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Charging toward recharge

Aquifer plan finally ready for board approval

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After years of fighting, failed compromises and many lawsuits, a plan for managing the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is just weeks away.

Last year the Idaho Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 136 that directed the Idaho Department of Water Resources board to develop a plan for managing the depleted underground water network — the lifeblood for municipalities and irrigators from Ashton to King Hill.

Evidence shows that while water demand continues to rise in Idaho — one of the fastest-growing states in the nation — water levels in the Lake Erie-size basalt sponge have declined for decades.

Some fear that if a management plan isn't enacted soon, there won't be enough water to sustain life in central Idaho, let alone accommodate growth.

A team of facilitators hired by the board to generate a framework for the plan recently finished a management plan draft. They'll present it to the water board on Monday. Here's what they'll tell the board, and what that means for you:

The goal

According to the draft, the goal for the plan is to "Maintain the economic viability and social and environmental health of the Eastern Snake Plain by achieving and sustaining a balance between water use and supplies. What does that mean?"

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Fiesta fever



Thousands of people crowded the streets of Boise Saturday as they celebrated the Boise State football team's 13-0 season, including a victory over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

Fans celebrate Boise State football team with parade

The Associated Press

BOISE — Thousands of fans clad in orange and blue lined a parade route Saturday as a marching band led players and coaches of the Boise State football team on a mile-long path through town to the steps of the state Capitol.

At the Capitol, the team was officially presented with the Fiesta Bowl trophy, and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter proclaimed January as Boise State University Bronco Football month.

"What a day, what a season," Boise State President Bob Knuts said.

That season ended with a New Year's Day win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz. The game saw a mix of trick plays and bold moves executed to perfection down the stretch that gave the Broncos a 43-42 overtime victory to cap a 13-0 season.

The Broncos finished the season ranked No. 5 in the Associated Press Poll, their highest showing in school history.

"When we heard there was going to be a parade, we were jacked up," Boise State coach Chris Petersen told the crowd. "The reason for that, it was our chance to come out and honor you guys. There's no doubt in anyone's mind that we wouldn't be standing here if not for you guys."

The Boise Police Department said it prepared for a crowd of 30,000 people, but didn't have an estimate immediately after the event. The crowd extended for hundreds of yards from the steps of the Capitol, some fans having waited for more than an hour in temperatures just above freezing.

The only player to address the crowd was quarterback Jared Zabransky, the Fiesta Bowl offensive MVP.

"We set so many goals when the season started," he said. "A long, exciting list of goals that were lofty. But you get a group of guys like this behind me and you're led by a coach like Chris Petersen. It's very attainable."



Boise State football players greet fans Saturday in Boise as the team was honored with a parade and celebration on the Main Street parade stage.

JEROME COUNTY Prosecuting questions?

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

JEROME — In more ways than one, the search for an interim chief prosecutor in Jerome County has perhaps garnered more attention than the job itself ever has.

The scenario has evolved into a strange set of governmental affairs, in which:

• The county commissioners temporarily chose an applicant who doesn't want the job over an attorney who does.

• A central committee admitted it botched the interview process.

• A former county commissioner is consulting with her former colleagues.

• A public meeting might have involved illegal circumstances.

In the latest twist, the Jerome Republican Central Committee said at its Thursday meeting its interview process for the two attorneys who applied for the job was flawed. The concession came two days after the county commissioners decided to draw up a temporary contract with the county's deputy prosecuting attorney, Mike Seib.

The committee admitted to three problems when the two candidates — Seib of Jerome, and Gooding County Deputy Prosecutor Paul Kroeger of Wendell — were interviewed Jan. 4.

The candidates were:

- Questioned in front of one another.
• Asked different questions.
• Answered audience questions that should have been omitted.

Additionally, members of the committee said they should have conferred before the interviews.

Both attorneys received five votes for the committee's recommendation — or equal ranking — which went on to the county commissioners.

"You ask one question to one man and then you ask the same damn question to the other one," said committee member Bill Kersey, who voted for Kroeger. "No way is this the proper way to hold an interview or anything else."

The committee's concessions were the latest quills since Jon Nicholson III announced last month he will step down Jan. 31, midway through his four-year term.

On Tuesday, the commission voted 2-1 to

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Helicopter crash, fighting kill 20 Americans in Iraq

By Susan Miron Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — At least 20 American service members were killed in military operations Saturday in the deadliest day for U.S. forces in two years, including 13 who died in a helicopter crash and five slain in an attack by militia fighters in the holy city of Karbala, military officials said.

Saturday's toll was the third-highest of any single day since the war began in March 2003, eclipsed only by 37 U.S. deaths on Jan. 26, 2005, and 28 on the third day of the U.S. invasion. U.S. authorities also announced two American combat deaths from Friday.

The heavy toll comes at a crucial time of rising congressional opposition to President Bush's decision to dispatch 21,500 additional soldiers to the conflict to try to curb sectarian slaughter.

The military gave little information on the crash of the Army Black Hawk helicopter during good weather in Diyala province, northeast of Baghdad. U.S. and Iraqi forces have been battling Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias for months in the province, around the city of Baquba.

Lt. Col. Josephin Aberie, a U.S. spokeswoman, said the cause of the crash had



Militarized terrorist suspects all in the back of a truck in Baghdad about 80 miles north of Baghdad, Saturday. 24 people were detained in a joint US and Iraqi army raid that also captured weapons and bomb-making materials.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

SPORTS
Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays shoot, start time 9:00 a.m., 11 miles north of junction of I84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64...

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com...

SIX-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jan. 22 "Second City," the Chicago-based improvisational comedy troupe, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center...

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Jan. 27 YMCA of Twin Falls, Inc. 4th Annual Dinner and Auction, celebrating 45th years in Magic Valley, 6 p.m., The Ballroom, Twin Falls...

EDUCATION

Jan. 26 2nd annual Brown Bag Lecture Series, with John Brier, advisor/instructor at Boise State University presenting "Aukera: A History of the Basque in Idaho..."

FAMILY

Jan. 23 "Baby and Me" class, topic "Is My Baby Sick?" for young parents with their babies or toddlers, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jerome Recreation Department...

GOVERNMENT

Jan. 24 Visit by Boise State Service Officer Mitt Smith, for the Veterans of Cassia-Madonna counties, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Burley Veteran's Office...

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Jan. 25 Desert Sage Quilters January meeting, with Jan Hyatt demonstrating designing with the computer program EQ 5, 7 p.m., at MVAIT, 1100 Blue Laves Blvd. N., Twin Falls...

HEALTH

Jan. 22 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 11:30 a.m., meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filer Avenue E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282.

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On 'Jerome County feedlot controversy intensifies'
DARRELL PLOWMAN: "This is another example of government telling the people, that what they say or think is not important."

FOR MORE COMMENTS...
We want your opinion on the news. Complete the form and send it to the editor. We'll print your comments if they are relevant and don't contain profanity.

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS
Today: Mostly sunny skies and cold
Tonight: Colder than normal, partly cloudy
Monday: Mostly sunny and still cold
High 28 Low 11 29/12

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly sunny skies, cold temperatures and breezy west winds. Highs in the upper 20s.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and once again cold. Lows upper single digits and lower teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies but continued cold temperatures. Highs upper 20s, lows lower teens.

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COMING THIS WEEK

MONDAY: FREEZING - A new treatment for prostate cancer. Image
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OPINION
MINI EDITORIAL
YMCA can be a family asset
Boys-in kids can drive you nuts. Our family, which has a pack of little kids, found great relief at the Y I worked when we lived in the Midwest. We felt safe with Y Child Watch and had great fun in a room dedicated to letting little ones run, tumble and climb. Now, we're watching and hoping for the best as the Twin Falls Y plans for its future.
- Chris Baldes, news editor

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QUOTES LAST WEEK

"I told myself a long time ago I never wanted any kid to go through what I went through."
- 15-year-old Shawn Hornbeck on being held captive for four years by accused kidnapper Michael Devlin.

"I think it's pretty hard to argue you need to beat a child. Is it OK to whip a 1-year-old or a 6-month-old or a newborn?"
- California Democratic Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, author of a bill that would allow parents who spank their young children to face jail and a fine.

"One-of-the reasons has to do with the negative stereotype in engineering - the nerd drinking Cokes and eating Twinkies until 3 in the morning."
- William Wulf, president of the National Academy of Engineering, on why few female college students enroll in engineering programs.

"I think it is important that we not let this success here in Afghanistan slip away from us and that we keep the initiative. There's no reason to sit back and let the Taliban regroup."
- Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

"I can also no longer deny to myself that there are issues I obviously need to examine within my own soul, and I've asked for help."
- Isiah Washington, co-star of ABC's 'Grey's Anatomy,' in an apology for anti-gay comment at the Golden Globes.
- The Associated Press

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Aquifer

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That's hard to say, said a handful of Magic Valley residents who saw a draft presentation at a meeting in Twin Falls last week.

Their questions raised concerns that any plan would be hard to quantify. It's up to the board, and ultimately the Legislature, the facilitators said, to pick and choose from their suggestions.

The draft hinges mostly on increasing recharge (water that returns to the aquifer) and reducing withdrawal. Both have been suggested — and accepted — in the past without significant results.

Funding

Perhaps the board's biggest obstacle is coming up with money to fund the plan.

There is virtually no infrastructure in place for any type of plan, and some estimate the board will need at least \$10 million a year to manage the aquifer.

The facilitators suggest several funding options, but using a portion of the state-wide sales tax garnered the most support from Magic Valley residents at the meeting.

"I support the sales tax," said Gerald Lewis, a longtime Magic Valley rancher. "That way, everybody who uses water pays for it."

Other options in the plan include charging irrigators for each acre foot of water they use, charging domestic well users who tap the aquifer and creating a surcharge for municipal customers.

Increase recharge

Few dispute that the aquifer needs more water.

The facilitators suggest a managed recharge plan in which the state controls a network of recharge sites — places where water can easily seep through the basalt layers and back to the aquifer.

The water board recently approved a plan to study several potential recharge sites, including one near Jerome.

However, there are many obstacles to managed recharge: Where will the recharge water come from? Also, environmental laws prohibit recharge if the water isn't clean.

Another option is incidental recharge — water that seeps back to the aquifer from leaky canals. But incidental recharge is almost impossible to measure.

A third recharge option involves building additional storage facilities, such as reservoirs, that could capture spring runoff that could be used for recharge. The facilitators noted, however, that this would require significant funds and additional environmental impact studies.

Reduce withdrawals

Limiting the amount of water taken from the aquifer will help slow or even stop depletion.

The draft recommends the board rely on and bolster a program already in place, the conservation reserve enhancement program.

CREP pays groundwater users to follow their land in exchange for government money. Problem is, few irrigators have signed up.

The facilitators say the board could ask the Legislature to cut the red tape that's slowing enrollment and increase incentives to sign up.

Another option for reducing withdrawals is to convert groundwater rights to surface rights. But there are limits to this strategy, as well. Canal systems may not be able to transfer additional surface water.

The facilitators also suggest administrative curtailment — the state forces groundwater pumpers to shut down. This is not a popular suggestion for any party involved; a soon-to-be-decided, Supreme Court case centers on curtailment, and it's often the root for lawsuits.

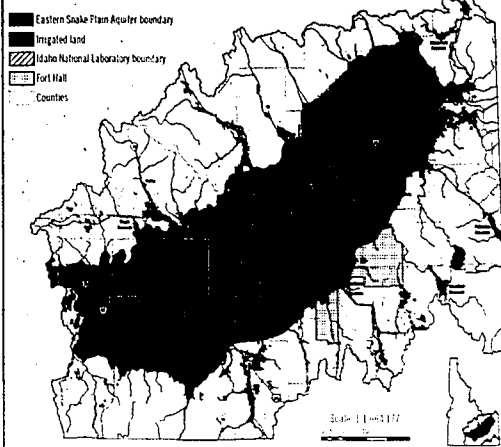
Other options

Finally, the facilitators suggest the board buy out water rights holders to free up water for recharge and to prevent those rights from being pumped from the aquifer. Once again, cost is a major factor to this proposal.

Whatever aspects of the draft the board chooses for the final plan, all Idaho water users will likely be affected.

The board wants to present the plan to the Legislature sometime in February. By this time next year, parts of the plan could already be in place, and — the board hopes — the aquifer will be on its way to recovery.

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Iraq

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not been determined. Navy Capt. Frank D'Amico, a member of a U.S. militia relations team in the United Arab Emirates, told Al-Arabia television that the helicopter was believed to have suffered technical troubles before going down.

Five U.S. soldiers were killed Saturday night when militia fighters attacked a provincial headquarters in the Shiite Muslim holy city of Karbala, the military said in a statement.

The statement said "an illegally armed militia group" attacked the building with grenades, small arms and "indirect fire," which usually means mortars or rockets. The statement said three other soldiers were wounded repelling the attack.

"A meeting was taking place at the time of the attack to

ensure the security of Shiite pilgrims participating in the Ashura commemoration," said a statement from Brig. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, deputy commander of the Multi-National Division-Baghdad.

Karbala is 50 miles south of Baghdad, and thousands of Shiite pilgrims are flocking to the city to mark the 10-day Ashura festival commemorating the death of one of Shiite Islam's most sacred saints, Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

Brooks said Iraqi officials and security forces as well as U.S. troops were present at the meeting, but his statement did not mention other casualties from the attack. It said the headquarters had "been secured by coalition and Iraqi security forces."

Earlier, Karbala Gov. Akel al-Khazali had reported that U.S. troops raided the provincial headquarters looking for wanted men but left with no prisoners.

But Brooks said that report was incorrect. The general did not identify any group suspected of staging the attack, but residents reached by telephone had reported seeing military helicopters flying over the local headquarters of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, which has been accused of playing a big role in sectarian killings, has been hit repeatedly in recent weeks in operations in which key commanders have been captured or killed by U.S. and Iraqi troops.

Also Saturday, roadside bombs killed a soldier in the capital and one in Nineveh province north of Baghdad.

THE WEEK IN IRAQ

Helicopter crash under investigation

The U.S. helicopter that crashed Saturday in Diyala province, killing 13, underscored a danger as the military moves on at travel avoiding roadside bombs.



- Sun.** — Five Iranians arrested in Iraq last week were tied to an Iranian Revolutionary Guard faction that funds and arms insurgents.
- Mon.** — Saddam's half brother was beheaded in one of two executions held today.
- Tue.** — Twin car bombs exploded at a Baghdad university, killing at least 65 students.
- Wed.** — A car bomb struck the Shiite district of Sadr City, killing 17.
- Thu.** — Shiite militia commanders said Noun al-Maliki has stopped protecting radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army under pressure from Washington.
- Fri.** — One of Muqtada al-Sadr's main aids was arrested in Baghdad.
- Sat.** — Five U.S. soldiers were killed in Karbala after being attacked at a provincial headquarters in the Shiite holy city.

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Prosecutor

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negotiate with Selb — who had withdrawn his application for "personal reasons" — at least temporarily.

On Wednesday the commission suspended the talks pending "adequate legal advice."
On Thursday, the commissioners said they will discuss the prosecutor Monday afternoon. The discussion had been previously planned for a week later.

In another twist, former Jerome County Commissioner Veronica Lierman — who lost in her party's primary in May — told the Times-News on Thursday she has consulted in the matter with both county commissioners Joe Davidson and Charlie Howell.

"I don't think I've lost my right as a citizen to speak to the commissioners on those issues," she said. "I did personally feel Mr. Selb would be good to appoint. ... I did suggest Mr. Selb would be a candidate for the temporary position because he is there and would be temporary. He is here and familiar with the office and with what's going on."

But she insisted she did not discuss her preference with the commissioners before Tuesday's meeting.

At Thursday's committee meeting, Lierman, speaking on behalf of Howell, told the committee that Howell would again like their assistance in choosing Nicholson's successor, a suggestion that was soon approved by the committee.

"I don't know why we would not," said Roy Prescott, a former county commissioner who is not on the committee but regularly attends meetings.

The suggestion by Howell is not necessarily out of sync. The committee is required to submit three names as recommendations to the commissioners, who can do as they please.

In a way, Howell, was asking the committee to unofficially repeat its process.

After Howell agreed to table further discussion Wednesday, he said he talked with ICREMP, the county's insurance provider, and the Idaho Association of Counties and found that there is not enough money in the budget to simply receive a salary bump and retain benefits as a county employee.

"We'd have to take money away from someone else," Howell said.

Legality also may be at issue. During Wednesday's meeting, Howell said two confidential sources told him not to vote for Kroeger.

Howell has declined to disclose the names of those sources.

Howell also said that meeting was an "extension" of Tuesday's meeting, although it officially adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

A meeting of a public body must be posted no less than five days in advance, an agenda must be posted at least 48 hours in advance, and in the case of a special or executive session, at least 24 hours in advance, according to Idaho State Code.

Kroeger, who has said he would relocate to Jerome if appointed, is unsure how far he will pursue it.

In talking to people about whether or not I should apply

"...there are people in Jerome County who are aware of what's going on in Jerome County, who think some changes should be made, including some changes in the prosecutors' office."

— Paul Kroeger, Gooding County deputy prosecutor

to the Jerome position, there are people in Jerome County who are aware of what's going on in Jerome County, who think some changes should be made, including some

changes in the prosecutors' office," he said. The support for Selb may lie with Davidson, who is on vacation and participated by phone.

Selb said he is no longer interested in being the full-time prosecutor, but Davidson has been a vocal supporter for Selb. Kroeger asked the commis-

sioners why the commission chose Selb, who clearly did not want the position.

Howell said state law allows for but does not require the county to either contract or appoint an interim prosecutor outside of the county, such as the Twin Falls County prosecutor or a private attorney.

Commissioner Diana Olsenauer, who was elected in November, has said she prefers Kroeger over Selb, but wants to expand the search

for qualified candidates. She predicted that not only would the temporary contract hold up for Selb, but he eventually will be appointed full time. "I don't think what's going on out here is kosher and I'm having some heartburn about it," she said.

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Bush to propose insurance tax break

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will propose a tax deduction of \$7,500 for individuals and \$15,000 for families regardless of whether they buy their own health insurance or receive medical coverage at work.

The proposal, to be announced Tuesday in his State of the Union address, is aimed at giving the uninsured an incentive to purchase a medical plan. It also is designed to encourage those with generous plans to either embrace cheaper insurance or pay taxes on the part that exceeds the deduction, a Bush administration official familiar with the proposals said Saturday.

If passed by Congress, the proposal would be the first time that workers could get a tax break if they bought their own insurance. But it also would be the first time that some employer-provided health care benefits could be taxed. Health care benefits provided by companies are currently exempt from income and payroll taxes.

In his nationally televised speech, Bush also will announce steps to take some federal money now going to hospitals and other facilities and give it to states for programs to reduce the number of uninsured people.

The cost of health care is



President Bush waves as he boards the Marine One on Saturday to travel to Camp David for the weekend.

growing more than two times faster than wages, making it harder for families to buy insurance and for employers to sponsor a health benefit for workers, Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

"Our challenge is clear: We must address these rising costs, so that more Americans can afford basic health insurance," Bush said. "And we need to do it without creating a new federal entitlement program or raising taxes."

Further details of the two

proposals were to be announced in the State of the Union address.

The tax code unfairly penalizes people who do not get health insurance through their job," Bush said.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., is not embracing the idea.

This is a dangerous policy that ultimately shifts cost and risk from employers to employees and could result in a higher number of unin-

sured," Rangel said. "The new, Democratic majority in Congress is interested in relieving, not increasing, working families' tax burden."

Brownback joins presidential field, seeks to be conservatives' choice

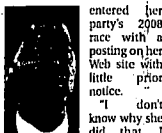
TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback jumped into the 2008 presidential race Saturday, a favorite of the religious right now in an uphill battle against better known rivals for the GOP nomination.

"I am a conservative and I'm proud of being a conservative," he proclaimed.

"My family and I are taking the first steps on the yellow brick road to the White House. It's a great journey," the two-term senator told hundreds of supporters. He pledged to fight on behalf of the nation's cultural values and to focus on rebuilding families.

The 50-year-old Brownback offers himself as a "full-scale Ronald Reagan conservative." After Saturday's speech, he told reporters: "My positions are at the heart of where the Republican Party is. I'm willing to take those positions with all comers."

Brownback's announcement, planned weeks ago, came hours after Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.,



Brownback

entered her party's 2008 race with a posting on her Web site with little prior notice.

"I don't know why she did that. I guess she's scared of me," Brownback said.

The Democratic National Committee issued a statement calling Brownback "a stubborn ideologue who places his own political agenda over the needs of the American people."

While Brownback touched on a wide variety of issues, he laced his speech with the themes that have made him a leader of GOP conservatives and a strong spokesman in Congress for socially conservative Christians.

"He has a consistency that others don't seem to have," said Hollie Cook, a 30-year-old mother of three from Walkerton, Ind., a Brownback supporter.

Bush's readies State of the Union address for first Democratic Congress in 12 years

By Deb Rieckmann
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's State of the Union address on Tuesday gives him a second chance to defend his new Iraq strategy to a nation soured on the war and a Congress poised to vote against the plan.

It will be the president's last major opportunity to shape America's legislative agenda before the fast-moving 2008 presidential campaign begins to drown out his message.

Bush is expected to strike a conciliatory tone on some domestic issues where he believes he can work with the first Democratic Congress in 12 years. On Iraq, he is expected to stand firm.

The nationally televised speech typically offers great political theater.

This year, however, it comes just 13 days after the president's prime-time announcement of his decision to send 21,500 more U.S. troops to Iraq.

Since then, Capitol Hill — the forum for the State of the Union address — has grown more hostile.

Democratic support is building around a nonbinding resolution opposing Bush's plan for more troops. Some Republicans already criticized the White House's Iraq policy have embraced the idea and others are looking for ways to sign on.

Despite the political tensions, House Democrats invited Bush to speak at their annual retreat in Williamsburg, Va., on Feb 3

"The elephant in the room is Iraq."

— Ken Khachigian,
a former speechwriter
for Presidents Reagan
and Nixon

and the president accepted.

"The elephant in the room is Iraq," said Ken Khachigian, a former speechwriter for Presidents Reagan and Nixon who thinks Bush should use forceful, blunt — even combative — rhetoric to rebut Democrats and others who criticize his war strategy.

"If I were counseling him, I'd say 'Look, you've got to face them down. You've come with a plan. They're not giving it a chance to work,'" Khachigian said.

"I'd say, 'If you really believe that this is the seminal battle of the early part of the 21st century, then you've got to make it clear that your position is right and theirs is wrong,'" he said.

White House officials said the State of the Union will not be a repeat of the Iraq speech on Jan. 10. They said Bush will speak broadly about the pressing challenges facing the United States at home and abroad.

"President Bush will discuss his determination to defeat the terrorists who are part of a broader extremist movement that is now doing everything it can to defeat us in Iraq," White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said.

"If the extremists prevail in

Iraq, the American people will be less safe and our enemies will be emboldened and more lethal," Perino said.

Bush probably will try to link the war to the threat to America since the Sept. 11 attacks, said Bruce Riedel, a former official at the National Security Council and analyst at the Liberal Brookings Institution.

"Who can be against terrorism?" Riedel asked. "Fear is a commodity that the administration has sold before, and right now they're not having much success with the public or the Congress with the arguments they've trotted out on the (troop) surge."

The costs of the war and the deficit are expected to preclude Bush from announcing expensive new programs.

Bush plans to highlight immigration and urge Congress to renew the No Child Left Behind education law, preserve tax cuts, balance the budget within five years and work to make the costs of the war more transparent in the federal budget.

As in his previous State of the Union addresses, Bush probably will lament the U.S. reliance on foreign sources of energy and express support for alternative fuels. Auto industry officials expect the president to ask Congress once more for the power to change fuel economy standards for passenger cars.

The White House said Bush also will lay out his policy on global warming, but will not propose a mandate to cut greenhouse gases.

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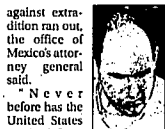
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Extradition of reputed drug lords draws U.S. praise

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's extradition of four reputed drug lords drew praise from the U.S. attorney general on Saturday and signaled its new determination to keep traffickers from running their cartels from inside prison walls.

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the Friday extraditions were "unprecedented in their scope and importance."

Ostel Cardenas, the alleged Gulf cartel leader who was going from prison in Mexico, was sent north late Friday along with 14 others wanted by the U.S. after their appeals



Cardenas

against extradition ran out, the office of Mexico's attorney general said.

"Never before has the United States received from Mexico such a large number of major drug defendants and other criminals for prosecution in this country," Gonzales said in a statement on Saturday.

The Mexican attorney general's office released photos showing the balding Cardenas being escorted onto a plane

bound for the United States in handcuffs, surrounded by U.S. and Mexican agents.

The office said the extraditions were also aimed in part at cracking down on turf battles between Mexican drug cartels, which have cost hundreds of lives in recent months in states like Michoacan, Guerrero, Baja California and Sinaloa. The government has recently sent thousands of soldiers and police to try to stem the drug-fueled violence.

"This changes the rules, as far as drug traffickers' impunity and the potential punishment they face," said Oscar Aguilan, a political science professor at Mexico City's Iberoamerican

University. "Before, the capos could say, 'Well, if they ever do catch me, I'll be in Mexico, my family and associates can visit me whenever they want, and I can keep running the business,' from prison.

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Border crossers gird for new passport law

Los Angeles Times

TORONTO — Canadians are scrambling to get passports before new U.S. rules go into effect Tuesday requiring all air travelers coming into the United States from Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean to carry one. But tourism officials here worry that the restriction will deter Americans from coming north.

The new travel security restrictions, designed to keep closer track of the millions of people who cross U.S. borders, were recommended by the Sept. 11 commission and mandated by Congress in 2004. Although the new rules initially were supposed to take effect on Jan. 1, the U.S. later postponed implementation until Jan. 23 to avoid disrupting holiday travel.

Travelers coming into the U.S. by land or sea will not need a passport until January

2008, and still may enter using a birth certificate, driver's license or border crossing card that shows citizenship. But beginning Tuesday all airline passengers coming into the U.S. must produce a passport. Exceptions to the new passport rules will be people with special cards issued to those traveling between Canada and the U.S. for work, merchant mariners with Coast Guard documents and permanent residents with "green cards."

Officials expect some glitches at first.

"People will still be showing up with sorry stories and no passports. I guarantee you," said a Canadian customs official at the Toronto airport.

In December, there was a 31 percent increase in passport applications compared to the previous year, said Françoise Charbonneau, a spokeswoman for Passport Canada. The department has added an

extra office print centers to get passports out quickly.

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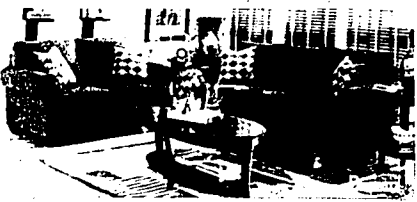
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By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — In traditional flare, the Buhl Chamber of Commerce ushered in a new year with its annual banquet Saturday. It was an opportunity to reflect on the past year, say goodbye to past board members and to welcome new leaders on board.

The future of the community and the chamber itself is what new President Bob Linderman, Vice President Barbara Gietzen and Treasurer Kris Drinkall have in mind. "I'm looking forward to the challenge," Linderman said. "The city just came off its 100th year celebration and we are excited to be moving forward."

The three leaders hope to harness the vastness of community talents, assets and involvement to foster an even better community with greater economic opportunities.

"We need to bring the community together and encompass more people in involvement in chamber activities," Drinkall said. "The more people that get involved, the less that everyone has to do. The same people won't be doing it all. If everyone just gave a little we would have a much stronger community."

Linderman pointed out that Buhl's chamber activities and membership extend beyond city limits.

"What is unique about the Buhl Chamber of Commerce is that our asserted effort reaches out into Castileford and the entire West End of the county," Linderman said. "We want everyone in the area to be involved."

At Saturday's banquet, the chamber also announced this year's board of directors: Rick Asley, Bob Gietzen, Steve Kaatz, Gary Legler, John O'Connor and Barbara Weaver. Kaatz, who has been filling in pro-bono as the chamber's director since the resignation of Charlotte Frazier in September, hopes to see a new director on board soon. And he's excited about his new role on the board.

"I look forward to working with the new director, once the position is filled, and working with board," Kaatz said. "We have an exciting year ahead."

Expanding chamber enrollment, updating the chamber Web site and having an even bigger Trout Festival are all on the to-do list.

"We want to do things that the community can rally behind and get involved in," Kaatz said.

Gietzen also looks forward to the chamber involving itself in more activities.

"I would like to see new businesses being welcomed by getting the ambassadors program started up again as well as the revival of Business After Five," Gietzen said. "It would be nice to have an informal get-together every now and again."

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Buhl Chamber of Commerce President

Name: Bob Linderman
Age: 45
Years involved with chamber: 3
Employment: Funeral director at Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buhl
Quote: "I think that through community involvement people could really see the value in investing into our town."



Buhl Chamber of Commerce Vice President

Name: Barbara Gietzen
Age: 70
Years involved with chamber: 33
Employment: Retired
Quote: "I look forward to working with the new president, board and chamber members in this new year."



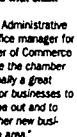
Buhl Chamber of Commerce Treasurer

Name: Kris Drinkall
Age: 34
Years involved with chamber: 5
Employment: Manager of U.S. Bank in Buhl
Quote: "We will be striving in the direction of giving the chamber a boost around as well as the attitude of change in Buhl. The town is changing and it's great. This is a great place to live, work and raise your kids."



Buhl Chamber of Commerce Secretary

Name: Linda Winn
Age: 64
Years involved with chamber: 9
Employment: Administrative assistant/office manager for Buhl Chamber of Commerce
Quote: "I hope the chamber grows. It is really a great opportunity for businesses to get their name out and to meet with other new businesses in the area."



Energy to burn



Link Phillip, president of Rough & Ready Lumber Co. in O'Brien, Ore., looks over a stand of the company's timber on Tuesday. The company is building a biomass generator to produce steam and electricity by burning small trees thinned from stands like this to reduce wildfire danger and help the nation burn green fuels.

Wildfire danger fuels interest in burning trees for electricity

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

O'BRIEN, Ore. — After nearly 90 years of sawing pine and Douglas fir logs into lumber, Rough & Ready Lumber Co. is branching into the energy business, building a \$5 million plant to burn logging debris and to produce electricity that it can sell at a "green tag" premium to the regional power grid.

"It's ripe," said Rough & Ready President Link Phillip, who hopes to have a 1.5-megawatt plant up and running by this fall.

"There are the economic benefits, the benefits of healthy forests, and the benefit of a country needing renewable energy — clean energy." The idea of burning wood waste — known as hog fuel — to produce energy at wood products and pulp mills is an old one that was going nowhere as long as fossil fuels were cheap, and logging was cut back to protect fish and wildlife habitat.

But leaders in the timber industry realize that energy production can help finance widespread thinning of national forests to combat wildfires and insect infestations. And the concept has a newer, catchier name — biomass energy — that helps align it with the wider movement linking economic and environmental concerns, including reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

Since Congress reauthorized a federal energy production tax credit for biomass, solar and wind power last month, at least two other sawmills in Oregon are going forward with biomass projects.

Another is slated for Arizona in

• WHY IT COULD WORK:

Energy production from forest thinning and waste from lumber companies (called biomass energy) can help finance widespread thinning of national forests to combat wildfires and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

• WHAT'S HOLDING IT BACK:

Federal energy credits for biomass remain about half the levels for solar and wind power and the Forest Service has developed just one long-term contract for forest thinning. Without long-term contracts, developers are wary of investing.

in conjunction with a long-term U.S. Forest Service thinning project there triggered by the massive 2002 Rodeco-Chediski fire. More are foreseen in California, which has a long history of generating electricity from forest thinning.

Steve Mueller, president of DG Energy LLC of San Diego, which is building a new plant in Lakeview, Ore., said there are three keys. A generating plant needs to be close to the fuel — trucking little trees much more than 35 miles is too expensive. It must be close to a major electrical transmission line. And it needs to be close to a mill to buy the excess steam.

Plants burning forest thinnings and waste from lumber and pulp mills generate about 2,500 megawatts nationally — far behind wind power in production, popularity and government support — said Bill Carlson, chairman of USA Biomass Power Producers Alliance.

Burning mill waste and logging debris, which formerly had gone

to waste, can reduce the cost of thinning the millions of acres of national forest at high risk of catastrophic wildfire.

"We are giving the forester, the manager of the land, another economic tool to work with, whether it is to thin the forest, remove disease, or just for general economic activity," said Alyn Ford, president of Roseburg Forest Products, which already has a biomass generator at its mill complex in Dillard, Ore.

"When you compare the value of the electricity to the value of restoring the health of the forest, I would say restoring the health of the forest is at least as valuable as the energy that is produced," Carlson said.

Two things are holding it back, people in the industry say. Federal energy credits for biomass remain about half the levels for solar and wind power, something advocates hope to see corrected this year.

And the Forest Service has developed just one long-term contract for forest thinning. Without a long-term contract, developers are wary of investing millions of dollars.

"If the Forest Service got serious about this and wanted to solve 50 percent of the (forest thinning) problem over the next two decades, there might be 5,000 to 10,000 megawatts of biomass power," said Carlson.

A report for the Western Governors Association estimates biomass in the West has a potential to produce more than 10,000 megawatts — about 1 percent of the nation's production by 2015. About half would come from forest thinning, the rest from mill waste and agriculture.

Day trading is on the comeback trail

By Walter Hamilton
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — As stocks soared in the 1990s, countless Wall Street wannabes became "day traders" — quitting their jobs and making their living by trading stocks at a furious pace.

When the boom ended, so did the day trading craze. But rising stock prices and new highs in major stock indexes have tickled investor interest, and aggressive trading by individuals is on its way back.

"There's no other way to live," said Robert Earl, a 52-year-old

Long Beach, Calif., man who began trading full time in 2004. "My friends think I gamble, but this is not gambling if you do your homework."

Although trading activity doesn't resemble the frenzy of the late-1990s, electronic stock brokers such as Charles Schwab Corp. and E-Trade Financial point to a marked uptick in business.

Schwab, for example, averaged 242,300 trades a day in the first nine months of 2006. That was up 29 percent from the same period a year earlier, and a click above its 242,000 peak in

2000.

"There is certainly more activity, to the point where there is now more online investing going on than there was at the market peak," said Bill Doyle, an analyst at Forrester Research Inc. in Cambridge, Mass.

Still, the trading scene is much different now than in the 1990s.

Back then, fewer people had high-speed Internet connections, leading to the establishment of day trading shops stocked with rows of computer



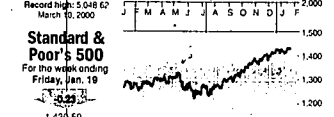
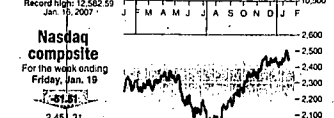
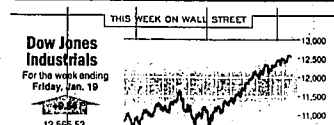
Zyco Fu of New York, who spends long hours in front of computer screens, dropped out of public school in 1987 to day trade full-time.

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Quiet Vista launch shows changed Microsoft attitude

Much different from Windows 95 frenzied promotion

By Brian Bergstein Associated Press writer



Steve Ballmer, CEO of Microsoft, introduces Windows Vista, Microsoft Office and Exchange Server 2007 at a launch event for business users and software developers Tuesday in New York. Here comes a new Windows operating system from Microsoft Corp. Long delayed, it's the first in several years, so the company plans an enormous marketing campaign to tout the software as a way to get more out of computers.

Here comes a new Windows operating system from Microsoft Corp. Long delayed, it's the first in several years, so the company plans an enormous marketing campaign to tout the software as a way to get more out of computers. But Microsoft's legion of detractors told their eyes, calling the new Windows a weak imitator of other operating systems. Meanwhile, technology analysts wonder whether Microsoft's dominance is nearing an end, since programs coming over the Internet are emerging as a more powerful force in computing than software tied to individual desktops. Ah, those were the days. Who can forget the release of Windows 95? That's right. While the description above applies to the new Windows Vista operating system hitting stores Jan. 30, it also was the landscape 11 1/2 years ago, when Microsoft came out with Windows 95 and ended up cementing its position in the PC industry. However, there's one key difference this time: Back in August 1995, people actually lined up outside computer stores to buy the new edition of Windows the moment it went on sale at midnight. Don't expect that to happen for Vista. That doesn't mean Vista will be a dud. It can't be, not when just about every new PC sold will have Vista included. Still, there's no ignoring the fact that Vista lacks a camping-outside-stores level of excitement — even if the company's marketing campaign does incorporate heavy use of the word "wow." That's what Microsoft contends people say when they see Vista for the first time.

While that may be the case, analysts expect Vista — which already has been available for business users since Nov. 30 — to gradually replace its most recent predecessor, Windows XP, over the next few years. This is partly because Windows XP is good enough for many computer owners. In contrast, Windows 3.1, which Windows 95 ushered out to the tune of the Rolling Stones' "Start Me Up," was relatively primitive (remember DOS?). More graphical, more polished and easier to use, the \$90 Windows 95 introduced many people to PCs for the first time, just as the Web was about to take off. A lot of the improvements in Vista — which will retail for \$100 to \$400, depending on the version and whether the user is upgrading from Windows XP — are redesign touches, or invisible tweaks toward better stability and security. Those are important things, to be sure, but not the stuff that makes fans scream like they're seeing the Beatles in 1964. "Each time Microsoft puts out a piece of software, they're competing with their own pre-

vious software," said Matt Rossio, an analyst with the independent Directions on Microsoft research firm. "Now there's not that much extra stir in the plumbing that they can do. There's not going to be the big, obvious leap." Vista's non-huzz might also come from something that was faintly glowing on the horizon in 1995 and now illuminates all of computing: The desktop seems farther from the center of the action. Storage, bandwidth and content are instantly vast online, and the resulting interactivity is what people think of — whether they're viewing a video, playing a "massively multiplayer" online game or shopping for Tickle Me Elmo dolls — when they think of using their computers. That makes the operating system mainly a home base, a file cabinet, a platform for other things. Vista is elegant and faster at searching, and it offers improved multimedia management tools, but it's just an operating system. In 1995 that alone was a big deal. Vista would have to desalinate water or levitate things to deserve such hype.

This is still fine with the accounting department in Redmond, Wash. Windows will remain a cash hero, generating the 80 percent profit margins that explain why everyone has heard of Bill Gates, Friedman, Billings & Ramsey Co. estimates that Vista will boost Windows revenue to \$16.3 billion in 2007 (the calendar year), not Microsoft's fiscal year) from \$12.4 billion in 2006. But the current state of affairs could matter in other ways. If Windows is just expensive plumbing that people happen to get but don't clamor for, then open-source offerings or new entries — such as a long-rumored quasi-operating system that might come from Google Inc. — could erode the Windows monolith. That trend has already happened to a limited degree with other Microsoft products, including its productivity software and Web browser. For example, the open-source Firefox Web browser, officially launched in 2004, now is used on 11 percent of Windows computers in the U.S., according to an analysis by WebSideStory Inc.

Nonprofit sector lures more workers

By Patricia Kitchens Newbury

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QUESTION: What employment sector has a do-good mission, rising salaries, expanding opportunities and an appetite for seasoned workers? If you were to ask the 700 or so attendees of the recent "Philanthropy Day" gathering, the consensus would most likely be the not-for-profit industry, which encompasses organizations ranging from Canine Companions for Independence to the National Organization for Women. This is a field of interest for all those corporate types looking for second or third careers, as well as the younger generation of workers hied with an instinct to give back even before they have taken very much. Those entering the field years ago may have seen themselves as what one author calls "accidental fundraisers." But now there is a growing body of knowledge on the subject of philanthropy," says Marsha Gittleman, president of the Long Island, N.Y., chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, which sponsored the day of workshops, networking and career development sessions. And that knowledge and interest in the field have given rise to educational programs such as the certificate for development and fundraising management at Molloy College and a master's degree in public and nonprofit management and policy at New York University. And while salaries may not be at investment banker levels, there is less disparity between for-profit and not-for-profit

paycheck than people expect, according to Ann Brancato, who spoke at a "Philanthropy Day" roundtable session on "Strategic Planning for Your Career." She's president of Ann Brancato & Associates, a recruiting and consulting company in Manhattan, Long Island and Virginia. Still, people from both sectors face similar career issues. Roundtable participants looked for direction with such issues as plotting a course that will lead them to a chief executive spot, determining if it's time to move on to a different career, or deciding whether or not to jump ship to a different agency. Reflecting a generation that is talented and eager to move ahead, one 20-something with less than two years in her job at a national nonprofit spoke of the frustration of the lack of advancement opportunities. "How do you keep yourself feeling fresh," she asked, "when there's no room to be promoted?" One suggestion from Brancato: Consider moving from the field office to headquarters.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Twayne O. Buhler

TWIN FALLS — Twayne O. Buhler recently attended Circle of Wealth College in Phoenix, Ariz., as an alumnus. Students were trained on how to use the new changes to the Circle of Wealth System when working with clients on their financial independent strategies. Buhler has been in the insurance and investment business since 1971.



Buhler

Justice on Jan. 10. He was honored for his outstanding teaching, research, and service. Meyerhofer has taught first and second-year Criminal Justice courses for CSI and upper division courses for BSU since 1997.

Shawn Bariger

TWIN FALLS — Shawn Bariger, president and chief executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce recently completed the Institute for Organization Management, an intensive week-long non-profit leadership training program held at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The Institute is a four-year program. Through a combination of required courses and electives, students enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them more efficient and effectively.



Bariger

Chris Meyerhofer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho criminal justice professor, Chris Meyerhofer, was presented the Boise State University Adjunct Award by the BSU Department of Criminal



Meyerhofer

Alysa Budd

TWIN FALLS — Alysa Budd has joined Primary Therapy Source, Pediatric and Adult Physical Therapy as an occupational therapist. Budd has six years of experience with an emphasis in pediatrics. She earned a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from the University of North Dakota. She is married with twin boys.



Budd

Brooke Weekes

FISHERS, Ind. — Brooke Weekes was selected Indiana's 2006 Family and Consumer Science Teacher of the Year. She teaches Family and Consumer Science at Carmel High School in Carmel, Ind. In addition to teaching, she is chairman of the FCS department and is a national consultant for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. She previously facilitated Stop the Violence trainings around the United States. Weekes is a graduate of Valley High School and the University of Idaho. She lives with her husband, Dan, in Fishers, Ind. She is the daughter of Art and Becky Watkins of Hazelton.



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Melanie Braidich

DENVER, Colo. — Melanie Braidich, an 18-year leader in the wireless industry, has been tapped to serve as president of the company's mountain region. She will be responsible for direction, sales and overall operations for Verizon Wireless in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. She will be based at the company's mountain region headquarters in Greenwood Village, near Denver. Braidich earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ohio Northern University.



Braidich

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Edwin E. Dahlberg

BOISE — The Salt Lake City Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco announced that the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has appointed Edwin Dahlberg as a director. He will replace William C. Glynn, president, Intermountain Industries Inc. in Boise who is retiring from the board's board after serving as chairman during 2006 and as director since 2001. Dahlberg is president and chief executive officer of St. Luke's Health System in Boise. He joined St. Luke's in 1985. He earned a bachelor's degree from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., in 1969 and received a master's degree in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota in 1973. Dahlberg currently serves on the boards of the Idaho



Dahlberg

Association of Commerce and Industry, Idaho Business Coalition of Education Excellence and VITA. He recently completed his term on the Board of the American Hospital Association and chairman of the Regional Policy. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Boise.

Cory Holloway

TWIN FALLS — Home loan professional, Cory Holloway, has joined national lender First Horizon. He will be based at the Twin Falls branch located at 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 115, and brings more than 10 years of experience in the mortgage industry to his new position. In addition to home loans, he will offer customers financial products and services including checking and savings accounts, home equity loans and lines of credit, financial planning and credit card services. Formerly with Patriot Lending Group as Branch Manager, Holloway has also held positions such as owner and manager at Miracle Mortgage LLC and Canyonside Mortgage LLC respectively.

MILESTONES

St. Luke's Magic Valley Sleep Institute



St. Luke's Magic Valley Sleep Institute located at 450 Falls Ave., Ste. 202 (Eagle Crest Office Complex), Twin Falls recently held a ribbon cutting with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. They can diagnose and treat sleep apnea and other sleeping disorders. For more information, call 933-0040. Pictured from left are Kurt Bywater, registered polysomnography technologist; Julie Hansen, receptionist; Bristol Walton, registered polysomnography technologist, certified respiratory technologist; Travis Sticker, registered polysomnography technologist; Skandra Kissinger, technician; Justin Hansen, technician; Owen Eaton, registered polysomnography technologist; Richard Hammond, medical doctor, neurologist board certified in sleep.

Best America Suites



Best America Suites recently held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. They are located at 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd N., Twin Falls. They provide accommodations, conference room, pool, exercise room and catering. For more information, call 735-8000. Pictured from left are Xiao Yan, co-owner; Tereza P. Cabe, co-owner; Virgil Sizian; and Amy Perkins. Not pictured are Hong Li and Hobart Cabe.

Spring Cove Ranch

Spring Cove Ranch in Bliss and Nancy Brackett of Rogerson have been listed in the 2007 Spring Site Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Missouri. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 5,178 sites, and is currently accessible at www.angus-site-search.com. The report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," says Bill Bowman.

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nearly 10,000 Angus breeders this past year through the Association's Beef Improvement Records program. The semi-annual analysis for the Sire Evaluation Report contains more than 15 million measures used to generate genetic predictions for the Angus breed. Spring Cove Ranch owns three bulls and Brackett owns one bull listed in the report.

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Trading

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 Caffeine-fueled traders "scalped" a handful of stocks all day long — jumping in and out repeatedly as stocks bounced like ping-pong balls. The goal was to notch dozens of small gains.

Stocks are much less volatile today, forcing traders to hold for days or weeks to net sizable gains. And the wide availability of speedy online hookups has rendered the day-trading centers obsolete.

"Indeed, it's easier than ever for investors to trade from home, not just those who hope to make a living at it.

Greg Beyer, for example, has a full-time job as an information-technology specialist, but the 39-year-old from McLean, Va., says he has stepped up his trading as the market has risen in the past few years.

"It certainly is a motivating factor in investing more," said Beyer, who trades five to 10 times a month.

Among affluent investors with \$1 million or more in assets, 10 percent traded stocks online in 2005, up from 13 percent in 1999, according to Forrester.

"More and more people are coming in and feeling comfortable trading online," said Paul Ahmed, chief executive of Success Trade Securities, an online-brokerage company based in Washington, D.C.

Even so, several experts said they're surprised that trading levels aren't higher, given the market's lengthy rally. The major indexes posted double-digit gains in 2006. On Jan. 12, the Standard & Poor's 500 index of blue-chip stocks closed at its highest level since November 2000.

"Usually you have a bull market and it attracts investors," said David Kall, chief executive of optionspress Holdings Inc., a Chicago-based online broker. "This bull market is a little more intricate."

At E-trade, for example, annual trades per account rose to about nine last year, from five in 2005. That's off from about 12 in 2000.

Some investors are holding back because of bad memories from the last bear market and uncertainty about how much longer today's bull market will run. And many people may have shifted their money into real estate earlier this decade, as stocks tanked and home prices rose.

"I don't think the speculative money is coming back into the online investor marketplace," said Don Montanaro, chief executive of TradeKing, a Boca Raton, Fla.-based online broker. "It's tied up in the condo market in Miami."

Nevertheless, interest in trading is heating up.

In the last year or so, several brokerages and Web sites have popped up catering to online stock traders, including TradeKing, JustTrade.com and Zx.com.

Don Bright is capitalizing on the trend. His Bright Trading in Las Vegas teaches trading skills, and demand is growing. About 50 people took his course in October, he said, up double the number in 2001. He said 34 people are enrolled in a three-day, \$1,000 course that started Monday.

Of course, some active traders never went away.

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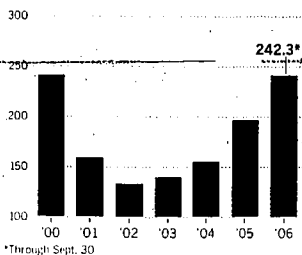
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Making a comeback

Stock trading volume reported by Charles Schwab reflects increased activity by online traders.

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"I see a lot more newcomers than in 2005. Most of them wash out in the first six months. Very few of them stay."

— Day trader Ziyue Fu, 32, of Manhattan

despite the market's slump in 2000-02.

Ziyue Fu, 32, of Manhattan, got hooked on stocks in 1997 and dropped out of podiatry school to-day-trade full time.

He hung on through the bear market but altered his trading style in 2003 when "scalping" became less profitable. He still does about 30 percent of his trades intraday, but is now more of a "swing" trader — holding shares for days or weeks.

Last month, for example, Fu almost doubled his money in Internet search engine Mamma.com, which more than tripled in price in one eight-day period, he said.

"It felt just wonderful," he said. "Nothing beats that as a trader."

But he's seen a lot of his friends fall over the years, and predicts that more will.

"I see a lot more newcomers than in 2005. Most of them wash out in the first six months. Very few of them stay."

Lari, the Long Beach man, is determined to be one of those who stays.

He worked as a district manager at a restaurant company

for seven years and owned a seafood restaurant for eight years, but says he missed his calling as a full-time trader.

He began day trading in 2004 and said he is making enough to support himself. "I just came in off the golf course," he said with a laugh.

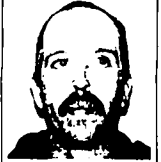
Sharon Ostapuk is also trading stocks full-time, something she never dreamed she would be doing.

The 34-year-old from Arlington Heights, Ill., had long invested in her 401(k) and in mutual funds, but hadn't brought individual stocks until August 2005.

At first, she invested for the long term. That paid off initially, but she got hammered when the market slumped last May.

So she began trading actively through E-trade and found that she enjoys it. "I feel that if I get real good at this I can make a lot of money," she said.

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Feds work to bring jobs to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal government hopes to talk 100 of the country's top firms into bringing 100 jobs each to New Orleans to help the city recover from Hurricane Katrina, the head of the federal recovery operation said.

The object is to help rebuild the city's

middle class, Donald Powell, the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding, told The Associated Press.

Diversifying the city's economy is a key part of New Orleans' recovery, along with dealing with issues ranging from insurance and housing to health care, education and crime, Powell said

in a telephone interview Friday from Washington.

So far, the federal government has dedicated more than \$100 billion to rebuilding the Gulf Coast since the devastating 2005 hurricanes. Powell, whose office is part of the Department of Homeland Security, could not say how much more

money the area might expect.

Federal officials are working on a plan, and will work with city leaders, to draw the attention of corporate leaders to New Orleans and help attract new jobs that could range from information technology to human resources or manufacturing, he said.

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Force Maliki with final options

If we were allied with an Iraqi government that, however weak, was truly national — across-confessional and dedicated to fighting a two-front war against Baathist insurgents and Shiite militias — a surge of American troops, together with a change of counterinsurgency strategy, would have a good chance of succeeding. Unfortunately, the Iraqi political process has given us Nouri al-Maliki and his Shiite coalition.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

He believes that with an augmentation of U.S. troops, a change of tactics and the support of three additional Iraqi brigades, he can pacify Baghdad.

Petraeus wants to change the U.S. counterinsurgency strategy, at least in Baghdad, from simply hunting terrorists to securing neighborhoods. In other words, from search-and-destroy to stay-and-protect. He thinks that he can do this with only a modest increase of five American brigades.

I am confident that Petraeus knows what he's doing and that U.S. troops will respect themselves admirably. I'm afraid the effort will fail, however, because the Maliki government will undermine it.

The administration view — its hope — is that, whatever Maliki's instincts, he can be forced to act in good faith by the prospect of the calamity that will befall him if he lets us down and we carry out our threat to leave. The problem with this logic is that it is contradicted by the president's simultaneous pledge not to leave "before the job is done."

In this high-stakes game of chess, what is missing is some intermediate move on our part — some Plan B that Maliki believes Bush might actually carry out — the threat of which will induce him to fully support us. If he does not, we must not let our forces in Iraq, that not only served 2 1/2 years there but has also literally written the book on counterinsurgency.

with Iraq that might prove fatal to him but not necessarily to the U.S. interest there.

We need to define that intermediate strategy. Right now there are only three policies on the table: (1) the surge, which a majority of Congress opposes, (2) the status quo, which everybody opposes, and (3) the abandonment of Iraq, which appears to be the default Democratic alternative.

What is missing is a fourth alternative, both as a threat to Maliki and as an actual fallback if the surge fails. The Pentagon should be working on a sustainable Plan B whose major element would be not so much a drawdown of troops as a drawdown of risk to our troops. If we had zero American casualties a day, there would be as little need to withdraw from Iraq as there is to withdraw from the Balkans.

We need to find a redeployment strategy that maintains as much latent American strength as possible, but with minimal exposure. We say to Maliki: you let us down and we dismantle the Green Zone, leave Baghdad and let you fend for yourself; we keep the airport and certain strategic bases in the area; we redeploy most of our forces to Kurdistan; we maintain a significant presence in Anbar province where we are having success in our one-front war against al-Qaida and the Baathists. Then we watch. You can have your Baghdad civil war without us. We will be around to pick up the pieces as best we can.

This is not a great option, but fallbacks never are. It does have the virtue of being better than the alternatives. If the president, in his autonomous virtue of increasing the chances that the surge will succeed,

Wolves have direct link to thin elk herds

In the spring of 1999, I was employed by the Fish and Game to feed elk at the Big Smoky elk wintering grounds north of Fairfield.

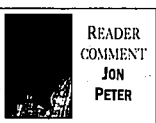
This job required me to live there for 10 days at a time, with four days off. During my days off, the conservation officer and the biologist made a trip in to feed while I was out. Along with my responsibilities as feeder, I was required to keep detailed herd counts and mortality records that were handed over to the Fish and Game biologist at the end of each feeding tour.

I know that there were between 700 to 800 elk at the Big Smoky feed site, 250 to 300 at the Lighthouse Bar feed site and between 75 to 120 at the Lick Creek feed site.

Since then, the Lick Creek site was done away with and a huge feed hopper was constructed at the Big Smoky site. Last year, there were approximately 200 elk total at the remaining feed sites. This year, there are none.

Considering that approximately 50 head of elk died the season I was in there, and around 1000 plus ewe elk on those sites, which probably 80 percent of would calve in the spring and also taking into consideration that a pack of wolves has wintered in the Big Smoky every year since I worked there, it just does not compute that wolves do not have an effect on elk populations.

It is a sad realization that swears for a university is a pretty smart person, but I have no confidence in the data that people use to justify



READER COMMENT
JON PETER

Deer and elk should get the same preferential treatment as the wolves.

the number of wolves in Idaho. I believe that loss of habitat is a contributing factor in elk numbers, and this is plain to see when thousands of elk used to winter in the Basin known as Elkhorn, and we all know what is there now. That's the reason the Big Smoky feed site was established.

I'm not anti-wolf, as I've seen their sign and heard the howls for the 20 years I've been hunting, guiding and enjoying the beauty in the Sawtooth, White Clouds and Smoky Mountains, but there has to be some form of management. It's time for truth and reality, which some people don't want to hear and others won't listen to anyway.

I liked the "live and let live" policy that was in place before the reintroduction when we had a small population of wolves that lived virtually unnoted. Those days are long gone. Now that the number of wolves in Idaho is so high, hunting them will be better for the wolves, the wolves that have become

desensitized to human contact will be killed first, and the winter ones will learn to avoid contact with humans.

I believe that the pro-wolf groups give hunters too much credit, thinking that hunters will destroy the wolf population overnight. Wolves are extremely adaptive, and learning to associate man with danger will benefit the wolves in the long run.

We humans are a part of the ecosystem also, and to try and compute management of any wild game without taking into consideration the co-habitation is unfair to all parties involved. Deer and elk should get the same preferential treatment as the wolves.

ES. If you would like to see what the Big Smoky elk herd used to look like, Outdoor Idaho filmed a segment on the feeding operation the year I was in there, and it aired in the spring of 1999.

Jon Peter of Meridian is a former part-time employee of the Fish and Game Department as an elk feeder.

U.S. Postal Service delivers top service

Edwin Henson's letter on Jan. 12, needed some information about the U.S. Postal Service. I have been employed by the Postal Service for more than 20 years and would like to set the record straight.

The USPS forwards mail free of charge for 14 days after and then sends the item back with the new address for the next six months after that.

That is 18 months of free forwarded mail! No other country does this service. The United States is still one of the most economical countries to mail from.

Mr. Henson refers to the new technology and state-of-the-art facilities that have taken personal responsibility out of the formula to "make my job easier." Technology is about saving labor costs and getting items sorted faster.

The technology that he refers to replaces employees and takes jobs away. How does that make my job easier when that job no longer exists?

Mr. Henson states that the public would be better served by letting private carriers such as UPS and FedEx carry all the mail while the postal department drowns in rules and reg-

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ulations that interfere with public service. The government needs to decide if the USPS is a corporation or a public service. The United States Postal Service hasn't been a "postal department" since 1971 and hasn't received government funds since. We have many dedicated employees who are doing the best that we can with the staff and equipment that we have. It is still our goal to deliver the mail to everyone.

Mr. Henson stated that he got the address for Congressman Mike Simpson out of the phone book dated through 2007. Why did he not question the phone book company about the wrong information? LOLA UTZ-HENDRICKSON Twin Falls

Know facts before eliminating domestic elk

Regarding the issue of domestic elk in Idaho, it is clear that the disease issue has been clarified as law-abiding elk breeders test 100 percent for diseases and have never had a case of tuberculosis, brucellosis or chronic wasting disease in any domestic elk herd in this state.

Brucellosis, however, has

been found in Idaho's wild elk, and Wyoming and Montana have diseased wild herds. They need to be held accountable for this.

Although testing for red deer proteins in one of flex Rammell's cows indicated need for further testing, none of those domestic elk tested positive for red deer genetics or diseases.

The long-standing feud between Mr. Rammell and two state agencies (Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Idaho State Department of Agriculture) involved inappropriate actions by all parties

rather than working for realistic solutions.

The alliance between powerful activist groups that oppose hunting and a state agency that is supposed to support it reflects the changed agenda of the state Fish and Game department. The policies of this issue run very, very deep. False accusations being made by "sportsmen" activists that has support of non-hunting organizations show true colors in this unwarranted attack on the domestic elk industry in Idaho.

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'I'm in to win': Hillary Clinton launches bid for White House

By Beth Foley
Associated Press writer



Clinton

NEW YORK — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton launched a trailblazing campaign for the White House on Saturday, a former first lady turned political powerhouse intent on becoming the first female president. "I'm in, and I'm in to win," she said.

In a videotaped message posted on her Web site, Clinton said she was eager to start a dialogue about what she called "Sen. Sam Brownback hopes to tackle" into ring.

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"I'm not just starting a campaign, though, I'm beginning a conversation with you, with America," she said. "Let's talk. Let's chat. The conversation in Washington has been just a little one-sided lately, don't you think?"

Clinton's announcement, while widely anticipated, was nonetheless historic in a fast-developing campaign that has already seen the emergence of a formidable black contender, Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois.

In an instant, Clinton became the most credible female candidate ever to seek the presidency and the first presidential spouse to attempt to return to the White House in her own right.

Her husband, Bill, served two terms as president from 1993 to 2001.

"I am one of the millions of women who have waited all their lives to see the first woman sworn in as president of the United States — and now we have our best opportunity to see that dream fulfilled," said Ellen Malcolm, president of EMILY's list, which raises money for Democratic women who run for office.

With her immense star power, vast network of supporters and a legion of seasoned team of political advisers, the

DNA tests confirm death of chief of al-Qaida linked group

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — DNA tests confirmed the death of the leader of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf terror group that was responsible for the beheading of a California tourist and the kidnapping of two American missionaries, officials said Saturday.

The Abu Sayyaf leader, Khadaffy Janjalani, was killed in September in an operation on Tuesday.

The deaths of Janjalani and Abu Sulaiman, who was wanted in the abduction of the three Americans and the deaths of two of them, mark a major victory in the campaign against Islamic militants in the south of the archipelago after years of bombings and kidnappings.

The FBI conducted the tests on remains found buried in the jungles of southern Jolo island in December, comparing the DNA with that of Janjalani's imprisoned brother, said military Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon.

"The Armed Forces of the Philippines is proud to announce that we have neutralized the center of gravity of terrorism in the Philippines," Esperon said.

Martin and Gracia Burnham, a missionary couple from Wichita, Kan., and Guillermo Sobero of Corona, Calif., were taken by Abu Sayyaf from a resort island in May 2001. Sobero was beheaded by the militants and Martin Burnham was killed during a military rescue in June 2002 in which his wife was wounded.

pressure on Clinton to disclose her plans.

Her controversial tenure as first lady left her a deeply polarizing figure among voters, leading many Democrats to doubt Clinton's viability in a general election.

In a detailed statement posted on her Web site, Clinton sought to acknowledge and bat away such doubts.

"I have never been afraid to stand up for what I believe in or to face down the Republican machine," she wrote. "After

nearly \$70 million spent against my campaigns in New York and two landslide wins, I can say I know how Washington Republicans think, how they operate and how to beat them."

Clinton supported the 2002 resolution authorizing military intervention in Iraq. She has refused to recant her vote or call for a deadline for the removal of troops. She has announced her opposition to President Bush's

troop increase in Iraq and has introduced legislation capping troop levels.

"A woman candidate could find it easier to run in peacetime, rather than wartime, but Senator Clinton's tried to position herself as a serious person on national security," said Andrew Polsky, a presidential historian at Hunter College.

"But that means she's staked out a difficult position on the war that won't make it easy for her to get the Democratic nomination." With a \$14 million campaign

treasury, Clinton starts with an impressive fundraising advantage over the rest of the Democratic field. But Obama and others have started to secure fundraising commitments from New York, California and other deep-pocketed, Clinton-friendly areas.

Her creation of a presidential exploratory committee, announced Saturday, allows her to raise money for the campaign; she already has lined up campaign staff.

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Cold weather and other Magic Valley mythology

I want to talk with you winny Magic Valley residents about all the whining you've been doing about the recent cold spell. To hear most of you tell it, 20-below-zero is cause for declaring of a state of emergency. You folks, both natives and ex-Californians, are insufferable wimps. Clearly you need to spend some time in Soda Springs.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

The eastern Idaho town, located at 5,760 feet elevation and at the northern end of the Wasatch Mountains, is Siberia with good roads. McCall may be the snowiest place in Idaho, but Soda Springs is even bleaker in winter. It's not only gets dumped on by every passing weather system, but because of its proximity to the Wasatch it's also victim of lake-effect snow off Great Salt Lake.

When I was a kid in Pocatello, my mother and I used to ride the train to Soda Springs to visit my grandmother. One year, the train pulled into the station at Soda, the passengers stood up in the aisles of the Pullman car... and nothing happen. The doors were frozen shut.

We ended up spending Christmas Eve down the line in Stock Springs, Why — a fate I would wish on no one.

My Uncle Fred, who farmed outside of Soda, would have to buy a new battery for his truck every winter — and sometimes twice during the winter. One year, he and my aunt went through seven snow shovels.

That would have been the winter of 1949-50, when Alaska came calling. Even in the relatively balmy Magic Valley, at 2,000 feet lower elevation than Soda Springs, the snowdrifts piled up high enough to reach the telephone wires. Schools were closed for a month. But in Soda, well, it was a beautiful spring the following August.

My Grandma was stored into her house, so Uncle Fred had to pass her groceries through a second-story bedroom window. The municipal water-pumping station froze, and the town ran out of heating oil in December and didn't get more until Ground Hog Day. Folks were there burning coal tables in fireplaces.

In the days before snowmobiles, the only way to get around in conditions like that was on skis or snowshoes. The mail got distributed every few days, but delivery ended abruptly if the letter-carrier caught an edge of his ski and went skating down the street on his belly, sending Montgomery Ward catalogues flying wherever.

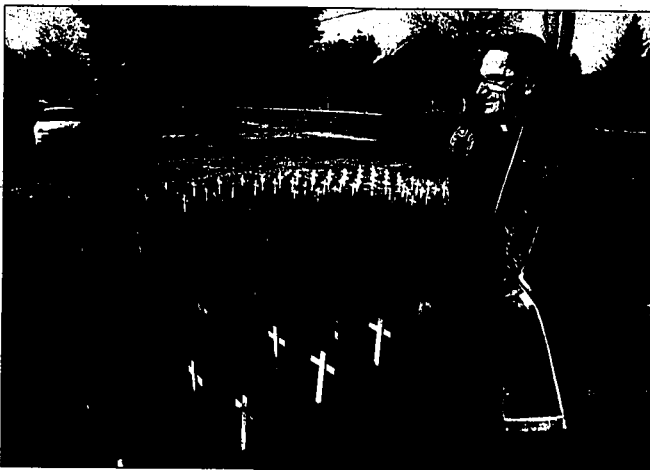
But when it finally thawed enough that Soldiers could relocate to warmer places, nobody left. There's pride, I guess, in knowing that you survived conditions which would have killed a more sensible person.

The next summer, a family from North Dakota moved into the house next door to my grandmother's. The following January, I was showing some of Grandma's slides when the dad-next-door walked up, smiled and said, "Can I give you a hand there, son?"

He was wearing Bermuda shorts as Flip-Bo. Some times, the place where you live looks pretty good.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

'We respect life ...'



The Rev. Jake Restrepo of St. Edward's Catholic Church sprinkles holy water over white crosses that represent abortions in the United States. The crosses were set out on the lawn of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday as part of an anti-abortion rally in Twin Falls.

Magic Valley Catholics plant 1,000 little white crosses to deliver message about Roe v. Wade

By Jani Whitel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Some Magic Valley Catholics gathered Saturday to express their belief that life at any stage is sacred.

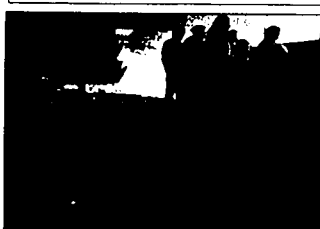
Monday will mark the 34th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade case. The 1973 Supreme Court decision overturned all state and federal laws outlawing or restricting abortion.

On Saturday, members of the Knights of Columbus and other Catholics sought to remind people of the impact of that decision. At Our Lady of Guadalupe church, 1,000 white crosses were set on the lawn to symbolize six hours of abortions in the United States. It took five men 30 hours to make the crosses and they will remain there until the end of February.

"Our message is of compassion, of prayer and of healing," said Joe Rehder, a member of the knights and

of St. Edward's Catholic Church. He and others organized the peaceful demonstration

NEED HELP? The Pregnancy Crisis Center offers services and information to help people make decisions regarding an unexpected pregnancy. For information, call 734-7472.



A group prays Saturday behind 1,000 small white crosses Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe as part of an anti-abortion rally in observance of the Roe v. Wade anniversary.

that also included a Life Chain event where the Rev. Jake Restrepo blessed each cross and others held out signs discouraging abortion.

While the Supreme Court ruled that laws against abortion can violate a woman's rights to privacy, Rehder, and others believe that the individual rights of the unborn should not be compromised.

"We respect life at all stages," he said. "From conception to death."

But as his wife, Charlene Rehder, said, all that a lot of people can see at the time of a pregnancy crisis is abortion as a way out.

Charlene Rehder is a volunteer client advocate at the Pregnancy Crisis Center. She said that while the organization does discourage abortion, it provides information

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Sun Valley ponders buying a Segway for police: \$5,869

By Susan Bailey
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — After trying out a Segway last year during Wagon Days, the Sun Valley Police Department officers wanted to own one of the transportation devices themselves.

So they've asked the City Council. The \$5,869 needed to buy an X-2 model would come out of a \$16,975-dollar Sun Valley Police Trust Fund account.

The department receives money each year from individuals or corporations who want to improve police services. Police Chief Cam Daggert said, "We've done our legwork," said Daggert. "We've let every City Council member ride it."

The Segway, a battery-operated vehicle with two big plastic wheels connected by a platform on which the operator stands holding a horizontal bar, will help officers patrol Sun Valley's busy bike paths in the summer and control crowds during special events.

more of a visual perspective, he's not out of breath so he can interact with people and he can ride along side someone who's walking. It's very user-friendly in a crowd of people."

Daggert, who rode the Segway all day during last year's Wagon Days Parade, said he never had to dismount in a crowd, as he would with a bicycle or a horse. In addition, horses were not spooked by the vehicle.

"It's very quiet," Daggert said. "Of course, I was talking the whole time so they would know I was a person."

Sun Valley has its eye on the X-2 model because of its larger, wider tires and thick tread work well on gravel roads. Most Segways are limited to paved surfaces.

Segways travel a maximum of 12 mph and are operated by foot pressure on sensors under the platform. The device has a gyroscope built in, keeping it level on hills and around corners.

Declo lawmaker to push meth-moms bill

The Associated Press

BOISE — A state senator from southern Idaho intends to try again in passing a law making it a felony for pregnant women who use methamphetamine or other illegal drugs after a similar plan failed last year.

"I'm still feeling my way on it," said Denton Darrington, R-Deer, told the Idaho State Journal. "The alternative seems to be to do nothing and it seems like that's what the House of Representatives wants to do."

Last year, Darrington got the plan through the Senate but couldn't get the bill heard in the House. The bill would have made it possible for a pregnant woman convicted of using meth, marijuana, LSD or other drugs to face up to five years of jail time and a \$50,000 fine.

A provision in the bill would have allowed women to take part in the state's drug court system, which tries to help drug users who commit

crimes to stop using drugs and begin productive lives.

However, pediatricians were against the bill because they thought it would lead to less prenatal care and more abortions.

To try and satisfy some of those concerns, Darrington said he plans to meet with Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden Lake, who is the chairman of the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

"I haven't decided what I'm going to do," Darrington said. "I don't know how much I can change it."

Darrington said he and Clark also want to formalize the Office of Drug Control Policy, which was created by former Gov. Jim Ruch last summer. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has appointed Debbie Field to head the office, a position being referred to as "drug czar."

"The legislation doesn't use the word drug czar, but that's what we're going to call her," Darrington said. The number of meth labs seized in Idaho dropped to 21 in 2005 from 131 in 2001. But authorities say methamphetamine is mostly being imported into the state from Mexico.

Partners for water and waste

Buhl, Filer and Wendell meet with Bond Bank for funding options

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Together, Buhl, Filer and Wendell have the ability to sell \$46.7 million in bonds to investors who would, in essence, finance the trio's major water and wastewater projects.

However, when cities (or any municipality or taxing authority) enter the bond market alone, their bonds look small and risky to potential investors.

Enter the Idaho Municipal Bond Bank, a state-level entity that brings bond sellers and buyers together.

The (thank) is a 501(c)(3) instrument passed by legislators to enable any municipality or taxing authority to get together," said Liza Carberry, administrator with the bank in Boise. "We are a facilitator for helping these municipalities create an economy of scale. A better-sized issue usually sells better on the bond market."

In this case Buhl has two bonds to sell: a sewer bond for \$15 million and water bond for \$8 million. Filer's sewer bond stands at \$12.5 million and Wendell's sewer bond totals \$11.2 million.

If they were to sell their own bonds, the securities would be considered "utility revenue bonds" because they are secured by the issuer's ability to repay the loan, which is contingent on the taxing authority's ability to collect utility costs from users.

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It is that bond going through the agency are backed by a pledge on Idaho sales tax collected in the state, creating a safer investment.

Investment and securities companies approach the bank to buy bonds, like Seattle Northwest Securities Corp., which recently met in the West End with city representatives to discuss how the process could work for the cities.

City officials are taking a serious look at how the bank could help their financing, but are still waiting until they hear if, and how much, may be provided through grants. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and other sources.

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Snowpack Levels

Station	8/1	9/1	10/1
Sawtooth	80%	40%	40%
Big Lost	80%	40%	40%
Little Lost	74%	20%	20%
Big Lost	71%	17%	17%
Little Lost	77%	40%	40%
Harris Fork, below	78%	40%	40%
Upper Snake Bend	78%	40%	40%
Quincy	84%	51%	51%
Sawtooth Falls	87%	40%	40%

As of 10/20/07

* A comparison of snow conditions on the day with a 2-year average

** An indicator of snow conditions which stands in spring

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Leonard W. Morris

HEYBURN — Leonard Wilkinson Morris, 96-year-old Heyburn resident, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born Aug. 20, 1910, in Olathe, Kan., the son of Almeron and Nellie Wilkinson Morris. Leonard was a gifted woodworker.

He loved cars, traveling and especially cowboy hats. The woodwork in Pastor Dennis

Stoneman's office was his passion at the young age of 90.

He had a love for his Lord Jesus and he remembered many in his prayers.

Leonard was a blessing to all that knew him and he will



be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Survivors include his loving wife, Opal "Huckleberry" Morris of Heyburn; his children, Allan Morris, Charles Bell, Norman Bell and Norma Leach; 19 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Lettie; and two sons, Richard

Morris and Ronald Morris.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Burley First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., with Pastor Dennis Stoneman officiating. Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery in Malta.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 9 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obituaries@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

SERVICES

Elma Peacock Van Wagoner of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Terrell Gean McCaskill of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Kingdom Hall, 2628 Whispering Pine Drive in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Floyd Howard "Tubby" Marsh of Hagerman, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hagerman LDS Church; friends and family may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Demary's Cremating Chapel and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Frances R. Moseley Hooser of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bussumsen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and before the funeral Tuesday at the mortuary.

White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Laverdia Gee

OAKLEY — Laverdia Gee, 91, of Oakley, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

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

DEATH NOTICES

be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot.

Charles Zachary

RUIPURT — Charles Zachary, 76, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at CountrySide Care and Rehab in Rupert. At his request, there will be no formal funeral. Cremation has been

completed and urn placement will take place in Oklahoma.

Cassandra Morales

TWIN FALLS — Cassandra Morales, 3, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by

Eleanor Toone

BLACKFOOT — Eleanor Hanks Toone, 87, of Blackfoot and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at her son's home in Blackfoot.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Blackfoot 7th Ward LDS Chapel. Burial will follow in Kayville, Utah. A viewing will

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Drivers — The Jerome Senior Center needs volunteer drivers to transport senior citizens to the center for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers will receive free lunch and mileage reimbursement. Call Kris at 324-5642.

Drivers — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is looking for drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Call Karen at 734-5604.

Tutors — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors for adult students (age 16 and older) in reading, English, math, citizenship and English as a second language. The program also needs volunteer tutors in outreach towns. Call 732-6536 or 1-800-600-0274, ext. 6736.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice has openings for volunteers who can

help in the home, visiting with patients or relieving the caregivers. The volunteers can help run errands or be available for the families. Office assistance is also welcome. Volunteers are also needed to help with the ninth annual golf scramble. For information about the volunteer program and training, call Susan or Greta at 734-4061 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Drivers — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging is looking for volunteers, age 55 and older, who are willing to drive clients to doctor appointments and go grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the Burley-Burpee area. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Kaye at 677-8172, ext. 2.

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley is in need of volunteers in the Wendell, Gooding, Buhl and Kimberly

areas. The volunteers are needed for providing transportation, visiting in homes, relieving the caregivers or running errands. Office assistance is needed in Twin Falls for planning and conducting fundraising activities. For information, stop by the new office at 252 Deere St., Suite A, Twin Falls, or call 733-6333.

Food items/cleaning supplies — Hospice Visions is in need of nonperishable food items, paper products or cleaning items to be used at Visions of Home hospice home, east of Jerome. The group provides hospice care

for anyone in the community regardless of ability to pay. To donate items, bring them to the office at 209 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls or call Flo Slatter at 735-0121 to arrange a pick-up time.

Beds/clothing/household items — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of twin-size beds, clothing for men and women, and household items. To donate items, drop them off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1526 Highland Ave. E.; the office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call Teresa at 736-2166.

Want to help?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 320, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Call weekly to retain your request.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners.

Jan 15, tied for first, Darlene Wagner and Sue Carver and Alice and Ivan Kohler.

Jan 16, first, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley, second, Betty Sabo and Arcta Roberts, tied for third, Shirley Ischamien and Kathy Rooney and Jove Astorgina and Betty Grant, and fifth, Donald Rabe and Jochen Ischackorski.

Jan 17, first, Max Thompson and Mary Knutten, second, Shirley Ischamien and Edna Pierson, third, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley, fourth, Franne Metzger and Pat Dearborn, and fifth, Doris Watts and Linda Ly.

The monthly tour two game was held on Jan. 14. First, North-south, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley, second, Joe Blackford and Edna Pierson, third, Beverly and Lonnie Burns, fourth, Vera Mae and Nantette Woodland, and sixth, Darlene and Tom Wagner.

First, Last-west, Oscar Noss and Max Thompson, second, Jove Astorgina and Betty Grant, third, Donald and Ruth Rabe, fourth, Mitzie McGowan and Lueta Hansen, and fifth, DeAnna McMahon and Beverly Reed.

Games are held at 7 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 815 E. Falls Ave. All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8698.

45-YEAR ROTARY MEMBERS



Ted and Jennie Smith accept recognition for Ted's 45 years as a member of the Rotary at the Twin Falls Rotary Club meeting on Jan. 3. He is the club's senior member and retains a nearly perfect attendance record. Smith joined Rotary on Dec. 13, 1961, following a family tradition. His grandfather in the United States and grand-uncle in England were both members of Rotary. Smith was thanked by the club for his dedication to the ideals of Rotary and for his service to the community.

ST. LUKE'S SCHOLARSHIPS



St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary presented \$500 in scholarship funds to Jennie Hininger, Teri Lahr, Shari Watson, Janel Christensen and Leon Jacobs. From left, are front row: Audrey Randall, Auxiliary president; Jennie Hininger, Teri Lahr; and Shari Watson; back row: Joe Bachman and Janel Christensen. Joe Bachman received the \$1,000 Ann Schuch Scholarship presented in memory of the founder of the hospital auxiliary. For more information on scholarships, call Loraine Dwyer at 737-2006.

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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Meals on Wheels delivers for those in need

By Tresa Tegan
For the Times-News

BURLEY — A donation to Meals on Wheels will feed one person for a month.

Along with an award as the Modern Woodmen of America Hometown Hero, Zeb Bell received a check for \$100 for his favorite charity. He chose Meals on Wheels, an organization that delivers hot, nutritious meals to area residents unable to provide or prepare meals for themselves through the local senior centers.

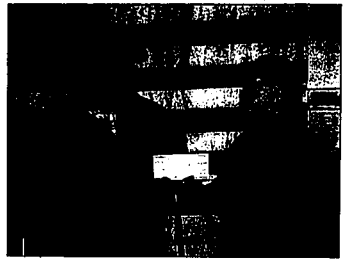
"It breaks my heart to think that for many of these people this is the only meal they get in a day," said Bell. A radio and television show host has raised several fund-raising events for the program.

The Golden Heritage Senior Center delivers meals to about 40 people. Monday through Friday and those who need weekend meals receive extra meals on Thursday and Friday. Some of the home-bound people have no family in the area and are on a fixed income, organizers say. Though the center asks \$4 for a meal, many who receive Meals on Wheels are unable to pay.

"Many of these people really struggle with money, especially in the winter months when heating bills are higher," said Sharon Hardy-Mills of Golden Heritage Senior Center who coordinates Meals on Wheels for the Burley area.

The program provides more than just food, she added. The drivers who deliver the meals also keep an eye out for the people. On more than one occasion, the drivers have alerted families or authorities of an unresponsive patron.

Of the about \$10,000 per month in expenses Meals on Wheels has each month, \$3,000 comes from the government, coordinators report. The balance comes mainly from



Zeb Bell presents a check for \$100 to Sharon Hardy-Mills of Golden Heritage Senior Center for the Meals on Wheels program.

the payment for meals and donations. Food donations are also welcome.

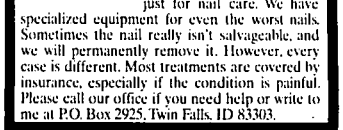
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ELDERLY PARENTS

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Answer: There are many people in your situation. Most likely, your parents have a fungal infection of the nails, which can make them very thick and deformed. This can sometimes make them painful and difficult to trim. We have many patients who come in every 3-4 months just for nail care. We have specialized equipment for even the worst nails. Sometimes the nail really isn't salvageable, and we will permanently remove it. However, every case is different. Most treatments are covered by insurance, especially if the condition is painful. Please call our office if you need help or write to me at P.O. Box 2925, Twin Falls, ID 83303.



Modern Woodmen recognize 'heroes'

RUPERT — Members of the Mini-Cassin Modern Woodmen of America recognized two "Hometown Heroes."

Radio and television host Zeb Bell was recognized for his fundraising efforts for Meals on Wheels, Coats for Kids and other local charities. Steve Thompson was recognized for his work with Flagship Liberty, a



display of all 50 State flags and the United States flag, and his efforts toward flag education and the

American Flag City program. Bell and Thompson each received a certificate and \$100 toward the charity of their choice.

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal benefit society, while the organization's Mini-Cassin camp provides volunteer service and social activities for local members.

Student graduates from alternative school

TWIN FALLS — George Galvan graduated on Jan. 12 from Magic Valley High School.



EOU announces dean's list for fall term

LA GRANDE, Ore. — Eastern Oregon University announced its dean's list for

fall term 2006. To qualify, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

EOU students from the Magic Valley area on the list are Tracey Brice of Barley; Christine Petersen of Jerome and Nonkamari Bandolini of Twin Falls.

Castleford students earn honors

CASTLEFORD — Student Jessica Elster earned a place on the ACT, Wall of Fame Board displayed in the main school hall and in the gymnasium at Castleford School.

This board recognizes all students that have scored a 28 or higher on the ACT exam.

EFA adviser Roger Wells announced that Michelle Hill, Rachel Rodgers and Miranda Bertier passed the State FFA Degree Test on Jan. 10.

FAIR SERVICE



David and Julie Staker of Rupert were honored for 33 years of service to the Mindoka County Fair. They were presented with a plaque at the Mindoka County Fair appreciation dinner Dec. 8, 2006. From left are, back row: Diane Schaeffer, Diane Wheeler and Dan Kindig; front row: Ron Smith, David and Julie Staker, Ray Greer and Marty VanTassel.

Buhl High School honor students

4.00 GPA

- Seniors**
Jake Busby, Kyle Clements, Drew Galsardi, Tianna Johnson, April Jaynes, Shiranda Jucker, Karriek Kelly, Sara Mason, Miranda McFarland, Eva Stutzman, Jamie Van Patten, Jenni Vanhozer and Zak Welch.
- Juniors**
Stephanie Ahlin, Brian Hosman, Brad Bwiss and Ashley Wilson.
- Sophomores**
Nick Hamilton, Desiree Hepworth, Kirtann Kelly and Kristina Nye.
- Freshmen**
Emily Hosman, Jene Johnson, Mercedes Matt, Mercedes Pearson, Kalla Ring and Elizabeth Tanner.

- Andrade**, Troy Cox, Eric Hernandez, Tesla Herzing, Hugo Lopez, Ingeborg Lyngsmark, Amanda Lyon, Leticia Nevarez, Mercedes Park, Brittany Toranzo, Trista Whited and Traiza Wuensch.
- Juniors**
Trista Allen, Tyler Byers, Paige Drayton, Carly Hampton, Justin Heaton, Zach Highberger, Kenny Kessie, Brook Leavitt, Jessica Price, Sandra Sanchez and Michael Tomkins.
- Sophomores**
Tina Aquino, Amanda Bird, Darren Butler, Diana Carrillo, Leah Drayton, Hannah

- Gallon, Stepan Gelevier, Katy Hulse, Leigh Hunsaker, Kara Jacobson, Blhett Leavitt, Gabra Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Alex Peckham, Dade Pettinger, Michelle Butler, Saffari Thomas, Eric Sengulphern, and Stephanie Serrano.
- Freshmen**
Michayo Adkins, Armando Arroyo, Tori Berger, Bret Charlton, Elizabeth Connor, Kelli Gahault, Jessica Garcia, Rene Gwin, Lacy Hall, Jake Jucker, JD Leckenby, Eduardo Martinez, Jacob Meiers, Megan Stumley, George Thornthorpe and Alexis Verdugo.

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- Seniors**
Ignacia Acevedo, Will Chivers, Cheryl Geiger, Jessica Harris, Misty Herpson, Devon Hepworth, K.C. Hulse, Anthony Hurley, Joseph Hurley, Cassi Hutchinson, Kani Ince, Austin Laug, Andrew Landa, Tanner Leckenby, Janna Lovely, Summer Lyday, Catarina Marquez, Madeline Myers, Emily Pearson, Landon Schofield and Adrea Stony.
- Juniors**
Abby Castillo, Coni Hint, Leslie Hunter, Colton Jaynes, Anal Kimball, Zach Montgomery, Emily O'Gannon, Patrick Osterkamp, Whitney Phinney, Ryan Struck and Kenny Williams.
- Sophomores**
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Author takes a new look at the dueling traits of Kit Carson

By Deborah Baker
Associated Press writer

TAOS, N.M. — Slitting in the spare, chilly front room of the house that Kit Carson bought for his 14-year-old bride, writer Hampton Sides pondered the complexity of one of the West's most famous frontiersmen.

At once hero and villain, Carson was by all accounts modest and kindly — and a cold-blooded killer.

He couldn't read or write, but was fluent in Spanish and French and spoke multiple Indian languages.



Hampton Sides, author of 'Blood and Thunder,' poses next to a showpiece at the Kit Carson Home and Museum in Taos, N.M., Nov. 28. The gun hanging on the top is a 50-Caliber Hawken Rifle that once belonged to Kit Carson.

He lived among Indians his whole life and twice married Indian women, yet he led the U.S. military's brutal, scorched-earth campaign against the Navajos.

He was a devoted husband and father, but rarely was around this three-room adobe home — now a museum — that he bought for Josefa Jaramilla when she became his third wife in 1843.

"There's a lot of moral ambiguity in his life story ... Trying to reconcile the different parts of his personality was very frustrating for me," said Sides, author of the recently published

and imprisonment in eastern New Mexico in the mid-1860s.

But he quickly became fascinated with Christopher Houston Carson, a runaway who left Missouri at age 16 on the Santa Fe Trail and became a fur trader, scout, explorer, transcontinental courier, Indian agent and military officer — a general, ultimately.

"I realized that his life ... mirrored the expansion of the American West," Sides said.

Not the West of the cowboy clichés Sides grew up with, but rather an earlier West: where French and Spanish are spoken more often than English, where men are more likely to drive sheep than cattle, and where sturdy, sure-footed mules are the transportation of choice.

The book "grew backwards in time ... and became a story about the whole West," said Sides, who lives in Santa Fe and did much of his writing in a local coffee shop.

Carson became known to the American public through the pulp fiction called "Blood and Thunder" novels, which turned him into a heroic caricature. Sides in his extensive research found the historical

figure in some ways complicated and in others quite simple.

"It's the kind of guy that gets an order and does it. He's not introspective," said Sides, a Memphis, Tenn., native and Yale University graduate who is an editor-at-large for Santa Fe-based "Outside" magazine.

Slight and stringy-haired, uneducated and unassuming, Carson was a consummate outdoorsman with a temper that could be ferocious and an ability to adapt to a world that was quickly changing.

Throughout his life, "it seems like just as one career is ending, another one begins — and he serendipitously moves on to the next phase," Sides said.

"Blood and Thunder" is an account of the conquest of the American West, and Carson is at the center of it. The author calls him "a field agent of Manifest Destiny" — the popular notion that the United

States had a mission to expand westward to the Pacific.

Carson and the other mountain men, Sides writes at the beginning of the book, "whispered the coming of an unimaginable force: of a gathering shadow on the eastern horizon, gorging itself on the continent as it pressed steadily this way."

Sides' epic tale follows Gen. Stephen Watts Kearny's march with his Army of the West from Missouri to California, and chronicles the long struggle to control the vast, new territory as Mexicans and Indian tribes — particularly the Navajos under the great leader Narbono — fought to keep their lands.

Carson — fresh from commanding New Mexico volunteers fighting for the Union in the Civil War — led an expedition in the winter of 1863-64 against the Navajos.

He burned their fields and

homes, confiscated or killed their livestock, and even destroyed their pots and baskets, all aimed at starving them out. He sent a company into the stronghold of Canyon de Chelly to root out resistors and destroy thousands of peach trees.

Starving Navajos surrendered, and nearly 9,000 of them made the 400-mile walk to Bosque Redondo for a miserable, ill-fated incarceration that killed one-third of them.

Carson traversed tens of thousands of miles before his death in 1868 and the West is peppered with places named for him: The capital of Nevada, a northern New Mexico national forest, a county and an Army post in Colorado, a mountain near Spokane, Wash., an Oregon expressway.

"It's just like he was a jack-in-the-box ... We're talking about thousands of miles of territory, and yet his name is everywhere," Sides said.

Abortion

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on all options, from parenting classes, help with adoptions and information on abortion procedures and the risks involved.

"We want to let people know that we're coming from a place of love," she said. "For the child and for the mother."

The four previous years a demonstration like this has taken place. It was held in October and up to 300 people arrived. Charlene Behler said their future goals include growth and putting up 4,000 crosses to symbolize the number of babies aborted every day in the U.S., according to the Redders.

"Think about the individual in that month," Joe Behler said. "They could be the person that cures cancer, the person that brings peace to the Middle East. We believe that every individual in our country has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

To contact Lami, e-mail her at jehit-cfo@cablone.net.

Bonds

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"Although getting our money through DEQ is our best bet because the interest rate is still lower than the bond bank, I think that they would be our next best choice," said Mickey Walker, Wendell's treasurer.

Bull also is weighing its options. "It was a very informative meeting," said Bull Mayor Charles Sheridan.

"We are just hearing our options. It sounds like DEQ could fund our entire project, but the interest rates would be different for money used on the arsenic treatment or wastewater project, so we have to get all the details in before we make a decision."

And that's OK with Seattle Northwest. "We really don't have a deadline. Cities can explore their options to find the right mix of money for them," said Eric Heringer with Seattle-Northwest. "We stand ready to provide analysis with the city, using their funding options, to find the right result."

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Idaho's Nuclear tipped missiles once filled silos near Boise warheads

By Tim Woodard
Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Ada County's nuclear contribution to the Cold War is more of a secret now than it was when its warheads were aimed at the "Red Menace."

With the Soviet Union a fading memory and terrorism producing a new and different kind of war, the story of missiles with nuclear warheads being based within a few miles of Boise seems almost like science fiction.

Few Valley residents would know how to find the \$17 million complex where it was buried. In rural Ada County east of the city.

Most don't know it ever existed.

"This is private property, and we want to keep it that way," one of its current owners said, denying a Statesman request to take photographs.

The property is typical of isolated homesites throughout Idaho — a mobile home, a collection of vehicles, old tires, mounds of snow-covered earth. Passers-by would never guess that once it was part of the nation's first line of defense against a nuclear attack.

The unmarked earth hints at what little is left of 569-C, a Titan I missile complex. Two others, 569-A and 569-B, also were built in the early 1960s, in Owyhee County near Grand View and Brimcove. All were under the command of the 569th Missile Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base, the nation's last Titan I squadron to be activated.

"I'd love to have seen them back in the day," said Master Sgt. Mike Sibley, a Mountain Home base historian. "It was quite a system — the silos, an underground command center and a support center, all connected by half a mile of tunnels. It must have been quite a sight."

Each of the three sites, deactivated in 1965, was armed with three Titan I missiles. The missiles were 98 feet tall, carried 3,825-pound nuclear payloads and could fly from Idaho to Russia in 33 minutes.

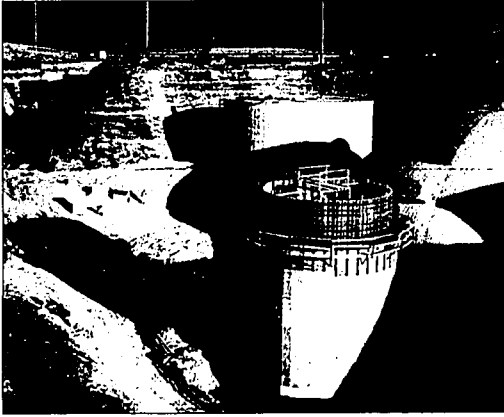
The late U.S. Sen. Len Jordan of Idaho presided over the ceremony declaring them operational in August 1962, two months before the Cuban missile crisis.

"They didn't try to make a secret of them," Sibley said. "We wanted the Russians to know we had them."

It was a dicey time. In the years following the Soviet Union's launch of the world's first satellite in 1957, the U.S. worked feverishly to close a perceived "missile gap."

Five years later, in October 1962, President John F. Kennedy squared off with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, demanding that

Nuclear tipped missiles once filled silos near Boise



In this photo provided by the Idaho State Historical Society, a Titan missile complex in Ada County, outside of Boise, is shown under construction in the early 1960s. Most Idahoans are unaware the complex existed.

he remove Soviet missiles that could have been used to attack the U.S. from Cuba. The Soviets complied, after the world teetered for several days on the edge of nuclear war.

The Titans lurking beneath the Idaho desert were part of the culture of the times. Backyard bomb shelters were considered both prudent and fashionable. In North Boise, a community bomb shelter doubled as a teenage dance hall.

Virtually everyone feared "the bomb."

If the Russians had launched their missiles, six-man teams attached to Mountain Home Air Force Base would have raised the Titans from their silos to ground level, filled them with liquid oxygen fuel and sent them on their way.

Crews at other Titan sites in other states would have done the same. In roughly half an hour, much of the world as it was then known would have ceased to exist.

"I find it really interesting because it brings the Cold War much closer to Boise than a lot of people may think it was," Boise military history buff Tim Masvano said. "The strategy of mutually assured destruction played a role here, and who around here knew it? And who's to say those missiles didn't play a role in holding back an attack by the Red hordes?"

The Titans' time was brief. Newer missiles using less volatile fuel that could be stored on-board quickly made

them obsolete.

"You had to elevate them to the surface, lock them in place and pump in 2,000 pounds of liquid oxygen," Sibley said. "They were vulnerable whenever they were out of their silos. If we were actually going to war, that would have been a big problem. The missiles that replaced them could be launched from inside their silos in one minute. The technology was moving so fast then that it was tripping over itself."

With newer weapons making them obsolete, the Titan missiles were removed and the sites sold. The last to be activated, Idaho's Titan I squadron, was among the last three to be deactivated, in June 1965.

It existed exactly four years. Buyers either sold the sites'

generators, pumps and other equipment as scrap or returned them to the Air Force. Deactivated but not abandoned, the former missile complexes have been used for a variety of purposes. Most have been sold repeatedly — including on eBay. One, in Arizona, was opened to public tours. Another was used as a movie set. The most common uses: landfills and hazardous waste storage.

It's difficult to know whether Ada County's one-time Titan site is being used as anything other than a private residence; its owners refused to be interviewed.

Medical center could have trauma status reduced

LEWISTON (AP) — Due to having only one neurosurgeon and a possible slow response time to treat patients with head injuries, a regional medical center in northern Idaho will probably lose its Level 2 trauma status.

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center here will likely slip to a Level 3 trauma center within a month because it won't meet the requirement that it have a neurosurgeon available within 20 minutes at all times, said Kathy Schmitt, manager for the trauma designation registry with the Washington Department of Health in Tumwater, Wash.

Schmitt said having quick access to neurosurgeons is important because they are often the only ones capable of saving the life of someone with a serious head injury.

The trauma level ratings are used by paramedics in the region when deciding where to take patients. Idaho doesn't have a trauma rating system for facilities, so Washington's is used.

Schmitt said lack of neurosurgeons is a region-wide problem, noting that the trauma center in Walla Walla, Wash., has dropped to a Level 3, and that a hospital in Wenatchee, Wash., is also in the process of losing its Level 2 designation.

She said that in Yakima, Wash., and the Tri-Cities, the highest-level trauma centers are Level 3.


Kathleen Connerley, vice president of patient services at St. Joseph, said it's difficult

to bring neurosurgeons to more rural areas because they prefer to specialize, which requires working with other neurosurgeons.

The medical center meets the Level 2 criteria about 75 percent of the time, she said, with its one neurosurgeon.

"(Dr. Donald Solonjuk) has been so dedicated and so diligent to be available far more than you would expect with one-person coverage," Connerley said.

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Lawmakers look at vote-by-mail plan

COEUR D'ALENE—A proposal to allow Idaho voters to vote by mail is advancing through the Idaho Legislature. Dan English, Kootenai County clerk, said the proposal that would let counties decide whether to allow voting by mail will likely have a prime hearing in the Legislature in the next two weeks.

"This would be the first stage to, hopefully, get the bill printed," English said. "Officials are always wary of changing the system that got them elected."

English said some lawmakers are worried about possible voting fraud. But he said mail voting would likely reduce the chance for fraud.

The Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks is pushing the proposal.

Professors: ISU president has no confidence in college

POCAHELLO—A group of Idaho State University professors have released a letter accusing the school's president of having no confidence in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The professors say they are angry over the departure of the dean of the college, John Kijinski, who resigned last week.

President Arthur Vallas said the letter has no credibility because the professors didn't sign their names.

The letter was sent to ISU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Wharton on Jan. 18. The letter writers requested a meeting with Wharton.

The professors say they are concerned that Kijinski's resignation is a signal that the administration has no confidence in the faculty and staff's idea of what direction the college should take.

Kijinski has only said that he stepped down because it was time to move on.

Lawmakers: DEQ should have part in tank inspections

BOISE—Lawmakers are pushing to have the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality take some part in inspecting underground fuel storage tanks.

Creating state rules for the tanks and giving DEQ inspectors power to help monitor them will save taxpayers money on having to clean up leaky tanks in the future, federal and state environmental officials say.

Currently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency inspects tanks. But there aren't enough federal inspectors to do the job. So out-of-state inspectors are brought in and they often find leaky tanks.

U.S. firefighters return favor, head for Australia

COEUR D'ALENE—More than 100 volunteer U.S. firefighters—including 13 from Idaho—are heading to Australia as part of a firefighter exchange program to battle blazes that have blackened about 2.6 million acres.

The U.S. is sending 107 firefighters who were scheduled to leave this weekend and remain in Australia—which is in the middle of its summer—for a month. That's about the same number of firefighters that Australia and New Zealand sent to the U.S. last August to help control wildland fires.

They helped us during difficult times," Lyle Cardie, fire

director at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, told The Spokesman-Review.

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An old-fashioned cowboy

Oakley's Ralph 'Kelly' Poulton remembered for his hardworking farm lifestyle

By Trasa Tegan
For the Times-News

OAKLEY — Ralph H. "Kelly" Poulton was a good old-fashioned cowboy with good old-fashioned values.

He died Dec. 7, at age 93. Poulton was born Nov. 22, 1913, and attended school in Warm Creek, where he grew up on the family ranch. He attended high school in Oakley for a time before quitting school to help his father on the ranch.

He worked as a cowboy, sheep herder, horse wrangler, working along side old cowboys such as Bill Trotter, Lewis Harrell of Harrell Cattle Co., and Short Hicks. They were strong guiding forces in his life and helped him learn many various aspects of ranching and wrangling.

He may have missed out on some formal education, but he more than made up for it in other aspects of his life. He was an avid reader and loved to learn about history, especially local history.

He also taught himself a number of life skills including typing, cooking, canning, sewing, upholstery and leatherwork.

He even braided ropes and bridles, often giving them as gifts.

He married Desma Dayley on April 20, 1934. They lived in Murtaugh and Oakley before moving back to the Warm Creek Ranch where they farmed and raised sheep and cattle.

In the early 1940s they moved to the old Emery Ranch below the Oakley Dam and Reservoir. The ranch was then re-named Kelly Poulton's Dam Ranch. This was the headquarters of the ranching operation for Kelly, his son Mike and grandson Michael, who currently runs the ranch.

Younger ranchers and stockmen often sought Poulton's advice because he was well-known to be a careful manager and maintained a healthy herd.

The Poulton house always had an open door and Kelly seemed to have a sixth sense for people in need. If money was needed he would always be willing to help out. If all that was needed was a listening ear, he offered that, too. Secrets were always safe with him.

He was always doing something for someone and it was not unusual to have others staying with us," Maxine Adams said of her father.

Not unusual at all, apparently since the family took in 7-year-old Karl "Bud" Bedke for 11 years so that he would be able to attend school in Oakley.

Bedke was welcomed as one of the family and remained close to them for years to come. He learned, as much as the Poulton children learned, the importance of honesty and ethics. "His word was his bond and his bond was his word," Bedke said. "If he told you something you could take it to the bank."

Poulton was civic minded as well, serving eight years on the board of the Oakley Highway District, was an early member of the Forest Service Advisory Board and deputy brand inspector. He was also a member of the Oakley Vigilantes and the Burley Elks.

In 1988 he was inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame.

Poulton was the last generation of close-knit cattlemen who ran cattle for many years much in the style of the old

According to his family, Poulton's ranching style was much like his personality: quiet, fair, positive and, most importantly, enduring.



Ralph 'Kelly' Poulton and his family prepare to go to Oakley's Christmas dance in 1956. From left are children Mike, Maxine (Adams) and Thelma (Hale), wife Desma and Kelly.



The Poulton family owned and operated the Warm Creek Ranch for 100 years, before selling the last portion in 1986. The ranch is located against the South Hills halfway between Murtaugh and Oakley.



Kelly Poulton and his son Mike Poulton pause for a moment at the Emery Ranch on Goose Cr.



Kelly Poulton attended school in Warm Springs through the sixth grade. Poulton is front row right in this photo with his classmates in 1923. His teacher Glenn Brunner taught at Burley High School for a number of years also after leaving Warm Springs.




Kelly Poulton visits his daughter Maxine Adams' home in 1982.



Kelly Poulton rests from cooking for the cowboys on a bench outside the Piney Cabin in the South Hills. The cabin is now owned by the Wild Rose Cattlemen's Association. The cabin was once used by the ranchers and cattlemen that passed through the area with their herds.

a Life remembered



Ralph H. "Kelly" Poulton
Born: Nov. 22, 1913
Died: Dec. 7, 2006

Survivors: His daughter, Maxine (Larry B.) Adams of Burley; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Poulton of Oakley; a son-in-law, Rodney Hulse of Draper, Utah; a shared son, Karl U. "Bud" Bedke of Oakley; and his brother, Bill R. Poulton of Declo; nine grandchildren, Dal, Heidi, Gretchen, Derek, Kelly, Brett, Jodie, Kaye, and Michael; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; also two special cousins, Ernest Petterson of Filer and Viva Varr of Oakley. Camille Munstein also enriched his life by her love and care.

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INSIDE: The Utah Jazz won on the road for the second straight night, toppling the Bulls, C4



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Overtime burst helps CSI women survive Snow



College of Southern Idaho guard Marylene Orndas (4) passes the ball off as defenders block the path to the hoop Saturday night in the Golden Eagles' 80-69 overtime win over Snow College in Twin Falls.

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Better late than never.

It took 40 minutes to happen, but the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team finally looked like the No. 17 team in the nation in Saturday's 80-69 overtime home win over Scenic West Athletic Conference foe Snow College in Twin Falls.

CSI improves to 7-1 in the SWAC standings and is guaranteed lead possession of the conference for the rest of the week.

After suffering through two halves of key shooting, CSI broke out of a 63-41 tie at the end of regulation with a 17-6 overtime spurt to blow past the 10-8 Badgers.

"I thought the kids showed a lot of spirit and heart in overtime," Golden Eagles head coach Randy Rodgers said. "That was the team I expected to

show up at first."

Maria Moore scored nine points in the extra period to finish with 17 on the game, while Amy Bravold's layup from Brittany Moore gave the 16-2 Golden Eagles a 72-67 advantage that was a key part of a 6-0 overtime burst that put CSI up for good. Bravold finished with a 12-10, 12-rebound double-double while struggling through a 5-for-18 night from the field.

"The last five minutes, we just started playing our game," Bravold said. "The whole game we just struggled, but the last five really picked up and that was good."

CSI looked to be in control of most of the game, going up by as much as 14 points and never trailing after the Badgers took a three-point lead less than four minutes into the contest. Things started to unravel a bit with four minutes left in regulation though, as the Badgers finished the

second half on an 8-2 run, capped off by a pair of free-throws from Krista Allen that knotted the score at 63 with 23.5 seconds left.

Maria Moore had a chance for the final shot, but the ball was knocked out of her hands and out of bounds to the Badgers with 1.9 seconds left on the clock. CSI's Alexis Tucker stole Allen's inbound pass, but her desperation half-court heave at the buzzer went wide right.

Brittany Moore scored a game-high 19 points for CSI, while Tucker added 10 points and eight rebounds. The Badgers (3-5 SWAC) were led by Lindsee Wilson's 17-point, 10-rebound double-double, while Kim Gambelin added 17.

"Some people say we play to the level of our competition, but I think that's a good team," Rodgers said of Snow. "Lindsee Wilson and Kim Gambelin are two kids that are great

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Golden Eagles grind past Snow

No. 8 CSI improves to 16-2 on season

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Snow College got just the type of game it wanted Saturday night. Didn't matter.

The No. 8 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team backed up Friday's blowout win with a clutch 76-72 victory over the visiting Badgers to improve to 16-2 on the season and 6-2 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

John Clifford's 1-for-2 effort at the free-throw stripe narrowed the CSI lead to 74-72 with 32.2 seconds left. The Badgers then suffered from previous good fortune, but couldn't send CSI to the free-throw line, being three fouls from sending CSI into the bonus. Those three fouls and nearly 20 seconds later, Travis Bunker stepped up to the free-throw line on a Clifford foul and calmly stroked two free-throws to tie the game.

"We needed this experience," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "I told the team that we're going to try to win in a lot of different ways. People are crazy if they think we're going to win every game by catching, passing and shooting and winning by putting up 115 points every game."

Instead of going the blowout, run-and-gun route, CSI won on pure execution Saturday night.

The Golden Eagles exploited the favorable matchup of Snow's Churs Hoopes guarding Kelvin Davis late, as Davis set up Hoopes for three dribble drive layups in a four-pos-

sion span. Those scores, along with a key steal by Tury Fields and equally important blocks by Juan Pattillo and Davis allowed CSI the 74-69 lead it would hold.

Equally important were the late plays CSI didn't score on, as the Golden Eagles were able to let the clock run with Reggie Guyton outrunning trailing Snow defenders who were trying to foul.

"The guys did execute what we wanted, whether it was a set play or O.B.s," Peery said.

CSI also benefited from an improved effort in the rebounding department after being beat on the glass Friday night. CSI outworked the 12-6 (4-4 SWAC) Badgers for a 41-33 rebounding advantage, led by Juan Pattillo's 14-rebound, eight-point night.

"We just wanted to come out and compete," Pattillo said. "Coach did get on us in the locker room. We just wanted to get on the boards and get us a boost."

Pattillo's play did just that, as did the key defensive efforts that Bunker and Davis, among others put in to hold Snow's leading scorer Geoff Payne to 19 points. Badgers point guard Jake Peterson had to carry the burden with Payne bottled up early and finished with a game-high 12 points. CSI's Davis (17) and Brandon Stores (11) were the only Golden Eagles to score in double figures, but tonight was more about playing patient, yet aggressive defense as the Badgers looked to work the ball late into the shot clock while on offense.

"We just had to play solid

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College of Southern Idaho guard Brad Corvett dunks the ball on a breakaway Saturday night in CSI's game against Snow College.

Nelson keys BSU to win over Hawaii

The Associated Press

BOISE — Matt Nelson scored 25 points and had 10 rebounds as Boise State defeated Hawaii 73-62 in a Western Athletic Conference game on Saturday.

Anthony Thomas added a career-high 21 points for Boise State (9-8, 3-3 WAC).

Ahmet Gueye had 16 points and six rebounds for Hawaii (10-9, 1-5 WAC), and Bobby Ash added another 16 points for the Warriors.

Nelson scored six points in a 13-2 Boise State run in the first half to open a 23-16 lead with 7:26 remaining in the period.

The two teams traded baskets to go into the break with Boise State ahead 33-27.

During halftime the Boise State football team was honored for its 13-0 season that included 43-42 win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, with the trophy displayed on the court. That drew more fans and attendance was announced at 10,190, the largest home crowd to see a Broncos men's basketball game since 2000. It easily eclipsed their previous largest home crowd this season of just over 4,000.

Less than a minute into the second half, Gueye landed awkwardly and hurt his left leg. He sat out more than seven minutes before returning.

After Hawaii's Matt Lobjeski dunked to pull the Warriors within 4 points at 51-47, Thomas responded by driving the lane, getting fouled, and completing a 3-point layup.

He added two more free throws a

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IGLOO PENTATHLON



Veronica Fontes, a swimmer with the Magic Valley Marlins, does the hotly strafe in the 100-yard individual waddle Saturday at the annual swim meet in Twin Falls.

Marlins hold swim meet

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Swim Team held its annual Igloo Pentathlon Saturday at the Twin Falls

City Pool.

The Marlins were joined by swimmers from 10 teams and three states.

For complete meet results, see page B2.

Patriots at Colts, 4:30 p.m. CBS NFL PLAYOFFS Saints at Bears, 1 p.m. Fox

The 'Patriots mystique' vs. Manning and the Colts

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy calls it "the Patriots Mystique" and acknowledges it's something he and the Indianapolis Colts have to overcome to get to their first Super Bowl.

That has to be something Bill Belichick loves. One reason New England has won three NFL titles in the past five seasons is because it gets into the heads of opponents — none more so than Peyton Manning and the Colts.

Thus the theme for Sunday's AFC championship game at the RCA Dome — the Patriots, a bit undermanned compared to previous years, against the talented but frus-

trated Colts, who twice have been knocked out of the playoffs by Belichick's team en route to the Super Bowl.

"You have to play them and not their mystique, and that's hard to do," says Dungy. The Colts coach who has reached this point twice before without making it to the NFL's marquee game despite a regular-season record of 114-62, a winning percentage of .648. Most of the pressure seems to be on Manning, who holds myriad passing records, including 49 touchdown passes in the 2004 season, but never has gotten to the Super Bowl and is 5-6 in playoff games.

That's in stark contrast to

Saints in strange land that current Bears barely know

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Two decades and forever. That's the time span between trips to the Super Bowl for the Chicago Bears and New Orleans Saints.

While various players from each side have been to the NFL's biggest game with other teams, these are two organizations mired in, well, Super droughts. The last time the Bears played for the league title, it was in January 1986, and the stars were named Payton, Sangley, Hampton and McMillon. The defense was overwhelming and Da Coach, Mike Ditka, was overbearing.

That 21-year hiatus is dis-

treasing in Chicago, but it's also 19 years shorter than the span New Orleans has gone without a Super Bowl trip. Those four decades made up merely all of the Saints' existence.

Because Sunday's NFC championship game involves franchises that haven't enjoyed much success in the Super Bowl era, the celebration might be just a bit more exuberant.

"Growing up watching it, I've grown such a fan of the sport and the league," Bears quarterback Rex Grossman said. "It means a great deal to be in this position. I really don't know where we are at right now as far as the history of the league. I'm approaching it with a ton of intensity and focus.

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SPORTS

Hornets miss out on upset against Buhl

By Ryan Howe For The Times-News

DECLO — Down 11 points at half-time, Declo boys basketball coach Deo Lewis told his team that if they would win if they could do three things during the second half. Don't allow any more offensive rebounds, work harder than Buhl in every phase of the game, and make free throws.

tion led to several second-chance points in the first half. Buhl also hustled Declo to loose balls and converted in transition. Declo didn't have an answer for 6-foot-6 center Tanner Leckenby, who scored nine of his 13 points in the first half. The Indians also closed the second quarter on an 11-2 run.

After it at 48-48 with 2:47 remaining. Buhl's Brad Twiss missed the second of two free throws. Declo pushed the ball up the court and found Drogan Darrington alone in the left corner. He set his feet and nailed a 3-pointer to give Declo its first lead since the second quarter on a 11-2 run. "Usually, Conch tells me not to shoot those, like right off the bat, but I was open and it felt good, so I shot it," Darrington said.

"We just came out and knew we had to work harder than (Buhl)," Darrington said of Declo's second-half surge. "(Buhl) is the best team in our conference so far and we feel good that we were able to give them a good game." Will Chivers led Buhl in scoring with 14 points and Twiss had 12. Sanders finished with 13 points for Declo, which hosts Filser on Friday.

Hagerman girls outlast Gooding in triple OT

Times-News

HAGERMAN — Hagerman finally disposed of Gooding after three overtimes, winning 59-56. Gooding had four players foul out, giving Hagerman ample points from the line. Chauncey Axelson led the Pirates with 20 points and eight rebounds. Breccia Slungum added 16 points and eight rebounds, and Shambray Peadly had 13 points and five steals for Hagerman.

scored 10 points and the Community School girls made plays down the stretch to beat Dietrich 41-37 Saturday. The same two teams will meet again on Tuesday for the Magic Valley Northside tournament in Dietrich in a 6 p.m. contest.

Boys Basketball Gooding 69, Filser 53

GOODING — Gooding avenged last night's loss by defeating Filser 69-53. Gooding pulled to pull away from the Wildcats in the second quarter. After Jack Stevens hit three consecutive 3 pointers, Stevens finished with 19 points. Justin Rogers hit four 3-pointers and added 23 points for the Senators.

Boise

short time later that was part of a 9-3 Boise State run to put the Broncos ahead 60-50 with 7:07 remaining. Hawaii tried to rally, but an emphatic Reggie Miller dunk started a 7-0 run capped by a triple-point play by Thomas after another aggressive drive down the lane, making it 68-56 with 2:55 playing.

Women

players and I thought Snow, like Salt Lake, improved one night from the next." The Golden Eagles are back in SWAC action at the College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah on Friday and Saturday. They'll look to find the team they were for five minutes on Saturday for a full weekend against CEU.

Hagerman coach Luanae Axelson was partially pleased with her team's triple-overtime victory. "I was happy with our first three quarters, then we seemed to let up, allowing Gooding back into the game," she said. "It was a hard-fought game on both sides."

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Minico 43, Potatello 36

RUPERT — Led by seniors Ta Mart and Dani Ramirez, Minico snapped its four-game losing streak with a 43-36 win over Potatello Saturday. Short scored a season-high 12 points and Ramirez added 13 as the Spartans converted 10 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Dietrich 55, Community School 43

KETCHUM — Balanced scoring and a solid effort at the foul line kept Dietrich to a 55-43 win at the Community School Saturday. Anthony Piman scored 14 points, while both Dakota Norman and Jackson Hill added nine for the Blue Devils, who hit 18-of-24 free throws.

Hansen, 39, Shoshone 25

SHOSHONE — Hansen won a low-scoring affair at Shoshone 39-25 Saturday behind 14 points from Devon Jenks. Jenks was aggressive on the glass and scored 12 points in the second half in leading the Huskies to the nonconference win. Both teams managed just a single point in the opening period of a game that wasn't pretty offensively.

Community School, 41, Dietrich 37

KETCHUM — Cody Curran

Richfield 75, Castleford 59

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Results: Magic Valley Marlin's swim well at Igloo Pentathlon

TWIN FALLS Following are results from the 2007 Igloo Pentathlon held Saturday at the Twin Falls City Pool.



Magic Valley Marlin's swimmer Wes Walton does the breast stroke during the 100 yard individual medley Saturday at the City Pool in Twin Falls. Nearly 200 swimmers from 10 teams and three pools competed in the annual swim meet.

Table with multiple columns listing swimmer names, events (e.g., 50 Free, 100 Free, 200 Free, 50 Breast, etc.), and their respective times. Includes sections for Boys 50-100 Yards, Boys 100-200 Yards, Boys 200-500 Yards, Boys 500-1000 Yards, Boys 1000-1500 Yards, Boys 1500-2000 Yards, Boys 2000-2500 Yards, Boys 2500-3000 Yards, Boys 3000-3500 Yards, Boys 3500-4000 Yards, Boys 4000-4500 Yards, Boys 4500-5000 Yards, Boys 5000-5500 Yards, Boys 5500-6000 Yards, Boys 6000-6500 Yards, Boys 6500-7000 Yards, Boys 7000-7500 Yards, Boys 7500-8000 Yards, Boys 8000-8500 Yards, Boys 8500-9000 Yards, Boys 9000-9500 Yards, Boys 9500-10000 Yards.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All-Star Game	West 142	East 101
Atlanta Hawks	92	90
Boston Celtics	87	85
Chicago Bulls	97	87
Denver Nuggets	97	96
Indiana Pacers	107	83
Los Angeles Lakers	113	96
Memphis Grizzlies	90	83
Minnesota Timberwolves	98	94
Miami Heat	104	97
New Jersey Nets	90	82
New York Knicks	101	91
Oklahoma City Thunder	104	86
Philadelphia 76ers	113	95

NFL	W	L	OT
Buffalo Bills	18	20	0
Cincinnati Bengals	15	18	0
Cleveland Browns	15	18	0
Dallas Cowboys	21	20	0
Denver Broncos	21	15	0
Houston Texans	24	21	0
Indianapolis Colts	24	21	0
Kansas City Chiefs	14	21	0
Los Angeles Rams	21	24	0
Minnesota Vikings	15	18	0
New England Patriots	18	21	0
New York Giants	21	24	0
Philadelphia Eagles	15	21	0
Pittsburgh Steelers	21	24	0
San Diego Chargers	21	24	0
Tennessee Titans	18	21	0
Washington Redskins	15	21	0
Washington Redskins	21	24	0
San Francisco 49ers	21	24	0
Seattle Seahawks	21	24	0

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.

ESPN — PBA Dick Vedeo Open, at Fountain, Calif.

GOLF

7:30 a.m.

ESPN — PGA TOUR, Abu Dhabi Championship, Final

8 a.m.

ESPN2 — Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia (same-day tape)

8 p.m.

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8:30 p.m.

ESPN — Australian Open, round of 16, at Melbourne, Australia

GOLF

PGA TOUR

Abu Dhabi Championship
Round 2 (T-20, 7:30 p.m.)

PGA TOUR
T-20 (7:30 p.m.)

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Washington	1	2	1
Winnipeg	1	2	1

College Soccer

Various college soccer matches listed with dates and locations.

NBA Boxes

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Boxing scores for various fights including Manny Pacquiao vs. Antonio Margarito and others.

College Soccer

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College soccer scores for various teams including Michigan, Ohio State, and Wisconsin.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Women's college basketball scores for various conferences like the Big Ten and SEC.

WOMEN'S

WOMEN'S

Women's volleyball and basketball scores for various teams.

SKI REPORT

SKI REPORT

Detailed ski report for various resorts including snow conditions, lift operations, and weather forecasts.

TENNIS

Australian Open

Australian Open

Tennis scores for the Australian Open, including men's and women's singles and doubles matches.

TRANSACTIONS

TRANSACTIONS

Transactions and trades for various sports teams including the Minnesota Vikings and Cleveland Browns.

Steelers say coaching search won't be done until at least Monday

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers will wait until at least Monday to announce their new coach, and might interview Chicago defensive coordinator Ron Rivera that day for a second time if the Bears lose the NFC championship game.

The Steelers declined Saturday to confirm they have chosen a coach to replace Bill Cowher, who resigned less than a year after leading the team to its first Super Bowl victory in 26 years.

Since Cowher stepped down Jan. 5, the Steelers have twice interviewed assistant head coach Russ Grimm and Vikings defensive coordinator Mike Tomlin but cannot talk again with Rivera, their third finalist, until the Bears' season has ended.

If the Bears win Sunday, the Steelers must decide whether they could afford to wait another four to seven weeks to talk to Rivera, or if they should hire Tomlin or Grimm so they can start to reassemble their coaching staff and begin planning for the 2007 season. Rivera's first interview with the team went well and the Steelers have strongly hinted they would like to talk with him again.

Tomlin has been hired, telling the AP that not

only has no job been offered but there have been no contract negotiations.

NBA

Twolves suspend Davis for one game

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Timberwolves guard Ricky Davis was suspended for one game because he left the bench and went into the locker room during Friday's 104-96 double-overtime loss to the Pistons.

Davis headed to the locker room after he was replaced by Randy Foye during the third quarter. He returned a couple of minutes later, but appeared upset. He didn't play the rest of the game.

MAGIC VALLEY

Kimberly hosts fundraiser for Glenn

KIMBERLY — Kimberly High School will lead a fundraiser for Idaho State Trooper Chris Glenn at the Kimberly-Filer boys basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Glenn was wounded in the line of duty on Dec. 20, 2006.

All proceeds from the game will be donated to the Glenn family. Also, a 1985 Lincoln Continental, provided by retired officer Larry Pratt, will be raffle. The cost per ticket is \$25, and the winner does not need to be present to collect.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or make a

Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

Donation should mail checks to Kimberly athletic director George Atrova, 141 Center St. W. Kimberly, ID 83411.

Vandals to hold alumni gathering

TWIN FALLS — The University of Idaho alumni will gather at Blue Lakes Country Club on Friday, Jan. 26, for the annual Winter Fest. No-host cocktails will be at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. University guests include President White and athletic director Dr. Rob Spear. The Magic Valley Booster of the Year award will also be presented. For more information, contact Share Hamilton at 423-5126.

City bowling tournaments scheduled

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Women's City Tournament will be held Feb. 10-11 and 17-18 at Magic Bowl, while the Twin Falls Men's City Tournament will be held March 10-11 and 17-18 at Bowlworlder. Entry forms for both tournaments are available at Bowlworlder and Magic Bowl.

Buhl Volleyball Club holds sign-ups

BOHLE — Registration for the 2007 Buhl Volleyball Club will be held 7 p.m. on Jan. 23-24 in the foyer of the Buhl High School gym. The club is open for girls in grades 7-12 and the cost is \$15 for registration and \$15 for a T-shirt. For more information, contact Jeff at 543-6139 or Kathy at 543-8953.

Gooding grapplers hold dinner

GOODING — The Gooding High Country wrestling team will hold a beef lasagna dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22. In the multi-use room. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of six. Proceeds will help pay state expenses for the wrestling team and tickets may be purchased from a wrestler or at the door.

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Planet Cheer sweeps team honors at Big Sky Cheer Challenge

Planet Cheer All-Stars had a stellar debut at the Big Sky Cheer Challenge held at Reed Canyon in Pocatello on Jan. 14. Planet Cheer swept first-place trophies at every level of competition...



Planet Cheer All-Stars team photo.

Planet Cheer All-Stars
Big Sky Cheer Challenge
Sawannah Fitzgerald — First in Trojans Division
Brooke Fitzgerald — Sixth in Trojans Division
Aspen Butler and Alexis Brigham — Second in Youth Division



Planet Cheer All-Stars team photo.

Planet Cheer All-Stars
Big Sky Cheer Challenge
Sawannah Fitzgerald — First in Trojans Division
Alexis Brigham — Second in Youth Division
Emilee Freeman — Third in Youth Division
Cory Lutz — Fifth in Youth Division
Brooke Fitzgerald — First in Trojans Division
Britta Budd — Second in Junior Division
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Planet Cheer All-Stars team photo.

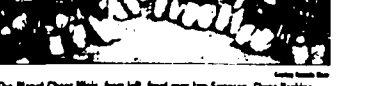
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Marketing Miss America



A Miss America Pageant contestant is introduced during the arrival ceremony Friday at the Planet Hollywood hotel and casino in Las Vegas.

Pageant tries (again) to rework its image

By Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — One year after she left home in search of better fortunes, Miss America has gone totally Hollywood.

She's got her own reality TV show, a catchy new ringtone and she's giving away cash to lucky viewers. She's competing in a "pageant" again, rather than the politically correct and, some say, boring "scholarship program" of the past.

After years of struggling for relevance and viewers, the Miss America Pageant and its cable network host are attempting to market the beauty contest back into the American cultural conscience.

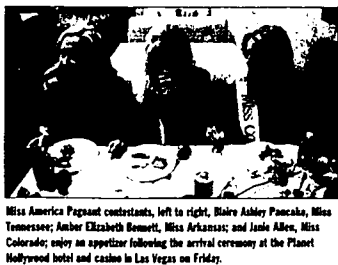
"There was a time when everyone knew Miss America's name, but the brand has slipped a little," said Sam Haskell, a former executive at the William Morris Agency and now chairman of the board of directors of the Atlantic City, N.J.-based Miss America Organization.

"We thought it was time to reposition the brand."

There are few who would argue the aging beauty queen doesn't need the help. After years as a Saturday-night television event, the pageant has orphaned viewers in the 1990s, eventually losing its network contract in 2004. Country Music Television picked her up and moved her to Las Vegas last year, hoping the hype would draw new viewers.

The move, though considered by some as a blow to Atlantic City and the die-hard volunteers — pageantists — who drive the operation, generally was viewed as a success.

The pageant was aired a combined 20 times on CMT and its sister network VH1, the network said. Although just 3.1 million viewers watched the show live — less than one-third the viewers it lost found



Miss America Pageant contestants, left to right, Blair Ashley Panacka, Miss Tennessee; Amber Elizabeth Bennett, Miss Arkansas; and Janie Allen, Miss Colorado; enjoy an appetizer following the arrival ceremony at the Planet Hollywood hotel and casino in Las Vegas on Friday.

on ABC — a total of 36 million people saw the show including the replays. Even the traditionalists couldn't argue with that exposure.

"You can't stay status quo in this day and age or you get left behind," said Matt Schatz, a middle school teacher and the volunteer executive director of the Miss Nebraska state pageant. "You've got to find out what the public wants and try and do a little tweaking that catches their interest."

This year's marketing campaign amounts to more than a week. MTV Networks-owned CMT, reaching 83 million households, will have run more than nine hours of Miss America related programming before the 52 contestants take the stage for the Monday, Jan. 29 crowning at the Aladdin hotel-casino, itself also in the middle of a rebranding to the Planet Hollywood casino.

The TV blitz includes "Total Access: Miss America," a behind-the-scenes look at life under the crown, and a "Greatest Miss America Moments" special.

The new lineup also features a reality TV special, "Pageant School: Becoming Miss America," shot in Los Angeles and scheduled to air in the days before the pageant on

CMT, VH1, MTV and Logo. The show follows the women through a regimen of training tips imparted by former winners and pageant "challenges" that present unanticipated obstacles, such as the question posed to Miss Nebraska, "If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?"

"I would like to have a photographic memory," she replied, flashing an unknowing pageant smile.

Interested fans in search of a ringtone can download a version of longtime host Bert Parks' classic "There She Is, Miss America." Others can log online to play the "Pack & Win Game," which promises \$1 million to the person who successfully predicts the top finalists and the winner.

"They're going for the crown, you're going for the cash. It's on," says the games slogan.

This is not the Miss America Pageant of old: a detrit combination of games and goddess that began as a boating revue in 1921 on the Boardwalk and came to symbolize American womanhood. While the bawdy clothed women were being judged on their "poise" as they strutted the stage, they spoke only of doing societal good and winning scholarship

money to further their education.

The pageant distinguished itself from "that other pageant," the Donald Trump-owned Miss USA. Miss America opted to refer to itself as a scholarship program to emphasize substance over superficiality.

"For years it was almost an insult to call it this beauty pageant," said Gerdean Dyer, a longtime fan and owner of the industry's Web site Pageant.com.

"Now, I'll hear people say flat out, we've got a great-looking girl. I think people realize you've got to make this appeal to the mainstream — and that's about beauty."

Focus groups told researchers they thought past contestants, many of them products of years in state pageant systems, looked "dated." Executives aiming to attract the 18- to 34-year-old demographic brought in a sear swimsuit line and sent out letters advising contestants to tone down the makeup and update their style.

"You don't need people in the back of the house to see all that makeup. We have television cameras, we'll take care of that," executive producer Sarah Brock said.

Focus groups asked for other updates, too — most borrowed from reality TV.

During the pageant, the camera will cut away to show reactions from the judges, including actress Delta Burke and MSNBC news host Chris Matthews. Interviews with judges will be aired to give viewers a better understanding of how the winners are chosen.

Viewers will be able to cast votes, online or in text messages, for Miss Congeniality, an honor previously awarded by other contestants (Contestants also have a say, but aren't allowed to vote for themselves).

Consumer Reports' reputation takes hit from car seats report

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Consumer Reports once measured the ingredients in dog food. Just last year, it screwed up the depreciation rates of hybrid cars.

But it's rare for the trusted, independent magazine to go as wrong as it did in its report this month on infant car seats. Consumer Reports retracted the report Thursday when it turned out that side-impact crashes in tests of car seats were carried out at speeds near 70 mph, not the 38 mph the magazine claimed.

The magazine told its 6.3 million print and online readers—and the millions more who had heard about the widely publicized report—its disregard of the startling findings earlier this month that only two of the 12 seats it test-

ed were worth buying. Parents of babies may or may not have been comforted by the magazine's promise to retest the seats and issue a new report.

On Friday, spokesman Ken

Weine defended the magazine's overall 70-year record.

"We're an organization whose only mission is to serve consumers' interest, we test over 3,100 products a year with our teams of reporters, scientists, engineers and even mystery shoppers who apply the most rigorous standards," he said.

He also noted that Consumer Reports went public with the information as soon as it learned of the bad test at the Calspan lab in Buffalo.

Weine would not say whether Consumer Reports expects lawsuits over its faulty testing. And at least two of the infant makers whose products were rated poorly in the faulty test seemed conciliatory.

"The intent of Consumer Reports was probably in the best interests of families and

child safety," said Lisa Nussli of Peg Perego. "There are no plans for a lawsuit or anything along those lines." Another car-seat maker, Chicco USA, said it "applauds Consumer Reports for its prompt action."

Sometimes, of course, Consumer Reports does get sued. The best-known example was a strident battle that lasted 16 years.

In 1988, the magazine found that the Suzuki Samurai tipped over too easily on its road tests. It declared the small SUV "not acceptable" and sales plummeted.

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The Supreme Court refused to grant the lawsuit and in 2004 the magazine asked its readers to write to Suzuki "regarding its punitive lawsuit."

Five months later, the lawsuit was settled, with Suzuki getting no money and two sides still differing on the validity of the 1988 test. Consumer Reports acknowledged that when it said the Samurai "easily rolls over in turns," it meant Suzuki meant turns that were part of its test.

On Friday, American Suzuki spokesman Mike Ansovic refused to comment on that case or Consumer Reports' new troubles.

A similar uproar erupted from the magazine's finding that the 1995-1996 Isuzu Troopers were prone to tip over. In 2000, a jury found that over 200,000 of the magazine's articles were untrue and one was published with reckless disregard for the truth. However, it did not order any monetary damages.

Octogenarian again faces charges in wife's murder

Los Angeles Times

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — A hearing and snuggled into his car, Herbert Frye, 81, boarded a train in Florida last week and January to take him to his Denver suburb to face charges that he killed his wife more than 33 years ago.

It's the second time Frye, a retired engineer, has been accused of killing his wife.

Lizabeth Katherine Frye, 45, was found bloodied to death in her garage. At the time, the slaying was a shock to what was a far-flung bus stop of Denver.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies arrested Herbert Frye, and the District Attorney's office initially charged him with murder.

But prosecutors dropped charges when new evidence appeared. Frye's defense attorney, Gary Lutzow, said that evidence was uncovered by a private investigator who has since died, and he does not know what it was. The

District Attorney's office will not comment on the unconvictionary evidence.

Arapahoe County today is firmly part of Denver's sprawl, but in 1972 it was a rural, high-end subdivisions suburb at the Rocky Mountains.

In spring 2005, the sheriff's department decided it had enough investigators to form a cold-case unit. The Frye case is the first prosecution to emerge from that team.

After turning out to five different cities to interview witnesses about the decades-old killing, the unit felt it had finally solved the mystery of what happened the morning of June 9, 1973.

"It was a variety of small pieces of information that came together to create the picture that we have," said Sheriff Grayson Robinson, but he added that he still doesn't know what the motive might have been for the crime, and the story told in court documents remains sketchy.

Destroyed satellite's debris cloud adds to collision danger of space junk

The Baltimore Sun

In blowing up one of its orbiting satellites, China created a vast debris cloud that heightens concerns about the growing trash space junk poses to spacecraft and the expanding networks of weather and communication satellites.

The blast, which occurred Jan. 11 and was confirmed by U.S. officials Thursday, spread material across 2,000 miles of space, said Harvard astronomer Jonathan McDowell.

The Union of Concerned Scientists estimated that there are nearly 800 debris fragments 10 centimeters or larger and perhaps 2 million smaller pieces that also can cause damage

because they travel at high speeds, some about 18,000 miles an hour. Much of it will remain for decades, adding to the inventory of spent rockets, working and dead satellites and other used equipment and materials orbiting Earth.

"It used to be with space flight people worried about meteor showers. Now the much bigger danger is from man-made debris," said McDowell.

The Department of Defense U.S. Space Surveillance Network uses 30 telescopes and radar units to track satellites and debris. Before the Chinese rocket destroyed the satellite, the network was monitoring 14,000 pieces of orbiting hardware put into space since the Soviet launch of

Sputnik in 1957.

Each year, about 200 new pieces of debris are added to the inventory to qualify for monitoring, a fragment must be at least 10 centimeters in size — roughly the size of softball.

"Everybody's job today is a little harder than it was maybe two weeks ago," said Nicholas A. Johnson, chief scientist and program manager of the U.S. Navy's orbital debris program. Johnson said the effect of the Chinese blast will not be known for at least another week, when more data become available from the space surveillance network, based in Colorado Springs, Colo. But scientists say they know the impact will be severe.

"This debris cloud is all over the

place," said McDowell.

The Union of Concerned Scientists used NASA formulas for calculating the effects of a blast in addition to the largest and smallest fragments, there could be 40,000 from 1 centimeter to 10 centimeters in size.

On Friday, the group called on the United States to enter international discussions focused on banning the testing and use of anti-satellite weapons.

Frye said the remains of the Chinese satellite pose little risk of falling to Earth. Debris that reaches the atmosphere will be so small it should burn up. But the Chinese satellite was in an area heavily

used by military and commercial satellites and because it was more than 500 miles up space of the debris will remain in space for at least a decade, said David C. Wright, a physicist.

"This was a particularly bad place in space to do this," he said.

The Chinese test was the first of its kind since the U.S. and the former Soviet Union destroyed satellites with missiles in the mid-1980s. But those satellites were at lower altitudes, and debris reached the atmosphere faster and was destroyed, Wright said.

Since the Challenger explosion in 1986, NASA's space shuttles have had to reroute their paths to avoid space debris half a dozen times, Johnson said.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies, cold temperatures and breezy west winds. Highs in the upper 20s.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and once again cold. Low upper single digits and lower teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies but continued cold temperatures. Highs upper 20s, lows lower teens.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cool, breezy and mostly sunny. Highs in the middle to upper 20s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and cold. Lows in the single digits.
Tomorrow: Partly fog, otherwise, mostly sunny and cold. Highs upper 20s, lows single digits and lower teens.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Small chance of lingering snow showers and flurries today, otherwise, cold and partly to mostly sunny. Very cold tonight with cold and dry conditions on Monday. Tuesday will be a few degrees warmer.

BOISE

Chilly tonight; temperatures to close out the weekend. Skies though will be mostly sunny and conditions look dry. Dry weather will continue for the next few days and temperatures will slowly warm.

NORTHERN UTAH

Cold and breezy with mostly sunny today. Tonight mostly clear and cold. Cold, mostly sunny and dry weather will continue for Monday.

Weather by Steve Evrard. At 11 a.m. on Jan. 21, 2007. Low: 8 at Idaho Falls. High: 24 at Burley. High: 24 at Burley. High: 24 at Burley.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
'I feel generosity toward the future consists in giving all to what is present.'

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

High 28 Low 11

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes weather icons and data.

Moon Phases

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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Yesterday's Weather

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists various Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

Newspaper: Missing Missouri boy met police to report bike stolen

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ten months after Shawn Hornbeck's disappearance, he spoke with police to report his bike had been stolen but gave no clue that he was a missing child, a newspaper reported Saturday.
That apparently was the first of two encounters Shawn had with police after his 2002 disappearance. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported. The boy also may have placed a message on the Web site created by his parents during their search



Hornbeck

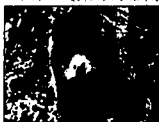
with kidnapping Shawn.
The Post-Dispatch said that on August 15, 2003, when Shawn was 12, he introduced himself to police in suburban Kirkwood as Shawn Devlin and gave no clue that he was a missing child being held captive. Shawn reported that his bike had been stolen from outside the apartment he shared with Devlin, according to the police report.
'I spoke with Shawn Devlin and his father Michael Devlin,'

Officer Christopher Moss wrote in the report, which the newspaper obtained through a public records request.
There was no immediate response to calls seeking comment from Moss, now an officer in nearby Overland. James Herros, chief of police in Overland, said Saturday that police prevents him and his officers from commenting on current investigations.
Kirkwood police also did not immediately return calls seeking

comment.
Kim Evans, a friend of Shawn's family who has been speaking for them, said she was 'speechless' that Shawn was seen by police 10 months after his kidnapping.
'You would think someone would have recognized him,' she said. 'But it's hard to say.'
The Post-Dispatch previously reported that on Sept. 29, 2006, a police officer in suburban Glendale stopped Shawn late at night because he was wearing dark clothes and didn't have reflectors on his bike.
According to the police report on that encounter, Shawn told the officer his name was Shawn Devlin and gave him the birth date July 7, 1991, 10 days off his true date of birth. Shawn told the officer he was riding his bike to his apartment in Kirkwood after visiting a friend's home.
Glendale police have said the officer had no reason to suspect Shawn Devlin was someone else.

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When the snow fails to fly

Surviving a winter family getaway without the white stuff

By Kim Curtis
Associated Press writer

EPHRAIM, Wis. — Lured by the promise of no crowds, off-season prices and lots of snowy fun, my family booked a winter getaway to Wisconsin's Door County peninsula.

We got two out of three. We hadn't spent a whole day — much less a week — under one roof in nearly 20 years, so we were counting on being able to break loose from the confines of the rental house. And Door County, with Lake Michigan to the east and Green Bay to the west, is usually a winter wonderland offering sledding, ice fishing and hundreds of miles of trails perfect for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or even snowmobiling.

That is, usually. The five of us waited patiently for the picture-perfect Wisconsin winter to arrive. But it never came. Every day was dreary and cold and drizzly. The sky was gray. Green Bay was gray. Even the bare trees and hills and shorelines were gray. And a funny thing started happening: No one seemed to mind.

The three-hour drive from Milwaukee, my hometown and where the rest of my family still resides, was lovely and we were thankful for the clear skies and dry roads.

I had packed an extra suitcase just to bring a long wool coat; a huge wool sweater that I wear as a jacket in San Francisco, where I live now; plus scarves, hats, gloves and even a pair of Sorel boots. I wasn't going to let the cold, the snow and the ice get in the way of my fun.

We arrived at our three-bedroom rental house in the town of Ephraim. Our log home, nestled on 2½ acres among five other houses — only two of which were available year-round — was just a few yards from the rocky shore of Green Bay. It also was adjacent to Peninsula State Park, Wisconsin's largest.

The house, with its advertised "great room," offered a giant stone fireplace and ample spots to settle in with a good book, movie or board game and was perfect for my family — my parents, Bob and Chris, my two brothers, Brian, 32, and Mike, 29, and me, the 37-year-old big sister.

After a quick dinner and just a few rounds of a board game that left us all in exhausted hysterics, we called it an early night.

The next morning greeted us not with snow, but with a dreary gray sky, bone-chilling



In this photo provided by Mike Kasprzak, the sun rises near Bailey's Harbor, Wis., Dec. 27.



In this photo provided by Mike Kasprzak, members of the Kasprzak family relax in their rental house in Ephraim, Wis.



In this photo provided by Mike Kasprzak, Cape Point in Whitefish Dunes State Park near Jacksonport, Wis., is seen on Dec. 27.

If you go...

DOOR COUNTY, Wis. <http://www.doorcounty.com/> or 800-827-3529. The county seat, Sturgeon Bay, is located about 150 miles from Milwaukee, 250 miles from Chicago and 310 miles from Minneapolis. Door County has 300 miles of shoreline along Green Bay and Lake Michigan, and five state parks: Newport, Peninsula, Peninsula Park, Grand and Washington Dunes. **WISCONSIN RENTAL HOUSES** <http://www.wisconsinrental.com/>

dampness and light drizzle. We all settled in for a few hours of Boggle, dominos and Uno. Surely the weather would lift.

By midafternoon, we convinced our mom that "of course, it wasn't too early" to make mugs full of hot buttered rum. I turned up the thermostat, my dad cut more wood and I made dinner. We spent another evening playing more games and perusing brochures advertising all the

winter fun we had counted on. Tomorrow, we said. Tomorrow, the snow would fall. It was, after all, winter in Wisconsin.

My mom had packed more than a dozen games. I brought along six library books, and with three iPods to plug into the stereo, we had more than 15,000 songs spanning five decades to keep us going.

Of course, renting a house in the woods with your adult siblings and parents might not

be everyone's ideal way to spend a precious week off from work, and it's not what I usually do on vacation. In fact, if I don't use my passport at least once a year, I begin feeling edgy.

I was a little stressed out beforehand, thinking that the whole thing might degenerate into a Robert Altman movie. But as it turned out, it was much more like a Norman Rockwell painting. We ate (lots of cheddar). We drank (mulled wine and more hot buttered rum). And we didn't argue or get in each other's way or drive each other more than a little nutty.

One morning, my brothers and I woke before dawn — a rarity for all three of us — and drove across the peninsula to North Bay to watch the sunrise. Finally, I needed my Sorels! But not for the snow. For the cold. We hiked along

the coast, which looked otherworldly with ice-dotted mud under clear skies that were, at long last, glowing golden light. We drove a few miles south and parked at the deserted Whitefish Dunes State Park. The cliffdikes were dripping with icicles and Lake Michigan roared with rolling waves. We sipped coffee from our thermal cups and agreed

it was magnificent.

On our last evening, when we were all gamed out and had just finished watching "Breakfast at Tiffany's," virtually the only time the TV had been turned on, my dad called out from the back door. It was just before midnight, but we all bundled up and headed out.

It was snowing.

No snow? Some destinations offer options, guarantees

NEW YORK (AP) — What if you plan on a snowy vacation but there's no snow when you get there?

That's been happening a lot this winter, and some destinations are responding with no-snow options.

"One day the lawns are covered with snow and the next day it may melt," said Andrew Ruggieri, proprietor of the 38-room Delafield Hotel in Delafield, Wis. "It makes it hard to offer an ongoing cross-country skiing package." So now the hotel offers a \$329 "Rain, Sleet or Snow" package that includes overnight accommodations and snow-shoeing or cross-

country skiing for two, but if there is no snow, you get a pair of two-hour personal training sessions at a fitness center instead. The hotel is also offering 60 percent off if the temperature rises above 50 degrees the day of your stay. The offer is good until March 20. Details at 800-594-8772 or <http://www.thedelafieldhotel.com/>.

If you book a ski package through the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort in Lake Placid, N.Y., the "No Snow Guarantee" package allows you to trade in your lift ticket for either dinner at a local restaurant; a wine-tasting and an "Olympic Winter Passport"

covering admission to a variety of local venues; or an appetizer and pint of beer at a local brewery. Details at <http://www.goldenarrow.com/Packages.html>.

If you're staying at the Wildflower Inn in Lyndonville, Vt., during the last two weekends of March, the Inn's "Ski or Eat Free" package comes with two free adult lift tickets to nearby Burke Mountain Ski Resort and a guarantee that you can have dinner at the Inn for free if the snow doesn't cooperate. Details at <http://www.wildflowerinn.com/>. Through April 30, anyone who

books a stay at a ResortQuest ski resort in Colorado, Idaho, Utah or Canada can relocate their reservation to another ResortQuest ski resort free of charge if the forecasted snow conditions in their original destination are not to their liking. ResortQuest will, for no extra fee or penalty, transfer reservations to a "more snowy" area. (Vacationers are still responsible for amending their own airfare/ground transportation.) Visit <http://www.resortquest.com/snowguarantee>.

The Ski.com Web site is offering a \$50 per person discount on Ski.com

vacation packages if at least one traveler on the reservation is a ski-season pass holder to a resort where lift service is operating at 50 percent or less. Resorts that qualify include those in New England, New York, the mid-Atlantic and some Midwestern states. Details at <http://www.ski.com/links/passholder.aspx> or 800-525-2052. To qualify for the \$50 per person savings, the vacation package must include a minimum four-night stay, lift tickets and one other package component such as airfare, car rental, ski rental or ski lesson.

TRAVEL

New luster in Portland's Pearl

By Jessica Garrison
Los Angeles Times

PORTLAND, Ore. — On a pre-dinner stroll through the Pearl District, we passed blocks of shiny new boutiques — selling high-end design books, dog grooming services and \$75 sweaters for babies. High-rise condos and bustling restaurants seemed to have sprung up on every elegant, cobblestoned corner.

I turned to my husband, Michael. "This is amazing," I said. "It's all new." He rolled his eyes. It was the fifth time in 10 minutes I had expressed such sentiments.

I grew up in Portland when this area, known then as the Northwest Industrial Triangle, seemed gritty and dangerous. It was depicted in the 1989 movie "Diner" as Cowboy" as the stamping grounds of drug addicts and homeless people.

But then artists began congregating in huge numbers. Gallery owners followed, and today the neighborhood, renamed the Pearl District, looks like a real-estate brochure for loft living.

There's free wireless, and a 100-page menu lists 29 restaurants, 11 coffeehouses and 21 art galleries.

Transit geeks and urban-planning nerds have long loved Portland for its light rail growth policies and dedication to public transit that extends to former Mayor Bud Clark posing as a flasher in bare jogs and raincoat in front of a statue under the heading "Expose Yourself to Art."

In the past few years, the city has also made strides in its restaurant scene.

Our plan was to eat our way across the city, punctuating our meals with strolls over the many bridges that cross the Willamette River and visits to Portland's famous International Rose Test Garden and Japanese Garden. We also envisioned a hike in Forest Park, the largest urban forest in the country. We pictured our baby, Evelyn, playing in burbling brooks while our eyes, accustomed to the brown of a lake in Forest Park, learned to distinguish among dozens of different shades of green.

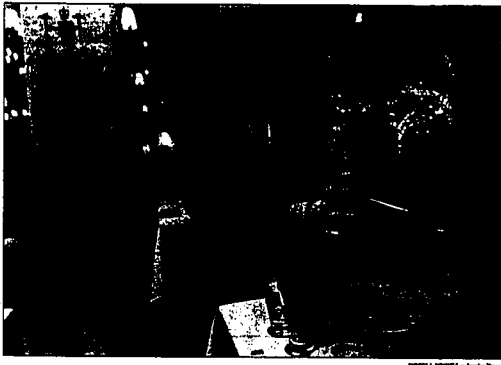
Covering that much ground turned out to be too ambitious. Instead, we savored the city and our cars unfolded at Portland's languid, good-natured pace.

Almost without exception, the food was incredible. Even the waiters seemed stunned at the explosion of restaurants and influx of affluent, Portland-casual clientele that fills them night after night.

At Fenouil, a new high-end French brasserie with big windows overlooking a new public square and fountain, our waiter delivered a tomato tart combining melt-in-your-mouth pastry and salty blue cheese and shook his head in sympathy as we described the sensory overload of our walk. "Every day, there is something new," he said.

At Nostrana, a pizzeria on the city's east side recently billed as Portland's best restaurant, we ate pizza with tomatoes, a tuna and white bean salad and munsterone soup. All were light, fresh and subtly seasoned.

At Bluehour, at one end of a



William Frank, 12, strolls through the dining area in October at Loews Coronado Bay Resort & Spa in San Diego, which sets aside stages and events just for adolescents.

As we walked out of the restaurant, the skies opened. We pictured the blanched landscape of Southern California and smiled as we strolled, holding our faces up to greet the rain.

Wander along the Willamette

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel deluxe, 729 S.W. 15th Ave.; (866) 895-2094, www.hoteldeluxeportland.com
- Features rooms decorated in old Hollywood themes. Doubles from \$149.
- Jupiter Hotel, 800 E. Burnside St.; (503) 230-9200 or (877) 800-0004, www.jupiterhotel.com. This former hotel has gone retro and bills itself as Portland's only "cultural boutique hotel." Doubles from \$99.

WHERE TO EAT:

- Fenouil, 900 N.W. 11th Ave.; (503) 525-2225, www.fenouilthepearl.com. Fenouil means "fennel" in French, and little sprigs of the plant grace each table. The menu includes classic French fare such as fried frog legs, along with fish, lamb and seafood paella. Entrees \$18-\$31.
- Andina, 1214 N.W. Glisan St.; (503) 228-9335, www.andinarestaurant.com. Traditional Peruvian dishes and contemporary Andean cuisine. The cocktails are amazing. Entrees \$17-\$29.

- Bluehour, 250 N.W. 13th Ave.; (503) 228-3394, www.bluehouronline.com. Contemporary French and Italian, with choices such as potato gnocchi with black truffles. Entrees \$16-\$75.
- Cadillac Cafe, 3801 N.E. Broadway; (503) 287-4750. A good breakfast spot. Less than \$15, including an elaborate coffee drink.
- Nostrana, 1401 S.E. Morrison St.; (503) 234-2427, www.nostrana.com.

Some food critics call this Portland's best restaurant. This cautious place features a changing menu of pizzas, salads and soups. Pizzas from \$8, pasta from \$13, meat and seafood from \$16.

WHAT TO DO:

- Powell's City of Books, 1005 W. Burnside, (503) 228-4651, www.powells.com. Another fun place to wander and shop.
- The Pearl District is a lovely place to wander, shop, dine or people watch. But all of Portland, with its miniature blocks and plentiful parks, is delightfully walkable.

converted loading dock with hipster halstraying chain Rudy's barber shop, we sat in the sun next to some whippers and their owners just back from a dog show. (Portland is perhaps the most dog-friendly city in America; restaurants where dogs are not welcome feel obliged to put up signs to that effect.) The brunch menu leans toward comfort food with a twist. My husband had Bluehour's spin on the blue-plate special, which was a fried-egg sandwich; instead of side dishes of fast-fried onions and a slab of ham, he got caramelized fennel.

At Andina, a Peruvian restaurant, the food was good, but the cocktails were the real attraction.

I had the Ardorecer Porteno, which the menu described as "pink guava nectar shaken with honey-infused vodka and lime juice topped with a float of ruby

port and a spritz of lime zest, served up with an anise sugar rim." It left me speechless. A half-dozen other cocktails had ingredients just as extravagant — including the Granada de Amor, which contains Damiana, identified on the menu as a Mexican love potion."

Our hotel was similarly over the top. We stayed at the nearby Hotel deluxe, which is just up the hill in the city's old theater district. It bills itself as paying "homage to Hollywood's golden era." Movie stars glare out from every wall. But one who softens into the exquisitely soft beds, it's easy to close your eyes and forget them.

On any trip, it's often the little unexpected moments that charm the most and linger longest in the memory as reminders of relaxation and delight.

We had one of these walking back from lunch one

afternoon when we stopped at Irving Park, a deep pocket of green on the city's east side.

Tucked behind the tennis courts were the usual swing set and play structure. But we also found a huge, colorful fountain. When my husband pushed a button, it burst into a symphony of water sprays.

The baby made one of her huge, happy grins and waded right in. Within moments, we had all soaked and smiling.

Not everything we did was new. On any visit to Portland, there are a few obligatory stops. One is Powell's City of Books, said to be the largest independent bookstore in the United States.

It remains a place to lose yourself for hours. And now that the Pearl District has grown up around it, you can wander through the stacks and then wander out and reward yourself with an enormous meal.

We also felt obligated to eat at a few old Portland favorites. On our first morning, which dawned under steel-gray skies, we headed to the Cadillac Cafe, which has been in business for more than two decades and already feels like a Portland institution. We eyed the giant pink Cadillac, all shiny and chrome-up near the dining room, then watched the white-capped chefs dance through the open-air kitchen.

But to me the real attraction, apart from the fluffly eggs everyone raves about, are the disgustingly sweet, somewhat depraved coffee concoctions.

Because of its name, I ordered the Oregonian — a cafe mocha with hazelnuts, whipped cream and chocolate sprinkles.

Halfway through my drink, as I read about other coffee options, including one with blackberry and another with Kahlua, I felt slightly queasy. But there was no denying the delightful effects of a huge job of caffeine and sugar.

As we walked out of the restaurant, the skies opened. We pictured the blanched landscape of Southern California and smiled as we strolled, holding our faces up to greet the rain.

Mapping a keen scene for teens

By Kimi Yoshino
Los Angeles Times

Kathleen Cochran, general manager of San Diego's Loews Coronado Bay Resort & Spa, learned a simple truth from her family about traveling: "When teenagers aren't happy, no one's happy."

"It's just really awful," said Cochran, whose three children are 11, 14 and 16. "I call it 'forced family fun.'"

Armed with her own experiences — and with an assist from her kids — Cochran set out to make her hotel teen-friendly, an emerging trend in vacation spots trying to cater to the family.

Four Seasons hotels hire teen concierges who specialize in providing tips on cool hangouts, stores and activities. Other hotels feature teen-focused spa treatments, such as makeup lessons and facials for acne-prone skin. And some, such as Loews Coronado, are setting aside space and events just for adolescents.

During the summer, that means movie nights — flicks such as "Napoleon Dynamite" — and concerts with local bands. Year-round, there's a teen lounge outfitted with iPod-ready chairs with built-in speakers, DVDs, a flat-screen TV, video games, a computer for Internet surfing and a stack of magazines, including Seventeen and Surfing.

A recent study showed that baby boomers and older members of Generation X were fueling a boom in family vacations, said Bjorn Hanson, the hospital consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers, an international accounting company. Teens are showing more interest in family vacations than they did five or six years ago, Hanson said.

Baby boomers are realizing that their kids are in the last years where family vacations are an opportunity and are recognizing that more than ever before, children in the family need to be involved in the planning of a vacation." Hanson said. "Teens specifically expect that."

Parents were being frustrated because their teens didn't know what activities to take part in and their kids didn't like their parents' ideas. Four Seasons spokeswoman Leslie Lefkowitz said, "This is built in credibility because (the concierge is) a teenager also." Lefkowitz said.

When the teen guests want to shop for clothes, for example, the teen concierge won't just send them to stand-by favorites such as Abercrombie & Fitch or H&M.

A teen concierge at the New York hotel "would recommend a lot of vintage clothing stores in the (Greenwich) Village. That's something you can't find everywhere," Lefkowitz said.

At the Whidler resort, 17-year-old concierge Adam Podhorski said he most often fields the question, "What else is there to do besides skiing?" He recommends dog-sledding or zip-trekking across the Fitzsimmons Creek.

"It's really helpful to have another teen help find things something to do," Podhorski said. "Otherwise, it might be just dismissed as, 'Oh, that's just something they're telling me to do.'"

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Belize offers unspoiled Caribbean to visitors

By Vicki Smith
Associated Press writer

SAN PEDRO, Belize — Needle-nosed ballhook fish leap from the water, lured by the wake as Capt. Bobby the Halliday motors off Ambergris Caye. The turquoise waters here are so clear you can see blades of sea grass and lobster traps more than 20 feet below the surface.

Halliday has been guiding fishing trips through these waters for years, making some customers so happy that they gave him the two 60-horsepower engines that power his boat, the Blanca Lily. He slows to a troll, and suddenly even more is visible below: Parrot fish, Angel fish. A 5-foot white shark, silent as a shadow.

He rigs up our fishing poles in more than 30 feet of water, and we quickly land a pile of Spanish mackerels, yellow snapper and one hard-fighting barracuda. Halliday prides a mackerel from a hook, spilling blood on the deck.

When I step back, he laughs. "That's when Bobby's having a good day when the deck is in the boat," he says. Then he nods to my husband. "That's a good catch, man."

We'd pondered where to spend a winter vacation, eager to swap gray skies and chilly weather for back-hilled turquoise water and fresh seafood. We'll be to several Caribbean islands, but we wanted something different.

Our research led to Belize, an English-speaking nation of 200,000 that seems undecided on whether to market itself as Central America or the Caribbean.

No wonder. It has the best of both — a friendly, welcoming people grateful for every tourist, and brilliant, varied marine life that snorkelers and divers treasure.

The mainland is 180 miles long and no more than 60 miles wide, but Belize is best known for its cays, or islands. There are more than 200, many of them inside a coral reef that is the world's second-longest (after Australia's Great Barrier Reef).

The most popular and developed island here is Ambergris Caye, home to the town of San Pedro, white beaches and a laid-back mood.

To get there, you fly to Belize City, then catch a boat or plane. The flight is short, but the sea is unbreakable, with hundreds of feet up, through scratched plastic windows, you can see massive rays in the water below.

From the dusty airport, it's a quick water taxi or golf cart to the resort, where the first impression is mixed. Though the water is a brilliant palette of blues, the beach is rimmed in weeds and foxtail.

But the trade-offs are worth it. Though Belize has ramshackle homes, rutted dirt roads and a less-than-immaculate shoreline, it has unspoiled Caribbean beauty at prices far below its northern neighbor, Mexico.

The beachfront is lined with pastel-colored houses and thatched-roof resorts, none more than three stories high. The water is too shallow for cruise ships. Nor are there jet skis to ruin the ambience.

Though locals travel mainly by foot and bicycle, the best way to explore is by golf cart. The island has few cars and few roads.

Snorkeling and diving are key attractions. At the Hol Chan Marine Preserve, I go under with my snorkeling gear and the first thing I spot is a green moray eel bobbing in a sphere of coral. Two giant tarpon and a spotted eagle ray glide by as we stare at hundreds of tropical fish. Then we swim through into a coral garden and out through a crack in the reef to the open sea.

On Wednesday nights, hundreds gather at the Pier Lounge bar for the one of the latter — the Chicken Drop.

Four white squares covered in red numbers are on the sand. A crowd gathers and watch from above, sipping Belikin beers from a covered balcony table at Caliente.

A hostess explains the game. Everyone places a number. If the chicken poops on your number, she says, you win \$1,000. But you have to clean it up.

From a rattan basket, a tourist plucks a chicken. It takes a few steps, then freezes as the screaming begins. Children yell until they are hoarse. Crown men raise their beers, bellowing numbers.

The chicken stops. It is straddling two numbers on my husband's ticket: 72 and 25.

For what feels like minutes,

the bird refuses to budge. The screaming continues until suddenly my husband yells. "Shhh! Be quiet! Let the chicken relax!"

For a second, there is silence. Then the crowd cracks up, the shouting resumes and the bird moves. Eventually he drops on No. 6, thrilling a tourist from Alaska.

It's easy to pass the days drinking Dirty Bananas by the pool, catching and grilling grouper, and relaxing at hot spots like Mexico Rocks.

But Belize has more to offer.

If you go ...

BEZELIZ: <http://www.travelbelize.org/> or 800-624-0686. Lodging options range from simple one-room guesthouses to five-star resorts.

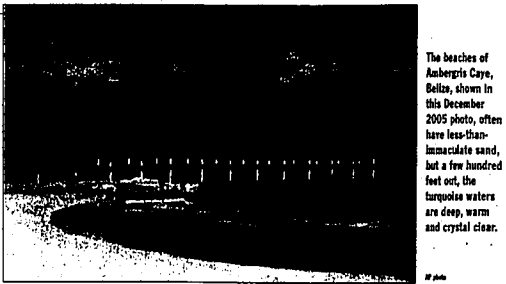
THINGS TO DO: Visit the Shangri-La Spa, one of six in San Pedro's resort district. The ocean breeze wafts over two massage beds. From the ceiling hang beautiful mobiles that the owner has constructed from shells, coconut blossoms, coconuts, thistles, driftwood and seashells. A deep-tissue massage runs \$80.

- Spend a day on Caye Caulker, the sleepy island next to Ambergris Caye. The village has only two streets and a handful of cafes, but vendors line the edge of the beach, selling beads, shell and seed necklaces at prices cheaper than San Pedro. Try lunch at the Rainbow Grill and Bar, where, for \$15, you get fresh conch ceviche, a seafood platter, a Belikin beer and a lime daiquiri.

- Venture onto Belize's mainland to tour ancient Mayan ruins at Altun Ha, Lamanai, Caracol, Cerros, Lubantun and Xunilnubun.

- Most resorts offer organized tours, or book your own at <http://www.travelbelize.org/tourmap.html>.

DINING: In San Pedro, at the sand-floored Reef Restaurant, two brothers catch fish and die for lobster and conch every morning, then bring it back for Mom to cook; at Div's Kitchen, a bottle of sauvignon blanc is the perfect pairing for the "taste of the island" seafood dinner of fresh conch, lobster, shrimp and blackened snapper; and at Captain Morgan's, where the infamous "Temptation Island" reality show was filmed, the Belizean Night Buffet features blackened pork chops with pineapple relish, plantains and a Belizean spiced chicken.



The beaches of Ambergris Caye, Belize, shown in this December 2005 photo, often have less-than-immaculate sand, but a few hundred feet out, the turquoise waters are deep, warm and crystal clear.



Celebrating 100 Years!

Jerome Centennial 1907-2007

Established in 1907, Jerome appears to be the only town in Magic Valley that had a bank before the official town opening. Jerome State Bank, Ltd., Board of Directors met September 16, 1907 to set up the bank. These were W.S. Kuhn — President of the Twin Falls North Side Land & Water Co.; Fentriess Hill, Pennsylvania (Mr. Kuhn's brother-in-law); David MacWatters — W.P. & General Manager TFNSL&W; Jacob Van Wagoner — Treasurer TFNSL&W; Jessie S. Purdy, also from Pennsylvania; and I.B. Perrine, Jerome County resident and promoter, and property owner. Paul Kartzke, pioneer Jerome builder, rushed to complete the frame bank buildings on what was then a dirt trail through a town site still covered with sagebrush. The address later given to the location was 204 East Main Street. Across the path was the largest building in the new town, the two-story company building. In the September 20, 1907 issue of the *Twin Falls News* was an article announcing the arrival of the large 4,500 pound safe for the bank. Although the vault door had also been received and installed and other fixtures were on hand Sept. 30, Mr. Kartzke was unable to complete the structure enough so it could be occupied, forcing cashier Fred F. Cockburn and his assistants to handle the bank's business in a tent during the first week of the huge Second Segregation land opening. The *Shoshone Journal* headline on October 4, 1907 read "The Greatest Sale - Near 50,000 acres and \$150,000 in Town Lots Sold at the Jerome Land Opening." By December 23, 1907, the Jerome State Bank, Ltd. had a capital of \$10,000, and the 1908 financial statement revealed deposits of \$82,184.98 indicating a tremendous growth in the town and surrounding farms during the 12 months. The frame building was completed and occupied by this bank. Later the Great Shoshone and Twin Falls Water Power Co. occupied this building and then Idaho Power Co. until 1925 when Mr. Emmett Connor opened his Radio Shop. In 1969 Moore's Television and Appliance Store opened. In 2007 Gypsy Sun Bath & Body store occupies the building. (Excerpts from Then And Now In Southern Idaho, Virginia Ricketts.)

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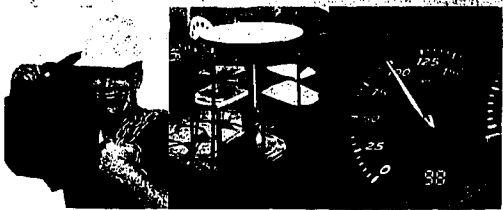
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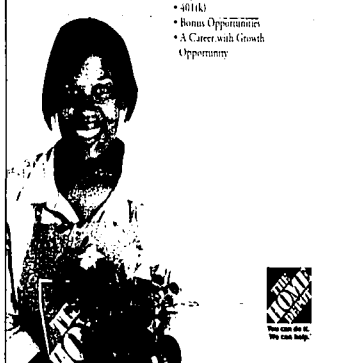
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Iron Lady

Widow Langdon thrived as a scrap-metal dealer — and raised 9 kids

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She collected salt and pepper shakers — 2,000 pairs of them — branding irons and wooden wagon wheels. And, from 1946 until she retired 40 years later, much of everything else that the Magic Valley threw away.

Marian Orensia Smith Langdon was a scrap-metal dealer. Mother of nine and widowed at 34, she built a successful business in a man's world.

Now her youngest son, Danny Langdon, has written an affectionate biography, "My Mother Can Beat Up Your Father" (Publish America).

"My mother could have taken on any man and bested him in an argument or disputed points, if not in many cases, perhaps, physically... It was natural, I guess, for some men to think they could get a better deal through a little bit of intimidation when negotiating to sell their scrap metal to her. But they could not."

Danny Langdon, a 68-year-old business consultant who now lives in Bellingham, Wash., says he wrote the book as a testament to the power of being a good example.

"She had an inner strength, built on love from a caring relatives and recognition of what little she had, so she could rise above challenges to become a person with extraordinary values," he writes.

At 17, Marian married a hard-drinking Twin Falls hide dealer named Bert Langdon, a widower 20 years Marian's senior. Bert had earlier hired Marian to care for his wife, who was dying of cancer.

"Mother's marriage to Bert Langdon was a marriage of convenience," Danny Langdon writes. "She said more than once, He

Marian Langdon's lessons learned

1. You are valued as a child.
2. Learn from the lessons life teaches.
3. Respect your parents and yourself.
4. Be nice to others.
5. Your brothers and sisters are your brothers and sisters.
6. Don't sweat it; get over it.
7. Serve others.
8. Do things for your parents.
9. Have faith, but don't act so holy.



Where to find it
Danny Langdon's book "My Mother Can Beat Up Your Father" sells for \$18.95 and is available at Barnes & Noble Bookstores in Twin Falls and Knochel Books in Ketchikan.

needed someone to take care of his (three) children, and I needed a place to live."

Bert and Marian had six more children during the Great Depression, and the Langdons' livelihood was sometimes hand-to-mouth. To save rent, the family would literally camp out all summer in the Wood River Valley.

But by the time Bert died of a heart attack in 1941, he had built a 3,500-square-foot warehouse on

Fourth Avenue West in Twin Falls. The Langdons bought and sold all manner of recyclables.

"Fortunately for us all, she had occasionally traveled with my father on business trips and had learned the fundamentals of business," Danny said. "Most important was her knowledge of her husband's loyal contacts."



Danny Langdon

This began four decades of six-days-a-week, 12-hour-a-day investment in the scrap-metal trade.

"My father started the business," Danny said. "But it was my mother's skill and tenacity that made it successful."

Marian was born in Jamestown, N.Y., but her parents split up when she was 4 and she was sent to live with relatives at Gimlet Siding, a Union Pacific Railroad whistle stop near Hailey.

Her often-absent father eventually joined Marian and her sister, who grew up in Hailey and the Bellevue. They were raised by their grandmother and her aunt until their grandmother died when Marian was 15.

"She never got beyond the 10th grade at Bellevue High School, and she went to work for Bert Langdon in Twin Falls the following year.

"Our mother's job in the Langdon household was the general supervision of the three children and the maintenance of the house, as well as her primary duty of caring for Mrs. Langdon," Danny writes. "She was paid \$8 a week, plus room and board."

The first Mrs. Langdon died in 1928. Bert and Marian were married four months later.

"Although mother readily understood the basics of business from the beginning, she had no plans at all for working herself," Danny writes. "She wanted to be more than anything, a full-time mother."

But she could haggle with the shrewdest men and did her homework on commodity prices.

"Sometimes a load was brought in (that) was more than the 300-pound maximum that the scales could weigh," Danny said. "So mother would have to estimate the load. Rarely did anyone question the accuracy or fairness of her estimate. Or, if they did, they would



Marian Langdon uses a cutting torch to take apart metal items in her Twin Falls scrap-metal yard.

laggle for a bit with her, but her word was always the final deal."

Marian did much of the hard physical work at the scrap-metal yard, including dismantling large metal objects with a cutting torch. Then she'd go home, bathe, put on a dress and fix dinner.

In her little spare time, Marian ran the local March of Dimes drive, was active in Eastern Star and served as president or on the board of a dozen fraternal and civic groups. In 1952, she was chosen Idaho's Mother of the Year.

Marian Langdon died in 1996 at age 85.

"Among women she was admired," Danny writes. "Among men she was perhaps a puzzle because she did what they did and often better."

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Parents teaching old-fashioned terms of address buck trend toward informality

By Katherine Shawer
The Washington Post

Teresa and Nahd Koudejti instruct their two daughters to address adults as "Miss" or "Mr." followed by their first names. When the children get a bit older, Teresa Koudejti said, she'll have them switch to "Mrs." or "Mr." and a last name.

"I want them to know that adults are not on the same level as them," said Koudejti, 39, a stay-at-home mother who lives in Potomac, Md.

Sofia, 6, and Sarah, 3, call some close family friends "Aunt" or "Uncle" and a first name — a link to Koudejti's upbringing in El Salvador and her husband's Algerian background.

Many of today's parents grew up with an ironclad rule: Adults were "Mr." and "Mrs." with a last name. Sometime during the last, less-formal generation, the



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rule softened, and children began using first names.

But some parents miss the old-fashioned way, some things they see as basic good manners.

They are trying to swing the pendulum back — with a

twist: Many have adopted a combination approach. Immigrants often live in customs from their home countries where more rigid rules govern children in polite society.

Alyce Kassa, 36, who arrived in Takoma Park, Md., from Ethiopia a year ago, said he will teach his 2-year-old son, Abel, to use last names when addressing adults.

"My son should be decent and respectful of others," said Kassa, a medical technician. "I think that's implied by using 'Mr.' and the last name. In Ethiopia, there is a respectful way of calling others."

What would happen if an Ethiopian child called an adult by his or her first name? Kassa looked a bit puzzled and then let out a short laugh, as if the situation were too absurd to ponder. "I really," he said, "The adult, if he's older, probably would scold the child."

Alejandra Aguirre, 45, of the District of Columbia, said she's sometimes taken aback to hear one of her 12-year-old sons' friends, ask, "Alejandra, can I have that?"

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Babies tend to be messy. And anything that makes feeding time easier and more sanitary is most welcome.

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'Teen tweens':

Kids are growing up faster — but is that a good thing?

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press writer

Zach Plante is close with his parents — he plays baseball with them and, on weekends, helps with work in the small vineyard they keep at their northern California home.

Lately, though, his parents have begun to notice subtle changes in their son. Among other things, he's announced that he wants to grow his hair longer — and sometimes greets his father with "Yo, Dad!"

"Little comments will come out of his mouth that have a bit of that teen swagger," says Tom Plante, Zach's dad.

Thing is, Zach isn't a teen. He's 10 years old — one part, a fun-loving fifth-grader who likes to watch the Animal Planet network and play with his dog and pet gecko, the other a soon-to-be middle schooler who wants an iPod.

In some ways, it's simply part of a kid's natural journey toward independence. But child development experts say that physical and behavioral changes that would have been typical of teenagers decades ago are now common among "tweens" — kids ages 8 to 12.

Some of them are going on "dates" and talking on their own cell phones. They listen to sexually charged pop music, play mature-rated video games and spend time gossiping on MySpace. And more girls are wearing make-up and clothing that some consider beyond their years.

Zach is starting to notice it in his friends, too, especially the way they treat their parents.

"A lot of kids can sometimes be annoyed by their parents," he says. "If I'm playing with them at one of their houses, then they kind of ignore their parents. If their parents do them a favor, they might just say, 'OK,' but not notice that much."

The shift that's turning tweens into the new teens is complex — and worrisome to parents and some professionals who deal with children. They wonder if kids are equipped to handle the thorny issues that come with the adolescent world.

"I'm sure this isn't the first time in history people have been talking about it. But I definitely feel like these kids are growing up faster — and I'm not sure it's always a good thing," says Dr. Liz Alderman, an adolescent medicine specialist at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. She's been in practice for 16 years and has noticed a gradual but undeniable change in attitude in that time.

Along with that, even young children are having to deal with peer pressure and other social influences.

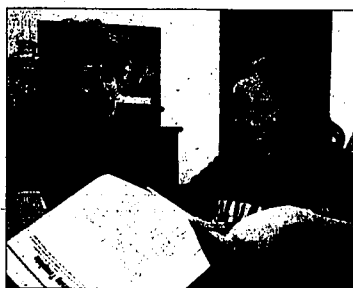
Beyond the drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll their boomer and Gen X parents navigated, technology and consumerism have accelerated the pace of life, giving kids easy access to influences that may or may not be parent-approved.

Sex, violence and foul language that used to be relegated to late-night viewing and R-rated movies are expected fixtures in everyday TV.

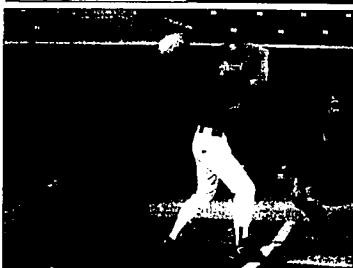
And many tweens model what they see, including common plot lines "where the kids are really running the house,



Ten-year-old Natalie Wickstrom feeds the family dog, Shasta, in Marietta, Ga., Nov. 15.



Ten-year-old Natalie Wickstrom works on her homework with her mom, Billie, at their home in Marietta, Ga., Nov. 15.



Zach Plante, 10, waits for a pitch from his mother, Lori, left, as his father, Tom, catches during a family baseball practice Nov. 6 in Santa Clara, Calif.

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Tom Plante, left, and his wife, Lori, play with their son Zach, 10, during a family baseball practice Nov. 6 in Santa Clara, Calif.

tions to what they can do," says Natalie, who's also in fifth grade.

Her mom, Billie Wickstrom, says the teen-like behavior of her daughter's peers influences her daughter — as does parents' willingness to allow it.

"Some parents make it hard on those of us who are trying to hold their kids back a bit," she says.

So far, she and her husband have resisted letting Natalie get her ears pierced, something many of her friends have already done. Now Natalie is lobbying hard for a cell phone and also wants an iPod.

"Sometimes I just think that maybe, if I got one of these things, I could talk about what they talk about," Natalie says of the kids she deems the "popular ones."

It's an age-old issue. Kids want to fit in — and younger kids want to be like older kids.

But as the limits have been pushed, experts say the stakes also have gotten higher — with parents and tweens having to deal with very grown-up issues such as pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. That point hit home when federal officials recommended a vaccine for HPV — a common STD that can lead to cervical cancer — for girls as young as age 9.

"Physically, they're adults, but cognitively, they're children," says Alderman, the physician in New York.

not the dysfunctional parents," says Plante, who in addition to being Zach's dad is a psychology professor at Santa Clara University in California's Silicon Valley.

He sees the results of all these factors in his private practice frequently.

Kids look and dress older. They struggle to process the images of sex, violence and adult humor, even when their parents try to shield them. And sometimes, he says, parents end up encouraging the behavior by failing to set limits — in essence, handing over power to their kids.

"You get this kind of perfect storm of variables that would suggest that, yes, kids are becoming teens at an earlier age," Plante says.

Natalie Wickstrom, a 10-year-old in suburban Atlanta, says girls her age sometimes wear clothes that are "a little inappropriate." She describes how one friend tied her shirt to show her stomach and "liked to dance like in rap videos." Girls in her class also talk about not only kissing but "having relationships" with boys.

"There's no rules, no limita-

Tips for parents of tweens

A few tips from experts and parents on how to help your child navigate the transition from childhood to adolescence. **1. Stay involved.** Don't lose touch. Talk to your child about their interests and activities. **2. Set limits.** Establish clear rules and consequences. **3. Encourage independence.** Allow your child to make choices and solve problems on their own. **4. Communicate.** Listen to your child's concerns and feelings. **5. Seek support.** Talk to other parents or professionals for advice.

• **Create a circle of like-minded parents.** Experts agree that parents should be involved, and that it's better to have limits in place when you have support. **• Stay informed.** Keep up on the latest trends in teen culture, technology, and social media. **• Encourage healthy habits.** Promote good nutrition, regular exercise, and adequate sleep. **• Monitor screen time.** Set limits on TV, video games, and social media use.

SINUSITIS or COLD?

Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow-green	Thin, whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes

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On a roll:



Recently, Keenan Hunt, 16, bowled a perfect game — that means he got a perfect score of 300. He has an unusual style — he rarely puts his thumb in the ball — but gets good results.

16 year old bowls a perfect 300 game

By Amy Orndorff
Special to The Washington Post

Would you recognize perfection if you saw it?
Some people say the Mona Lisa is the perfect painting. A baseball game in which a pitcher allows no base runners is called a perfect game. Another form of perfection is a big red 100 percent on one of your test papers. (Hopefully you see that a lot.)
On a recent Saturday morning, 16-year-old Keenan Hunt experienced perfection. He bowled a perfect game, that means he knocked down all 10 pins 12 times in a row for a perfect score of 300.
"Oh, that last one. I got real dizzy," Keenan recalled of the mounting pressure. "I let it go, and I got a strike."
Keenan is the third person to bowl a perfect game in the history of the Silver Hills Strikers youth bowling league, which started in the early 1970s.



Keenan Hunt, 16, has been bowling regularly with his family since he was 5 years old.

The Strikers' 200 members range in age from 5 to 22. They bowl Saturday mornings at the Marlow Heights Lanes in Temple Hills, Md. Like many other league members whose parents bowl, Keenan joined the Strikers when his mother joined an adult league. That was in 1995.
"I just followed my mother a lot, and it was fun for her, so it was fun for me," Keenan said.
Since he was 5, Keenan and his mom have bowled together several times a week. With 11 years of experience, he has some tips for other young bowlers.
For beginners, he recommends using your thumb to improve follow-through on the delivery. "Point your thumb where you want the ball to go when it's released."
Keenan also suggests aiming straight down

Bowling fact

Archaeologists have found evidence that Egyptians played a game similar to bowling about 5,000 years ago.



the middle of the alley until you have enough control to put spin on the ball and develop your own style.
Over time, Keenan has developed a unique style: He rarely puts his thumb in the ball. Instead, he inserts just his middle and ring fingers.

Most coaches discourage bowling this way. But after Keenan saw a pro do it, he worked hard to make that his style, too.
Practicing seems to have paid off. Keenan averages 190, and he has traveled to New Jersey for the eastern regional championships nine times, placing first in his division in 2004.

"For any bowler, a 300 game is a dream come true.
But Strikers director Andre Capelin says it's a reachable goal for those who do what young Keenan does: practice, practice, practice.
"In Keenan's case, it is obviously 'practice makes perfect,'" Capelin said. "He is the epitome of what a kid should be when they come to bowl."

Talking with actress and singer JoJo

By Emily Leventhal, Katherine Mobilia and Caroline Soozai
Midday reporters, Newsday

We interviewed actress and singer JoJo at Universal Records in Manhattan recently.
Question: What age did you start singing?
And what about acting?

Answer: I started singing at age 2. I started talking and then I started singing. I have been acting since I was 6. I started doing theater in Massachusetts, and then I did commercials.

Q: Did your roles in "Aquamarine" and "RV" have any similarities with your life?
A: A little similar. I try to take a little piece of myself and put it in the roles that I play so I can relate to the character more.

Q: Who is your idol?
A: There are a lot of people I look up to, but I really look up to Beyonce. She is a good example of what a woman should be. She is really strong.

Q: When you went to school did some of the girls just pretend to be your friend?
A: Yes. There are a lot of mean girls, and I was no stranger to that. There were girls who were jealous and got mad at me for no reason. But everybody is good at different things. That is why I never understood why they were jealous.

Q: Is there anyone who influenced you and helped you along the way?
A: Definitely. My mom has been so supportive with whatever I wanted to do, like singing, acting or school. She has always been there for me.

Q: Did guys in school suddenly start to like you when you made it?
A: I wasn't in school when I started to get successful, but boys liked me. I think it was because I was just like them and I had a lot of guy friends, and we always hung out together.

Q: What is it like being on the road?
A: It is cool. I like traveling, being in a tour bus you are in a new city every night, but it is also good to go home.

Q: What is the best and worst thing about being a star?
A: The best is I love to travel and perform. The least favorite is that it is pretty demanding, but you have to take that in stride.

Joke of the day

Newsday

Question:
What do snowmen like for breakfast?



Answer:
Frosted Flakes

About you and de-stressing

The Washington Post

Kids are under a lot of pressure, including schoolwork, friends and outside activities. What do kids ages 8 to 13 do to chill out?

- Spend time with friends: 42 percent
- Eat favorite snack: 26 percent
- Exercise: 20 percent
- Play sports: 20 percent
- Work on a hobby: 13 percent
- Read: 10 percent

Source: GfK NOP market research

About you and your friends

The Washington Post

Here's what kids 8 to 12 say is their favorite way of staying in touch with their friends, according to a Harris Interactive survey.

- In person: 81 percent
- Landline phone: 12 percent
- Cell phone: 3 percent
- Instant message: 2 percent
- E-mail: 1 percent
- Other: 1 percent



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