administrative Assistant-15 to 19 hours/week. Duties include but are not limited to providing support services to the Educational Interpreter Program Coordinator. Interested candidates should send a resume 1500 Department of Human Resources 1400 Main St. Gooding, ID 83330 or by fax to 208-934-0332
 Attn: HR.
 For more information, please contact Jill Woods or Shelley Comstock at 208-934-4457.

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
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 Contact: Milt Chaldelin, Harlan Elementary 208-423-5475

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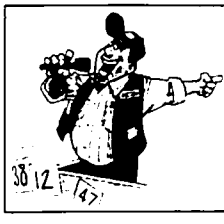
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Puzzles by Pappocom

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HARD #28

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page D-19.

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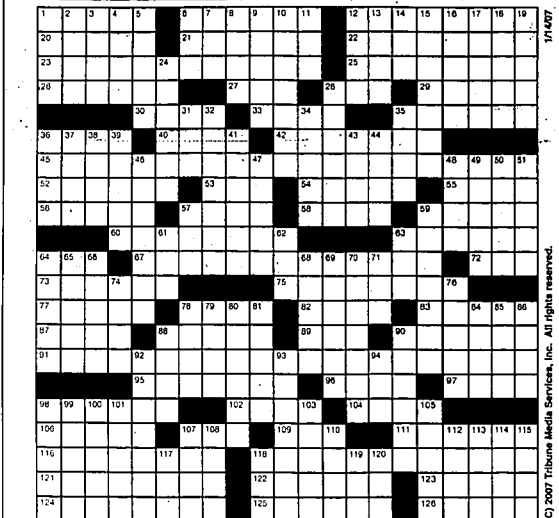
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35 Former Egyptian leader
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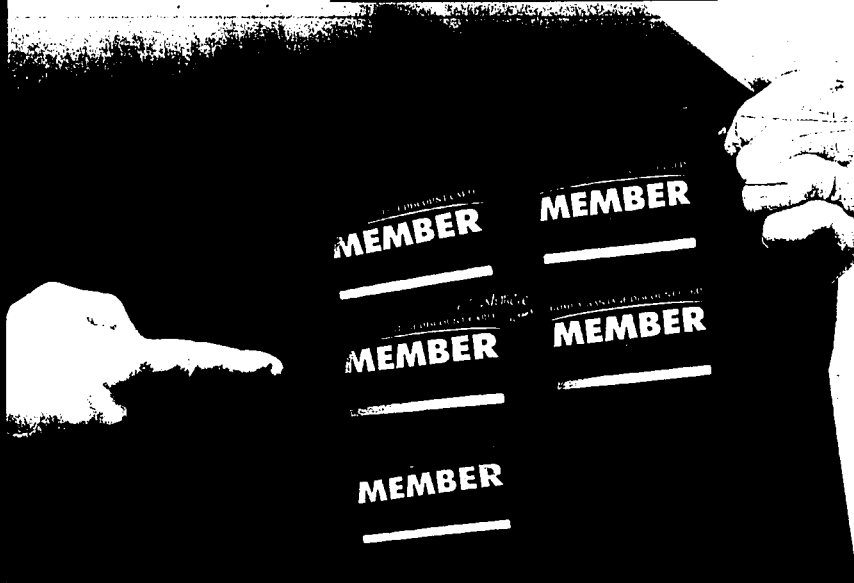
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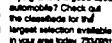
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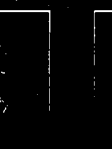
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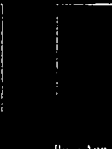
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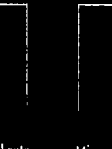
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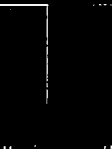
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TEENS TALK!

Overhaul that stark space in the library basement



The Twin Falls Public Library is fundraising to remodel a section of the library for 'young adult' reading material. Hosama Kabakoro, 14, is a member of the library's Teen Advisory Board; she and other members met Dec. 29 to talk about the project.

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They've got their spot.

Finally, a room in the Twin Falls Public Library's basement displays books just for teen readers. But it's not an inviting place to linger with a book. Or study. Or surf the Net. Or munch on snacks and chat with friends.

Sure, teenagers are excited about the growing "young adult" (that means teen) book collection. And about responsive librarians who take requests — for new graphic novels, for instance. And about those two reference computers added recently. But teens say their room's lighting reminds them of a hospital, and those ugly walls and awful chairs send them heading for the stairs. They grab books and go.

"I think we have a strong collection. What we don't have is a any ambience at all," said Annie-Laurie Burton, youth services supervisor. "It's a stark, gray room with lots of shelves in it."

Teenagers on the library's Teen Advisory Board want to change all that.

As the library's foundation attempts

to raise \$100,000 to renovate and furnish the 1,400-square-foot "young adult" area, TAB members are discussing what features will appeal to their peers. And librarians are listening.

"I try to take to heart their suggestions," said Abby Littleton, young-adult librarian. That means book purchases, program planning and the remodeling wish list. "The young-adult area — I want it to be run by young adults."

So what are they saying? Add snacks and a designated place to eat them. Offer video games for checkout. Paint the walls.

"The white is too much, and it's all over," said Tony Braticher, a 16-year-old Twin Falls High School sophomore who won a most-pages prize in the library's summer reading program last year.

"White, like, distracts you from reading, because it's so bright," said Kate Burton, 13, a home-schooled fan of fantasy. "A lot of people are going for dark blue. I'm the only one who really likes red and orange."

And ditch the hodgepodge castoff chairs in favor of something comfortable.

"I don't like sitting straight up to read," said Tony, who advocates bean-bags. "Even recliners would work."

And replace those horrible light fixtures.

"Some of us suggested black lights," Kate said. But that won't fly, acknowledged fellow TAB member Hosama Kabakoro, 14, a home-schooled reader of history and historical fiction.

Sure, some suggestions might never get off the ground. Kate might not get her black lights, nor Tony his recliners. But librarians know some stuff is crying for change.

Like the room's shortage of electrical outlets. And the lack of wireless networking, which limits the available computers. And the seating — what's there was donated by an employee or was pulped from elsewhere in the library.

"And it isn't the type of furniture that has a particular appeal to the kids," Annie-Laurie Burton said. "We have no furniture that accommodates those long legs. Thank goodness they're very agile, or they wouldn't be able to sit at all."

A proposal drafted for potential donors outlines some possibilities. A colorful wall of lights. An electronic

message board. Free-form tables. Computers for research or gaming or writing. Bright rugs. Bistro tables and vending machines. A quiet zone with acoustic panels and MP3 players.

But when the \$100,000 campaign ends, librarians hope for a surge of new Teen Advisory Board members who can help decide just what to do with the money.

"Teens are very creative, and we want to make this their room," Annie-Laurie Burton said. Perhaps a teen will be interested in painting a mural or designing carpet squares. "And certainly we want their help."

Tony is confident the remodeling will draw more teens to the library. "If they hear about it and want to check it out," he said. "And with bringing in the teens, it'll bring in their parents, too."

Hosama summed up the teen board's sentiment: "It's going to be wonderful. We can't wait until it's done."

Times-News Features Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia.hutchins@lee.net. She welcomes more "Teens Talk" story ideas.

See it online

Watch an interview with three of the library's teen advisers, at www.magicvalley.com.

What can teens do?

So you're a Twin Falls teenager with an urge to help the local library create a basement retreat for teens. What can you do to help?

Join the library's Teen Advisory Board, which meets monthly to recommend books for the teen collection, help with youth programs (like puppet shows or a medieval fair) and discuss plans for remodeling the "young adult" area. Call Abby Littleton, abby@twinfallspubliclibrary.org, or Hosama Kabakoro, hosama@twinfallspubliclibrary.org, for more info. The board meets the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m. in the library's basement. (There's more info at <http://twinfallspubliclibrary.org>.)

Got money, OK, so it's not likely that you've got a lot to spare. But if you want to put something in the pot, call Diane Van Engelen, director of the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation, at 735-6205.

She's a fundraiser and she gives the proceeds to the library foundation. While it's writing grant applications and talking to past library donors and community service organizations, the foundation doesn't have any more events scheduled to raise money for the teen-area remodeling. Don't feel up to organizing something yourself? Volunteer anyway. If enough teens step up, Van Engelen said, she'll help them organize a fundraiser.

Visit the library. This one's a natural, it's at 201 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls — right next to City Park. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The Twin Falls Public Library keeps adding books — the newest and the hottest — to its collection for teen readers. Among the recent additions:

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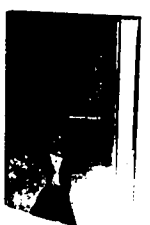
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How teens got a place of their own at Twin Falls library

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Stiff chairs and bland walls notwithstanding, teens are better off at the Twin Falls Public Library today than they've been in decades.

For years, the children's department in the library basement ended with the sixth grade. After kids outgrew those books, they ventured upstairs to join the masses of readers perusing the library's general collection. No more age-specific bookshelves. No more one-on-one relation-

ship with a children's librarian.

"This wasn't working. The teens were just lost," said Annie-Laurie Burton, the Twin Falls library's youth services supervisor.

So in the mid-1990s, the library started a limited collection of paperback fiction for "young adults" (that is, library-speak for teenagers). That collection was a transition — helping teens find books that suited them, while encouraging them toward upstairs-style independence.

Also in the mid-'90s, the library designated a librarian

for teens.

"They're independent and they know what they like to read," Burton said. "But they like to be recognized; they like to be called by name."

So far, so good. Teens flocked to the collection, and demand for those books grew like crazy.

The problem? The cramped "young adult" shelf in the basement was adjacent to children's picture books.

"You had kids in strollers on one side, and teens on the other side of the shelf. And that isn't the best situation for

either," Burton said. "I think it was intimidating for the young children and demeaning for the teens."

Last year's proposed library expansion would have included a new area for teen readers, but voters turned down the bond referendum in February.

So librarians tried another tactic for catering to teens: Last spring, they hauled the archival magazines and newspapers from the basement to the library's main floor, opening up a 1,400-square-foot area in the basement for young adults.

And they started talking to architects about how to furnish and refurbish that area, which is in the original 1939 portion of the building.

And that, they figure, will be a \$100,000 project, said Diane Van Engelen, director of the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation, which is leading a fundraising campaign. So far, her office has gathered \$39,000.

The library and its foundation hope to have the full \$100,000 in the bag by April and start work in the fall, said Susan Ash, library director. Meanwhile, as stark and

uncomfortable as it is, teens have a space of their own.

No longer smooched into a corner of the children's department, "young adult" materials are now displayed so readers can actually see what's there. Paperbacks have their own spot. So does non-fiction. So do new books.

"This has helped (teens) to discover things that perhaps they would not have discovered," Burton said. And an equally important result of the new teen room: "Curiously," Burton said, "has brought more young people in."

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222 Main St. Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation \$3.50 for seniors...

Monday: Walking club, 10 a.m. Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Monday: Pork roast, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert.

Monday: Walking club, 10 a.m. Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Cards and games, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E. All dinners served at noon.

Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Monday: Hash brown casserole, ham, peas, fruit, garlic bread, cookies. Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy...

Monday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee...

Tuesday: Beef stew, green beans, salad, fruit. Thursday: Chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes...

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave., Gooding

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Monday: Potato bar, chili, fruit salad, garlic bread, pudding. Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup...

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays...

Monday: Pork roast, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Tuesday: Liver and onions, fried potatoes, buttered carrots, peas, salad, cookies.

Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter mix vegetables...

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilters, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday: Liver and onions, fried potatoes, winter mix vegetables, homemade bread...

Richfield Senior Center

Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Monday: Liver and onions, fried potatoes, winter mix vegetables, homemade bread...

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Tuesday: Roast pork with gravy, sweet potato casserole, coleslaw, green peas, hot rolls...

Monday: Dinner at the Pioneer, 4:45 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Monday: Center closed for holiday. Tuesday: Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches...

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenris Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals.

Tuesday: Crispy fish fillet, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, pie. Wednesday: Baked potato bar...

Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Minidoka 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.

Monday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, roll, vegetables, assorted salads, apple turnovers.

Monday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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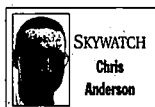
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See the brightest and dimmest planets together

With the recent revoking of Pluto's planetary membership, diligent observers can now hope to spot every planet but one without optical aid.



Mercury is tricky because, although bright, it never strays far from the sun. Uranus is harder still — barely bright enough to be seen under even the best conditions.

Good binoculars can gather enough light to make Uranus, and its fainter sibling Neptune, bright enough to be easily seen, despite the latter being six times dimmer.

With current planetary positions and a good set of star charts Neptune is readily found. Or, a computer-controlled telescope can point to it (although it will still be difficult to distinguish from nearby stars).

Luckily, this Thursday the brightest planet, Venus, acts as a guide to the faintest planet. Spotting Venus is easy: It's the brilliant "evening star" currently visible in the western twilight, outshining everything else in the sky until it sets a little after 7 p.m.

For your best chance to see Neptune, start looking around 6:30 p.m.

Much earlier than that and the sky will be too bright for Neptune to be seen. Much later and you'll be looking through too much atmosphere, and Neptune may not shine through.

Sky calendar through Saturn

Planets: Capricorn: Mars, SE, very low. Jupiter: SE, low. Saturn: W, low. One hour after sunrise: Venus: WSW, very low. Moon: NW moon, 33% lit. Thursday:

With the binoculars positioned on Venus, look to the upper right of the field of view. There you should see two faint stars of similar brightness fairly close together. The uppermost one is merely a background star.

If you miss your chance on Thursday, try on Friday, but keep in mind that Venus will have moved a bit, so that Neptune and its stellar dogpelt will appear directly to the right of Venus.

Next week: If Pluto's not a planet, what is it?

Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

Quick on the draw

By Daniel Babboo Newsday

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but when it's a New Yorker cartoon, it's worth a thousand laughs.

So you can expect that The New Yorker Cartoon Caption Game (All Things Equal, \$34.95), a new diversion wherein players come up with their own punch lines to classic drawings that have appeared in the magazine, is bound to be a hit at parties and as a gift.

Think of it as the flip side of Pictionary for up to six players. On each turn, all but one player must come up with a witty caption for a captionless cartoon. (For example,

when we played, one of the lines that came up for a drawing of two men staring at a suitcase walking away from them was, in homage to "Seinfeld," "It looks like a case of the limbo legs.") The remaining player advances by guessing who wrote each caption. Caption writers also advance by having their words of wisdom chosen the most. The first player to make it to the last square of the game board wins.

Of course, unlike those brains at The New Yorker, who have all the time in the world to be funny, game players have only 60 seconds to pen creative captions. Even so, the game is bound to be a laugh a minute.

Make your own doghouse

Newsday

You can spend a fortune on dog stuff, from brand-name dog beds to agility equipment for your athlete-in-training. Or you can buy some fabric or PVC pipes and do it yourself.

At the aptly named www.make-and-build-dogstuff.com, you'll find plans and instructions for doghouses and ramps, as well as projects that don't require a nail gun, including homemade biscuits and ruffled barrettes.

SCRIPPS... Book tells how Twin Falls widow ran a business and mothered nine kids. NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

The Herrett Forum presents: Ron James. An expert on the Chinese mining era in the Snake River Canyon during the 1870s. Ron will discuss his research and show rare artifacts from the Moon-Tung site near present day Twin Falls. Admission is free of charge. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17. Rick Allen Community Room of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Located on North College Road in Twin Falls.

Leo: Put your purrs on parade

IF JAN. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It doesn't pay to be impatient. The good that this year has to offer might seem far away and hard to visualize. Just know that you must pass a few tests, gather a little more experience and pay your dues to be a success. The worst months for making important decisions following your career are May and July. Don't deceive yourself into thinking you can ignore obligations. The best month to attempt advancement, ask for favors, experience material gain and do something that will result in permanent happiness is September.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be quick on the uptake. A few sharp words could make you consider viable ways to wish to achieve a pleasant compromise. Today you may be a bit luckier than usual at the card table.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Meet your match. Entertain intriguing perspectives. You can enjoy radically unusual belief systems — while still appreciating and accepting the rights of others to hold an opposing point of view.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): No good deed goes unpunished. Rather than speeding around here and there, try staying put. It isn't necessary to show off for a special someone who is content to accept you just as you are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take pride in possessions. Anything worth owning is worth the effort to maintain it. Polish the silver, wax the car, iron clothing or find other ways to make general improvements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your purrs on parade. Get involved in something that brings a smile to your face, lets your creativity shine or widens your horizons. This might be your best day for important decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Home is where the heart is. Take the most comfortable place according to the scheduling order within the family dynamic. Gather relatives under one roof or get in touch with loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out the whip and the lash. Show off your leadership: take the wild beast and direct the action, even if it isn't as dangerous as it appears. If it's your circus, you can be the ringmaster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Play the part of the leader. Either at home or in the outside world you can make a difference. Your inner judgment and wisdom is peaking, so assess long-term goals and objectives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Oh, happy day. Everyone seems cooperative and things run smoothly. You know just who you are and what brings you bliss. Contemplate important plans for the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "Genuine" "honest" and "sincere" are the best keywords to keep in mind on this day. A brilliant financial idea is certainly viable, but conditions might not be ripe for a move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Err on the side of generosity. Those you think are your harshest critics might be giving you the best advice for the future. Be big-hearted and wise enough to accept minor corrections.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep it polished and gleaming. Beneath a tolerant, level-headed facade there is a part of you that can't be stilled or offended by dirt, squallor and everyday messiness. Get out the scrub brush.

From funky folders to your life in a binder, organizing for all ages

By Terri Sapientza
The Washington Post

We'd all like to be more organized; this notion is hardly new. But it re-emerges at the start of each year along with the hopeful conviction that we have yet another opportunity to put our lives in better working order.

This impulse toward organization and smarter time management has become a big business. BlackBerry, Palm Treos and other personal digital assistants are a fact of life.

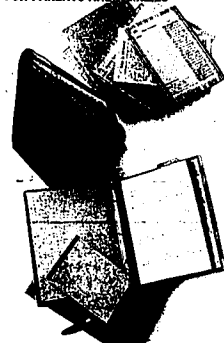
And for the technological foot draggers, there is a profusion of planners, folders and filing systems targeting about every lifestyle and demographic ("important papers" folders for schoolchildren, daily planners for professionals, weekly schedulers for busy families, to-do lists for moms, big-print check registers for seniors).

Are these age-specific organizational tools genuinely helpful, or could we all get by just as well with a pad and pencil and maybe a few sticky notes? "The benefit of a group-specific product is that someone has put thought into the content specific to that group," says Julie Morgenstern, author of "Never Check E-Mail in the Morning." "A good foundation can help speed up the organization process."

And to further the appeal of that good foundation, don't discount the value of good looks. The more attractive and appealing you find your organizational system, Morgenstern says, the more motivated you'll be to keep it up into February and beyond.

In that case, I'll take the pink leather one.

FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES



momAgenda day planners, Portfolio Planner in pink leather (\$119.50) and Desktop in lime and saffron (\$42), www.momagenda.com. Weekly Scheduler Pad (\$10), Daily Scheduler Pad (\$8) and Note to School Pad (\$8), www.familyfacts.com and www.seniorwork.com. SmartDate planner system in Mini (\$36) and Signature (\$48) sizes, www.russellandhazel.com.

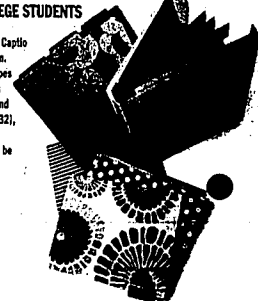
FOR YOUNGSTERS



important papers and homework folders (\$9.95 to \$12), www.russellandhazel.com.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

CollegeCase organizer by Caplio (\$24.95), www.caplio.com. Paper Source Wiggy Stripes and Lake Pool file folders (\$9.50 per pack of six) and linen file folder holder (\$32), www.paper-source.com. (Availability of holder will be limited until February.)

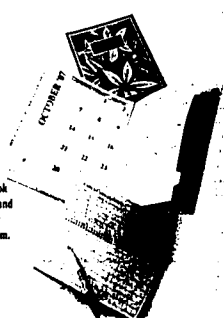


FOR ANYONE

LIn.doc Organizer Binder (\$29.95) and CrossItOff! list with carbonless copies (\$9.95), www.getitdoneup.com and www.sawjanework.com. MoleSkinie pocket daily planner (\$13.95) and large weekly planner (\$15.95), www.moleskines.com. Palm Treo 700P, rated best smartphone by Consumer Reports, available through Sprint or Verizon (starts at \$299 with service plan; more information at www.palm.com).

FOR SENIORS

Large-print address book (\$20), calendar (\$16) and check register (\$16 for two), www.goldinfo.com.



Woman's apologies to fiance fall on deaf (and absent) ears

DEAR ABBY: "Jake" and I have been together for five years. He finally proposed last summer. Well, I made a mistake and complained about the ring he'd bought. He took it back, but still agreed to marry me — without the ring. I have apologized to him every day since for what I said, but we are now split up. (We still talk and see each other once or twice a week.)

Abby, Jake refuses to forgive me and make up. I spend all my time alone while he goes hunting with his friends or out drinking with them. I'm tired of not being forgiven. I know what I did was wrong. How long can you say, "I'm sorry?"

— BROKENHEARTED IN ALABAMA
DEAR BROKENHEARTED: If you have apologized every day since last summer and it has fallen on deaf ears, you can apologize until the cows come home and it will get you



DEAR ABBY:
Jeanne Phillips

nowhere. Please step back and take another look at this situation.

Most men take their fiancées with them when they purchase an engagement ring, so she can select something she likes. You were tactless to complain about the ring he bought, but it wasn't a cardinal sin.

Recognize that Jake is enjoying punishing you — and the hunting and drinking with his friends would have happened after your marriage regardless. Jake has done you an enormous favor by showing you how self-centered and unforgiving he is. Please be

smart, realize that you have dodged a bullet, stop apologizing and run for the hills.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Daria," and I have been married for 10 years. We have three children. I have always worked hard to provide for my family.

Daria is very concerned with material things and likes to "keep up with the Joneses." I work two jobs to maintain this lifestyle, sometimes literally from sunup to sundown. Lately, I feel burned out.

Daria promises she will get a job, but in the 10 years we've been married she has had one job. It lasted three months. Each time she's supposed to find a job she develops some mysterious illness — one that no doctor can cure or identify, but that stops bothering her as soon as her job search is forgotten.

I am becoming increasingly

resentful toward her for making up promises as well as making up illnesses. It is beginning to spill over into my work environment, and it is also keeping me from growing spiritually. What should I do?

— FRUSTRATED IN PHILLY
DEAR FRUSTRATED: Recognize that your wife does not regard your marriage as an equal partnership. In her view, your role is to support her in the manner to which she aspires regardless of its effect on you. Her role is to enjoy it.

My advice is to offer her the option of marriage counseling, and if that doesn't work, consult a lawyer. It may be expensive, but at least you won't be responsible for her debts. And it could add years to your life.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Sy," snores so loud it keeps

me from sleeping — and no, it's not sleep apnea. As you has said many times that he wouldn't stay in a marriage if the wife slept in another room, like some of his friends' wives do, so that's out of the question.

I love Sy dearly in the daytime. At night I want a divorce. Last night I was asleep (finally) and had a nightmare that a growling animal was stalking me. I awoke to the sound, and it was coming from him. In the past, I have told Sy he snores, but he denies it. Help!

— TERESA IN DAYTONA, FLA.
DEAR TERESA: You have my sympathy. Before another night goes by, tape-record him. It may not solve the problem, but it will eliminate his denial. This should be discussed with his doctor — even if it's not apnea — because it might be treatable. Please don't wait.

Sleep relief for new moms

By Susan Brink
Los Angeles Times

The downside of the newly arrived beloved bundle of joy is the nearly universal curse of new parenthood — sleep deprivation. Parents of newborns don't sleep enough, and when they do, it's in fits and fragments.

The first study to test a behavioral-educational intervention to help first-time mothers get more shut-eye offers hope for relief. In the report, published in the journal Sleep, researchers provided sleep education and support to 15 new mothers, and compared them with 15 who didn't get training. After six weeks, the women who received training got an average of 57 minutes more sleep

nightly than the untrained women. Infants of the more rested mothers got 46 minutes more nighttime sleep.

"We emphasized making sleep a priority," says Robyn Stremmler, professor of nursing at the University of Toronto and lead author of the study. "We encouraged women to go to bed earlier, or stay in bed longer. If the baby was asleep." They also encouraged women to use relaxation techniques to help them fall asleep between walls, sug-

gested limiting time with visitors who want to see the new baby and offered tips on soothing babies to sleep. Perhaps most important, nurses checked in with weekly phone calls, says Ralph Downey III, director of Loma Linda University Medical Center's Sleep Disorders Center.

"Women knew they'd have someone to talk to every week," he says. "Just acknowledging that you need your sleep too goes a long way."

"Real Estate Corner"
LEGAL PITFALLS
by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/Max American Dream Realty

Your real estate broker must be familiar with real estate law. While brokers do not practice law as such, they must know the procedures that assure your interests are protected when you sell property, and the language of the law as it pertains to real estate.

Real estate is a complex business, which is why brokers and agents must prove they are knowledgeable before being licensed. Much of the complexity is written into law, and in a language typically obscure to the untrained. While it is up to you to "read the fine print," your broker can serve also as your interpreter. Wise buyers and sellers protect themselves by using experienced real estate professionals. ©

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FAMILY LIFE

Life out of whack? Get a coach

By Enoch Smith
The Baltimore Sun

In the old days, people who wanted advice about big decisions managed to make do with talking to parents, friends, ministers and maybe a shrink or two.

Not so the baby boomers. They've discovered the value of mentors, job counselors, therapists of every ilk, nutritionists, personal trainers, party consultants, retirement planners, and now, life coaches. A life coach focuses on the future, rather than the past, helping clients find the best way to improve the quality of their work and lives by using the skills, character and creativity they already possess.

"There are only two things that people want," explains life coach Sandy Vilas, owner of Coach U training programs in Colorado. "One is more of something, like money, time, energy, love, opportunity. And the other is less of something, like frustration."

"If someone's life isn't working or their business isn't producing the results they want, it's usually about who that person is being or is not being."

Which is where the coach comes in. He or she will pose those insightful questions that can help clients realize what adjustments are necessary, and then support, nudge and push them.

"We often need something to help us create that shift," Vilas says. "And a coach can see things that clients can't see about themselves."

Over the past decade, a lot of people have entered the life-coaching business. Although there are no overall statistics yet, the International Coach Federation, the field's professional association, says the growth is dramatic. Since 1999, its membership has grown from 2,000 to 10,000 coaches with credentials working in 80 countries. Most coaches charge \$200 to \$500 a month for weekly 30-minute sessions.

In the U.S., most life coaching takes place over the phone — at work, at home, in the car or wherever folks are flourishing in the murky web of modern times. Long-distance relationships are the norm.

Jenness Hall, a Baltimore life coach with a doctorate in higher education administration, works with local clients, as well as people who live in California, Vermont, Washington and North Carolina. Like many of her peers, she came to the profession through a midlife career change.

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a job a few years back, a friend recommended that she engage a life coach to help devise her next move.

"I said, 'That is way too cheap for me,'" she 48-year-old Hall recalls. "I told her, 'I bet they're based in California.' Which, of course, they were."

Three months later, however, she hadn't gotten any further along in her job search. She decided to try a free consultation with the coach her friend had mentioned.

"Twenty minutes into the conversation, I said 'OK. I understand this now.' I called my husband and said 'I think this process will really help me sort out what I want to do.'"

As she worked with her coach in weekly sessions, Hall realized she was not ready to use her skills to invest in real estate, direct a nonprofit or write the book that "I know is in me." Instead, as the mother of two preschoolers, she required "flexibility, fun and funds."

That's when she determined the world of coaching might be a good match. She took a basic coaching course administered by the Coaches Training Institute and began working with several clients, pro bono, to develop and refine her skills. Three became paying customers. One of her clients is Mary Funke, 54, the executive director of N Street Village, an organization that works with homeless women in Washington, D.C.

Deciding between therapy and coaching

According to the Coaches Training Institute, there are clear differences between traditional psychological therapy and coaching. Some include the following:

- **Therapy focuses on healing and understanding. Coaching focuses on developing and directing potential. Healing is a side effect.**
- **Therapy is insight-oriented. Coaching is action- and "being" oriented.**
- **Therapy emphasizes past and present. Coaching emphasizes present and future.**
- **Therapy asks, "Why and from where?" Coaching asks, "What's next? What now?"**

Most coaches working with individual clients charge between \$200 and \$500 a month for a weekly coaching session by phone that lasts 30 minutes.

For more information about coaching and how it compares with such other forms of counseling as mentoring and consulting, see the FAQs about coaching at the International Coach Federation: coachfederation.org. This Web site also provides information about coaching programs and certification, what to look for in a coach and a listing of coaches.

Two years ago, Funke's husband died unexpectedly from a pulmonary embolism and derailed the comfortable suburban life that the couple had created in Columbia, Md., with their 14-year-old son.

Devastated, Funke sought help from a grief therapist. "After a certain point there are only so many times you can say 'I miss my husband' and that she can say 'That's normal,'" she says. "I was a working mom, an older mom, who had suddenly lost my husband and my whole life. Nothing was the same in any direction. Although I knew I had to give myself time to grieve and adjust, I didn't want to become a professional widow. I needed someone to help me process a new context for my life and move forward."

For the past year, Funke has consulted regularly with Hall. The telephone coaching appointments usually take place while the executive director is at work.

"Before my husband died, I was basically working 60 hours a week and commuting to Washington. One

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— Mary Funke, executive director of N Street Village, whose husband died unexpectedly



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of my issues has been 'How do I maintain the level of productivity as a professional and also respect the fact that my son needs more of me? We've spent a lot of time talking about achieving that kind of balance.'

Did Funke consider more traditional forms of counseling? "I talked to my pastor for the spiritual dimension of this," she says. "And since I was not having a psychological episode, I didn't need a therapist to provide medication. This coaching works great for me. I'm a very action-oriented, outcome-oriented person — very bottom line."

So is Karen Heyward-West, executive director of The Franciscan Center in Baltimore. Between jobs, Heyward-West took time off to stay at home with her young daughter and also to deal with her chronic inflammatory disease of lupus. When she re-entered the work world, the 42-year-old executive figured she could use some guidance at maintaining a life without the sort of stress that exacerbates her condition.

Now Jenness Hall is helping her son through the challenges of leadership. "When you're the new person trying to make some infrastructure changes, some people don't take to that very well," Heyward-West says. "I tend to take things personally — and I realize that stress is not my friend. Jenness has helped me look at things more objectively and see what needs to be done. I can bounce things off her and realize not to internalize or take things personally. And that helps me make better decisions."

But as the year went on, most of their depressive symptoms either stayed the same or improved, although the researchers did not formally measure that relationship. Among children younger than R. Kistner cautions, inflated views of classmates' affection are commonplace, and should not be misread by parents as unhealthy. Children who were widely disliked and who knew it were likely to have started the year with strong signs of depressed feelings.

Truth is, it's best if they know where they stand

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times

Truth sometimes hurts. But for children closing in on adolescence, a firm grasp on the truth about one's standing with classmates and peers can be healthy, even when it does hurt.

A new study has found that children who can accurately assess how much — or little — their peers like them are less likely to develop symptoms of depression, including sadness and difficulties concentrating or sleeping. By comparison, children with unrealistically rosy or unfoundedly gloomy views of their standing appear more likely to be headed toward depression.

Many psychologists have speculated that the smiling child who believes she is the glowing sun in her classmates' universe will be protected from depression by that belief. They also surmise that the child who holds a negative view of his status among peers is more prone to maladjustment and depression.

That picture, says Florida State University psychologist Janet Kistner, may be a bit too simple.

She and fellow researchers found that the child who is not regarded well by peers — and knows it — is actually less likely to grow more depressed over time than the child who believes that classmates like him when, in fact, they don't. The kid who can see that he is not so well-liked may be better able to change his behavior to make friends, Kistner says. The kid who's clueless about her effect on classmates may grow frustrated and sad as she misses social cues and

fumbles gestures of friendship. "Realistic perceptions," Kistner says, are "a hallmark of mental health."

The study is the latest in a writer of efforts to identify which children and adolescents may be at heightened risk for developing depression and mental illness.

Some politicians, public health officials, mental health activists and pharmaceutical companies have worked to establish mental-health screening programs in schools and the community.

Those initiatives, including a model program designed at Columbia University called *TeenScreen*, aim to steer kids who are more likely to develop depression toward help before their emotional difficulties lead them to risky behaviors, academic failure or suicide attempts.

In recent years, six states — Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Iowa and New Mexico — have moved to adopt programs that screen schoolchildren for warning signs of mental illness, including depression.

Elsewhere, individual school districts have followed suit. Those efforts have proven controversial. Many parents

fear their children will be labeled as mentally ill and marked for special attention because they have expressed sentiments typical of adolescents.

Others caution that there are few services and scant psychiatric help available for the millions of children that could be identified. And many suspect such screens are drug company-sponsored efforts to build the market for antidepressants.

Researchers and clinicians, meanwhile, say they are far from having developed accurate predictors of a child developing depression. The younger the child, the murkier the crystal ball.

Dr. Daniel Pine, chief of child and adolescent research at the National Institute of Mental Health's Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program, says that the strongest signs that a child may develop depression is a personal history of anxiety in early life; a parent with past or current depression; and a childhood pattern of low-level depressive symptoms (sadness, difficulty with eating, sleeping or concentrating, loss of energy or interest in once-enjoyed activities).

Beyond those signals, Pine says, disruptions in peer and

social relationships often much he believed each classmate liked him. The researchers compared classmates' opinions of a child with his own assessment of their regard.

During the same session, researchers asked students questions to measure their depressive symptoms. They found that those most inaccurate opinions of them were most likely to show increased signs of depression six months later.

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HOCKENJOS-DUNCAN

RUPERT — Laura Michelle Hockenjos and Taylor Fisher Duncan were married Dec. 27 in the LDS Temple in Washington, D.C.
The bride is the daughter of Fred and Cathy Hockenjos of Madison, N.J.
The groom is the son of Paul and Kathy Duncan of Rupert. A reception was held Dec. 28 in New Jersey. An open house will be held Jan. 13 at the Rupert 15th Ward building.
The bride graduated from Madison High School in Madison, N.J., and from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, in December 2005 with a degree in education. She is a special



Taylor and Laura Duncan

education teacher in American Fork, Utah.
The groom graduated from Minico High School and served a mission to Mexico City for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU.

FOSTER-MAISEY

BURLEY — Emily Foster and Brandon Maisey were married Jan. 13. A reception followed at the McCammon LDS Stake Center.
The bride is the daughter of Brent and June Foster of McCammon. She is a 2005 graduate of Marsh Valley High School and attends Idaho State University.
The groom is the son of Stephen and Adalinda Maisey of Burley. He is a 2002 graduate



Emily and Brandon Maisey of Burley High School and attends ISU.

BAILES-MAUGHAN

RUPERT — Whitney Marie Bailes and Michael Wayne Maughan were married Jan. 13. A reception followed at the Marsh Creek Event Centre in Albion.
The bride is the daughter of Jodi Cook and Tony and Ruth Bailes, all of Rupert. She is a graduate of Declo High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho.
The groom is the son of Wayne and Kathie Maughan of Paul. He is a graduate of Dietrich High School and attended Brigham Young



Whitney and Michael Maughan University, earning a degree in animal science. He is employed at the Idaho Youth Ranch in Rupert.

BURROWS-MCMURRAY

BURLEY — Haley Summer Burrows and Andrew Don McMurray were married Dec. 21 in the LDS Temple in Washington, D.C.
The bride is the daughter of David and Cinnamon Burrows of Ona, W.Va. She is a 2005 graduate of Cabell Midland High School and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in nursing.
The groom is the son of Kerry and Doreen McMurray of Burley. He is a 2003 graduate of Burley High School and served in the Belgium Brussels/Netherlands Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ



Andrew and Haley McMurray of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU-Idaho, majoring in physics and pre-med. A reception was held Dec. 22 in West Virginia. An open house was held Jan. 12 at the Burley LDS Institute Building. The couple resides in Utah.

NOORDA-STOKER

BURLEY — Audrey Jane Noorda and Christopher Stoker were married Jan. 12 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.
The bride is the daughter of Peter and Judy Noorda of Pocatello.
The groom is the son of Curtis and Carey Stoker of Burley.
A reception was held Jan. 13 at the Sweetheart Manor in Burley. A second reception will be held Jan. 20 in Pocatello.
The bride is a 2004 graduate of Century High School and attended Idaho State University. She attends Brigham Young University-Idaho, studying social work.
The groom is a 2002 graduate of Declo High School and served in the Ohio Cincinnati Mission from 2003 to 2005 for



Christopher and Audrey Stoker of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU-Idaho, studying sociology. He serves in the U.S. Army and is enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at BYU-Idaho. The couple will reside in Reburg.

POWERS-DIXON

KIMBERLY — Rachael Powers and Adam Dixon were married Dec. 29 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.
The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Denise Powers of Kimberly.
The groom is the son of Paul and Wendy Dixon of Jerome.
The bride graduated from Kimberly High School in 2004 and read from Master Educators Academy School. She is employed at Hair We Are In Reburg.
The groom graduated from Jerome High School in 2002 and served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ



of Latter-day Saints in Tallahassee. He attends Brigham Young University-Idaho in Reburg, majoring in pharmacy.

BARRAS-BUCK

RUPERT — Steve and Tamara Barras of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Barras, to Drew Buck, son of Thayne and Marilyn Buck of Malta.
Barras is a 2002 graduate of Minico High School and a graduate of New Horizons Cosmetology College in Logan, Utah. For the past three years, she has co-owned Simply Style Hair Salon in Rupert.
Buck is a 2000 graduate of Raft River High School. He served a two-year mission in Arizona for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a 2006 graduate of Bridgerland Applied



Drew Buck and Erica Barras Technology in Logan and is employed at Medicine Lodge in Logan.
The wedding is planned for Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the Rupert West Stake Center.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Isabella Ayala, daughter of Jose Alayandro and Felisia Ayala of Jerome, was born Dec. 20, 2006.
Xavier Dashawn Williams, son of Daniel and Jennifer Williams of Wendell, was born Dec. 21, 2006.
Ceceilia Lee Hess, daughter of Jonathan and Jami Hess of Hagerman, was born Jan. 4, 2007.
Iris Roque Borgas, daughter of Pablo and Rosa Roque of Jerome, was born Jan. 5, 2007.
Fernando Israel Quintero, son of Israel and Amanda Quintero of Jerome, was born Jan. 5, 2007.
Dylan Taylor Sayers, son of Steve and Kathy Sayers of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 5, 2007.

Brooke Christine Bingham, daughter of Jamlyn and Zeb Dwight Bingham of Dietrich, was born Dec. 30, 2006.
Mikela Jordy Steillingwer, daughter of Erin Ruth and Kevin Lee Steillingwer of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2006.
Zoelle Rai Cameron, daughter of Mural Jamal and Andrew Don Cameron of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 2, 2007.
Jace Isalah Asher, son of Nichole Kathleen and Gary Eugene Asher Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 3, 2007.
Anthony John Casale, son of Brandi Kay Gasmick and Rory John Casale of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 3, 2007.
Kenneth James Pearce, son of Amanda Pauline and William Rupert Pearce of Yorkfield, was born Jan. 3, 2007.
Owen Dean Rantdlke, son of Katie Ann and Brian Alan Rantdlke of Burley, was born Jan. 4, 2007.
Hailee Dawn Marton, daughter of Gabe and Caleb Aaron Marton of Jerome, was born Jan. 5, 2007.
Justin Michael Schutz, son of Kully Myr Carmichael and Taylor Duane Schutz of Gooding, was born Jan. 6, 2007.
Ayda Lynette Bowman, daughter of Diane Lyette and Adam Alan Bowman of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 7, 2007.
Adrian David Brandell, son of Vanessa Ann and Michael Ryan Brandell of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 7, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Bryozee Lou Beebe, daughter of Alycia Kay and Clint Neal Beebe of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 26, 2006.
Analra Edele Hurtado, daughter of Ariana Marin-Arteaga of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 26, 2006.
Jose Manuel Vielmas Valencia, son of Verneque Valencia and Jose Manuel Vielmas of Wendell, was born Dec. 29, 2006.
Alyssa Marie McGuire, daughter of Melissa Diane Bendule and Jonathan Duane McGuire of Buhl, was born Dec. 29, 2006.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE BLANDS

TWIN FALLS — Otis and Esther Bland celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 26.
They were married Dec. 26, 1946, in Twin Falls.
He was a pharmacist until ill health forced his retirement. She is a homemaker. They have been "active" in Valley Christian Church.
They have two sons, the Rev. Douglas Bland of Tempe, Ariz., and Alan (Lisa) Bland of Twin Falls; five grandchildren; and



Otis and Esther Bland two great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated with family.

THE HANEYS

FILER — George and Ruth Haney celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary Jan. 13 at a family celebration. They also celebrated Ruth's 83rd birthday.
George Haney and Ruth Walton were married Jan. 15, 1943, in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was solemnized in 1956 in the Salt Lake Temple.
They moved to Twin Falls in 1953, where they were in the real estate and insurance business. They retired in 1994 to go on their first mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They served two missions in England and one in Indiana. In 2003, they moved to Filer, where they live on a small acreage.
The Haneyes have six children: George E. (Irene) Haney III of Twin Falls; Pam (Mike) Young of Bountiful, Utah; Brooke (Les) Chariton of Coeur d'Alene; Chad Ray Haney (deceased); Linda (Russ) Grinnett of Arlington,



George and Ruth Haney Texas; and Tad (Kris) Haney of Filer.
The couple has 27 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

THE MITCHELLS

BURLEY — Nile and Norene Mitchell of Springdale celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a family dinner Jan. 13 in Burley.
They were married Jan. 9, 1942.



Nile and Norene Mitchell anniversary at a family dinner Jan. 13 in Burley. They were married Jan. 9, 1942.

CHRISTENSEN-THACKER

BURLEY — Nicole Christensen and Matthew Kiel Thacker were married Jan. 12 in the Mount Timpanogos Temple.
The bride is the daughter of Leon and Linda Christensen of Burley.
The groom is the son of Kevin and Gail Thacker of West Jordan, Utah.
The bride is a 2003 graduate of Declo High School and is employed at Mervyn's in Orem, Utah.
The groom is a 2003 graduate of West Jordan High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Brazil. He attends Brigham



Matthew and Nicole Thacker Young University in Provo, Utah, studying sound recording and music production. An open house was held Jan. 12 in Sandy, Utah. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Declo Stake Center. The couple will reside in Provo.

Rated R for rejected

By Sandra G. Bookman
The Washington Post

Here's an easy, nag-free way that may minimize the likelihood your elementary or middle schoolers will experiment with tobacco or booze: Ban R-rated movies and videos.
Researchers at Dartmouth Medical School who surveyed 2,600 children ages 9 to 12 and their parents found that kids whose parents did not let them watch R-rated films were 40 percent less likely to consider using cigarettes or alcohol than those with more permissive parents. Previous studies have found that teenagers are more likely to try a cigarette if their favorite movie stars smoke — one reason anti-smoking programs have sought to reduce on-screen puffing.
Researchers led by Madeline A. Dalton of Dartmouth's Community Health Research Program found that 45 percent of children in grades 4 through 6 from 26 schools in New Hampshire and Vermont said they were forbidden to watch

R-rated movies, with or without a parent. Of the 55 percent allowed to watch, nearly two-thirds did so without a parent; among 9-year-olds 40 percent said they sometimes watched R-rated movies without a parent. Movies rated R require an accompanying parent or adult for viewers under 17. Their content is considered more adult because they contain sex, violence or profanity.
The number of children overall who had friends who smoked or drank was low: 9 percent in each category. Researchers assessed risk by asking if a child would smoke or drink if offered a cigarette or beer by a friend. Those classified not at risk answered "definitely not"; more-equivocal answers such as "probably yes," or no were deemed to be at risk.
The study, funded by the National Cancer Institute and published in *Pediatrics*, is one of the first to assess movie viewing and its possible links to risky behavior among preteens.

Dogs, bee cool in costume

Newsday

Never mind the secret life of bees — what about canine cross-dressers obsessed with all things apian? Or maybe it's their owners who are to blame

for the wings and stingers. At any rate, www.beeodogs.com — the self-proclaimed "premier online repository for pictures of dogs in bee costumes" chronicles them in all their yellow-and-black splendor.

WEDDINGS

DAVIS-MUSGRAVE

JEROME — Tara Bernice Davis and Cory Musgrave were married Jan. 13 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.
The bride is the daughter of David and Bernice Davis of Jerome.
She is a graduate of Jerome High School and is employed in Jerome.
The groom is the son of Arlene Orr and Elmer and Kathy Musgrave, all of Jerome.

He is a graduate of Jerome High and is employed in Jerome.
A reception was held Jan. 13 at The White House in Twin Falls.

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Paper dolls are not just for play

By Marylou Tossaint
The Washington Post

Paper dolls might not be as popular now as when your mom was your age, but a museum exhibit in Washington, D.C., has today's kids thinking about these old toys in a modern way.

More than 100 black paper dolls are on display at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum. They belong to Arabella Grayson, who started collecting them after a friend gave her a black paper doll tucked inside a birthday card about 12 years ago. "I played with paper dolls as a child," Grayson said, but "I couldn't recall ever seeing a black one before."

Now she has more than 300. But these paper dolls — the oldest of which, Topsey, was made in 1863 — are more than childish playthings. "Toys are teaching tools," Grayson said. "They're the way children learn."

"The older ones represent slaves from history," said Denzel Moigula, 9, who toured the exhibit recently with classmates. "You learn how people dressed back then ... and how they were treated. Some of their clothes were ripped."

With their unruly hair, patched clothing and untied shoes (if they even had shoes), these dolls defined a role and a look for blacks, an impression that was passed from one generation to the next at a very early age, Grayson said.

As late as the 1920s, a decade that celebrated African-Americans as World War I veterans and talented artists and musicians, among other things, black paper dolls showed only servants.

Women's Home Companion magazine, for instance, published a series of white paper

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dolls representing U.S. slaves. Katy of Kentucky was featured in the June 1927 issue with her cat, her bed, several outfits and — in a corner of the page — her "black mammy (who) has taken care of her since she was a little baby."

It wasn't until the 1930s that black paper dolls showed positive, independent images that gave a more complete picture of how black Americans lived, Grayson said. The 1960s civil rights movement helped usher in the first black family paper dolls as well as the first paper-doll books with both black and white characters.

The history behind the dolls wasn't lost on Denzel's classmates, who made their own paper dolls after seeing the exhibit.

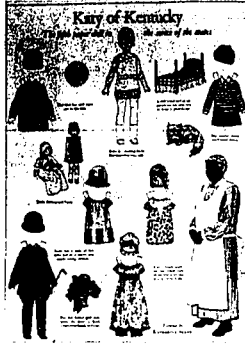
Briyannah Harris, 10, liked the fact that "I can picture the people in those paper dolls. If I just close my eyes, I imagine real people."

Briyannah doesn't own any paper dolls and can't remember ever seeing any for sale.

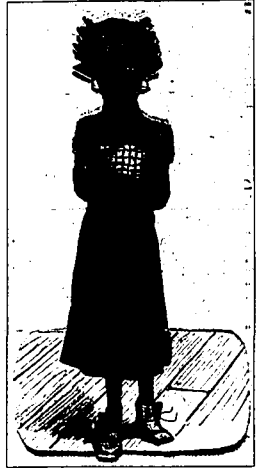
"I could probably print them over the Internet," she said.

Yes, she could. Thanks to modern technology, many Web sites offer free paper-doll patterns. But what kids do with their paper dolls hasn't changed much at all over the years: They give the dolls names and make up stories for them to act out.

Zykeira Beach, 9, said she likes making her own paper dolls because you "learn to concentrate and think about yourself and what are you going to do."



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Topsey, from 1863, was the first African-American paper doll.

A cutout history of paper dolls

Arabella Grayson is writing a book about black paper dolls. Here's some of what she has learned.

Mid-1700s — Rich ladies in England and France make tin paper dolls in their own images.

1810 — Little Fanny, the first manufactured paper doll, is printed in England.

1812 — Mass produced paper dolls are sold in the U.S.

1863 — The first African-American paper doll, Topsey, is printed. Based on a slave girl in the novel 'Uncle

Ton's Cabin,' Topsey is joined by Little Eva, a white girl in the book. Unlike Topsey, Eva is well-dressed and has shiny hair.

1870s — New technology cuts printing costs. Paper dolls become popular playthings.

Early 1900s — U.S. women's magazines print sets of dolls. Often, they are white families with black servants.

1950s — Black fashion dolls appear. Additional positive images are printed in the 1960s.

1970s — Black paper dolls go mainstream: Barbie and Ken paper dolls are joined by Cara and Curtis. Black celebrities and sports figures follow.



Until the 1930s, paper dolls often showed black people as field workers.

Talking with professional wrestler Hulk Hogan



By Carly Bossang, Cameron Heaney
and Shama Heaney
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We spoke with wrestling legend Hulk Hogan in Manhattan recently.

Question: Who was the toughest wrestler you've faced?

Answer: The toughest without a doubt was Andre the Giant.

Q: Are you friends with any wrestlers you've faced?

A: Yes, most of the wrestlers are my friends because when we go out there, we put on a good show and try not to hurt each other. But some of my best friends are The Big Show and The Rock.

Q: What is your most prized possession from your wrestling career?

A: No doubt it's the yellow boots that I wore when I body-slammed Andre the Giant.

Q: We read your family has a lot of pets. Do you have a favorite?

A: We have all kinds of dogs, cats, roosters, turtles and ferrets. We have about 45 animals. My favorite right now is my little black Chihuahua, Star. I call her Star Blinks like from the character Jar Jar Blinks in "Star Wars."

Q: You play guitar and have performed in your own band. Do you plan to tour with your daughter Brooke, who is a successful singer?

A: Yes, I plan on going on tour with Brooke because at age 18, she still needs her dad around.

I can't wait to see her perform in all the arenas I used to wrestle at and hear all the fans screaming for her.

Q: Where do you see yourself five years from now?

A: As I would love to spend most of my time with my kids, traveling around. Right now, we're working so much — filming the show (VH1's "Hogan KnowsBest"), starting my daughter's music career, and my son is starting to race cars — hopefully five years from now, I'll be able to have some fun just watching my kids.

About you and your life

The Washington Post

The percentage of kids who say they are satisfied with these things in their lives, according to a GIK NOP market research of kids ages 8 to 17:

- How parents treat them, 93 percent
- How they treat their parents, 92 percent
- Their house, 90 percent
- The way they look, 87 percent
- How they do in school, 85 percent
- Friendships, 94 percent

About you and making decisions

The Washington Post

Where do kids ages 8 to 13 get their ideas for doing something new?

- Parents, 16 percent
- Movies, TV shows, music, 8 percent
- Commercials, 7 percent
- Siblings, 7 percent
- Friends, 35 percent
- Themselves, 25 percent

Source: GIK NOP market research

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3 P.M.**

- Parade honoring our Boise State Broncos, the only unbeaten football team in the nation.
- Parade begins at B.S.U., down Capitol Blvd. to the Statehouse.
- Then a salute to the Broncos will take place on the Capitol steps.
- Afterwards, at 5 p.m. is an autograph signing session back at B.S.U.

SEE YOU THERE, B.S.U. FANS!