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WAR PROTEST



Uncle Sam — Daily Herb, dressed as Uncle Sam, marches past the Capitol during an anti-war protest on the National Mall Saturday in Washington.

Tens of thousands march against war

By **Caleb Woodard** and **Larry Margasak**
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Convicted this is their moment, tens of thousands marched Saturday in an anti-war demonstration linking military families, ordinary people and an icon of the Vietnam protest movement in a spirited call to get out of Iraq.

Celebrities, a half-dozen lawmakers and protesters from distant states rallied in the capital under a sunny sky, seizing an opportunity to press their cause with a Congress restive on the war and a country that has turned against the conflict.

Marching with them was Jane Fonda, in what she said was her first anti-war demonstration in 34 years.

"Silence is no longer an option," Fonda said to cheers from the stage on the National Mall. The actress once derided as "Hanoi Jane" by conservatives for her stance on Vietnam

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Hummel Architects, PLLC worked on the renovation of The Simpson & Co. building in 2003 in downtown Twin Falls.

The people behind the big designs

By **Sandy Miller**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Hummel name graces the drawings for some of the Magic Valley's finest buildings.

There's St. Edward's Catholic Church downtown and the South Central District Health building on the College of Southern Idaho campus, to name just a couple. And on the drawing board are the soon-to-be-built Canyon Ridge High School, St. Luke's Magic Valley.

Regional Medical Center and Federation Pointe, an office-condo-public plaza to be built on the Snake River Canyon rim. Hummel is also busy renovating the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital into Twin Falls County offices.

Boise-based Hummel Architects has so much going on in Twin Falls that it just made sense to open up an office here. And being architects, a lot of thought went into finding the perfect space. It had to be downtown and it had to have "architectural

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— Scott Straubhar, co-owner of Boise-based Hummel Architects

"It's just fun to design something and then see it built and used."

— Tom Netwirth, a local architect who will lead Hummel's Twin Falls office



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Fallen Apollo 1 astronauts remembered 40 years later

By **Mike Schneider**
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — It was supposed to be a routine launch pad test.

But from the Apollo 1 command module at Pad 34 came a panicked voice saying, "Fire in the cockpit."

Exactly 40 years later, the three Apollo astronauts who were killed in that flash fire were remembered Saturday for paving the way for later

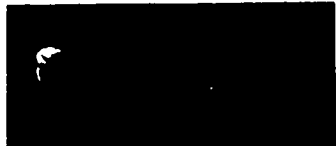
"... we owe a lot to Gus, and Rog and Ed. They made it possible for the rest of us to do the almost impossible."

— John Young, who flew in Gemini 3 with Virgil "Gus" Grissom in 1965

astronauts to be able to travel to the moon. The deaths of Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee forced NASA to take pains in its space race with the Soviet

Union and make design and safety changes that were crucial to the agency's later successes.

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A view across the entrance of the Space Shuttle Memorial at the Kennedy Space Center's Visitor Complex during the ceremony honoring the three Apollo 1 astronauts in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Saturday.

TODAY'S FORECAST

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MINI-CASSIA Today: Mostly sunny skies and chilly. Highs in the 30s. Tonight: Fair skies. Lows in the teens. Tomorrow: Sunny and continued chilly. Highs in the 30s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Cowboy Poetry gathering with "A Night at the Movies," screening of a classic Western film with popcorn, 7 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Elko, Nev., \$11 (\$18 for day pass; no cost for children), (888) 880-5885.

SPORTS

United Fleets International (UFI) cardboard derby, bring pre-made "Sci-Fi ship" of only cardboard, duct tape and paint to race down hill, toboggan-style, 8:45 a.m., Y-Dell parking lot (to leave for Pomerelle by 11 a.m.), Twin Falls, no cost to enter, 808-5031 or 431-0852.

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 email at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Monday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley, 878-7302. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116.

Tuesday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7302. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Wednesday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Thursday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128. Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W., 423-4556. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

Friday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

OBITUARIES

Fred Maier, 89 Edna Irene Tilley, 90 SEE PAGE B2

Mixed-up women finally meet

DAVISON TOWNSHIP Mich. (AP) — Sally Crech, niece Sally Crech. The two Flint-area residents both married men named James and have had identical mix-up years. This week the women finally met face to face, although the giggles and inside jokes they exchanged were a sign of 40 years of familiarity. The meeting Tuesday was at Dicky's Steakhouse in Genesee County's Davison Township, about 50 miles north of Detroit. "This is nice," said Sally Lucille Crech, 63, of Davison Township, accompanied by husband James, 65. "It's something we always wanted to do." Crossing paths over the years "has been fun for me," Sally Ann Crech, 71, of Clayton Township, told The Flint Journal. James and Sally Lucille Crech learned of their counterparts through a published birth announcement that said James and Sally Crech had had a baby boy, Michael. Today, he is 40. Sally Lucille Crech was pregnant at the time. She said her father sent her the announcement as a sign he would soon have a grandson. Instead, she gave birth to a girl. Jill also is 40. The women's paths crossed in the mid-1970s, when Sally Ann Crech ran unsuccessfully for Clayton Township clerk. "People said, 'I didn't know you were political,'" said Sally Lucille Crech. "I told them, 'I'm not.'"

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Hummel Architects helps shape Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Boise-based Hummel Architects has so much going on in Twin Falls that it just made sense to open up an office here. On the drawing board are the soon-to-be built Canyon Ridge High School, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Federation Pointe, an office-condo-public plaza to be built on the Snake River Canyon rim. Hummel is also busy renovating the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital into Twin Falls County offices. SEE PAGE A1

IDWR board completes aquifer management plan

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Water Resources board has completed a draft of an aquifer management plan, and a final draft could be ready by mid-February. The plan for managing the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer will be presented to the Legislature, which could enact portions of the plan this session. SEE PAGE B1

Hailey native's courage helps her in Africa

HAILEY — The jet-set lifestyle didn't satisfy Hailey native Theresa Grant. She traded it in last year for a toilet that was simply a hole in the ground, a candle for light, coals to cook on and a tub in which to wash her clothes. And a chance to help African kids who have been orphaned by AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. SEE PAGE B1

Embezzle suspect pleads guilty Friday

TRIPLE — A Buhl woman charged with taking more than \$50,000 from her former employer changed her plea to guilty Friday in Rupert's Fifth District Court. Julie Marie Douthett, 51, was arrested Dec. 30, 2005. She faced 30 counts of Grand Theft by Deception. She agreed to plead guilty to 10 of the counts, in exchange for the remaining 10 charges being dropped. SEE PAGE B1



Area dancers raise scholarship funds

TWIN FALLS — Saturday's 18th Annual Freeze Frame Revue was unique in more ways than one. For instance, it was not a dance competition. The event is used to raise scholarship money for the annual summer Dance Camp, a highly regarded camp that attracts instructors from all over Idaho. The revue attracted studios from across southern Idaho and more than 150 dancers. SEE PAGE B1

COMING THIS WEEK

MONDAY



FACE TIME

Every man has to choose.

IMAGE

TUESDAY



BIRDS AND BATS

Build their boxes before spring arrives.

COUNTRY ROADS

WEDNESDAY



FOOTBALL FARE

A Times-News sports reporter puts Super Bowl recipes to the test.

FOOD & HOME

THURSDAY



LOCAL BOY MAKES BLUE

Buhl's Matt Ramsey is the member of the Blue Man Group.

TNT

FRIDAY



OPEN TO ALL?

Controversy in Yosemite could affect way national parks are managed?

OUTDOORS

SATURDAY



WHAT MAKES FAITH?

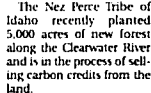
What's the science behind spirituality?

RELIGION

IDAHO/WEST

'Carbon forestry' may protect environment

COLEU (ALBANY) — Some landowners in the Pacific Northwest are planting new forests of trees to consume greenhouse gases and potentially buffer climate change, in a business called carbon forestry. The Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho recently planted 5,000 acres of new forest along the Clearwater River and is in the process of selling carbon credits from the land. SEE PAGE B6



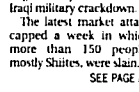
AG looks at bill to stop misuse of funds

BOISE — Attorney General Lawrence Wasden wants to change a law dating back to Idaho's territorial days because he says it allows some state and local government officials who misuse public funds to avoid felony charges. Wasden says the so-called "misuse-of-funds law," last amended in 1887, had traditionally been used to prosecute all government officials accused of bilking taxpayers. SEE PAGE B5

NATION/WORLD

U.S. military reports deaths of 7 soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military reported the deaths of seven more soldiers Saturday, while Sunni insurgent bombers struck yet another market in a predominantly Shiite district, killing at least 13 people in their bid to terrorize Baghdad days before a U.S.-Iraqi military crackdown. The latest market attack capped a week in which more than 150 people, mostly Shiites, were slain. SEE PAGE A6



Emus help researcher understand dinosaur

LIVERMORE, Colo. — Squatting in a small corral in a picturesque Rocky Mountain valley, paleontologist Brent Breithaupt points excitedly at a patch of mud containing a large, fresh, three-toed footprint. "Everything that we see in this track here can be found in the fossil record," he says. Nearby, a sound like bongo drumming comes from the throat of a 5-foot, flightless bird. It's an emu. SEE PAGE A7

SPORTS



Minico sixth at Red Haverson Invitational

RUPERT — Centennial High took home first-place hardware from the 2007 Red Haverson Invitational, which wrapped up Saturday at Minico High School. With four first-place finishes and 185 team points, Centennial finished by second-place Sandpoint (171.5 points) and third-place Idaho Falls (162). SEE PAGE C2

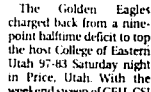


Hansen eliminates Lighthouse girls

MURHAUGH — With the majority of her Husky teammates still, Hartman Junior Abby Curry took over the scoring chores as the tossed in a game-high 21 points to lead Hansen to a 51-37 win over Lighthouse Christian in a last-own game at the Magic Valley Southside tournament Saturday. SEE PAGE C1

CSI men's basketball atop conference

PRICE, Utah — It's lonely at the top, but it's a good kind of lonely. The No. 8 College of Southern Utah men's basketball team is in sole possession of first place at the halfway point of the Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule. The Golden Eagles charged back from a nine-point halftime deficit to top the host College of Eastern Utah 97-83 Saturday night in Price, Utah. With the weekend sweep of CEU, CSI improves to 18-2 on the season and 8-2 in SWAC play. SEE PAGE C1



CSI women rebound from drubbing

Without their two leading scorers, the No. 14 Golden Eagles women did what they couldn't do Friday night with them: beat CEU. Amy Bratvold's 19 points paced CSI to a 66-53 win as CSI rebounded from Friday's embarrassing 70-50 loss in style. SEE PAGE C2

OPINION

MINI EDITORIAL

We are proud of Magic Valley folks who go across the country and overseas to do what they can to make the world a better place. We are also proud of the folks who do all they can here to help friends, neighbors and strangers in their hours of need. There are many examples of this. For that, we thank you. — Chris Belden, news editor

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Hummel

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 character," said Scott Straubhar, an architect and Hummel co-owner. Hummel also put a lot of thought into who would staff the office. It found the perfect person in Tom Nelwirth, a local architect whose work includes the new Twin Falls Reformed Church and the Idaho Commerce and Labor Building.
 "We went looking for someone who had local ties and experience," Straubhar said. "We were really pleased we found Tom."
 Nelwirth is a native Idahoan who graduated from Kimberly High School in 1972 and the University of Idaho in 1977. He

and his wife, Janine, a dietitian, have two daughters — Mari, 15, and Kori, 12.
 Nelwirth, who is the chairman of the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Committee, is busy getting settled into the office and touching base with local clients.
 "Right now, I'm just trying to get-up-to speed on projects," Nelwirth said.
 Nelwirth said the best part of being an architect is taking a client's ideas and wishes and turning them into a building.
 "It's just fun to design something and then see it built and used," he said.
 Nelwirth said there are many things that go into that first schematic design.

An architect must examine each space and what activities go on in those spaces and how those spaces work together.
 "We take all the information we've gathered and put it on paper for the first time," Nelwirth said.
Enough work to go around
 With Nelwirth on board, Straubhar might not have to commute from Boise so often, but he'll still be spending time in Twin Falls.
 He doesn't mind. After all, Twin Falls is his hometown. The son of Jack, a developer and engineer, and Shirley Straubhar, he graduated from Twin Falls High School in

1977. Like Nelwirth, he's a University of Idaho grad. He's been with Hummel Architects since 1986 and later became one of its principal owners. He and his wife, Shanna, have seven children — the oldest a junior in college and the youngest a 2-year-old toddler. His parents recently moved to Boise to be closer to the large brood.
 Straubhar became interested in architecture when he was in high school, spending his summers working as a geophiler on construction sites. He said he enjoys the creative aspect of architecture.
 "It's always full of challenges and intrinsic rewards," Straubhar said.

Straubhar said the way Twin Falls is growing, Hummel Architects should have a local presence for years to come.
 "You can be assured the projects are going to happen," Straubhar said.

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Protest

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 said she had held back from activism so as not to be a distraction for the Iraq anti-war movement, but needed to speak out now.
 The rally on the Mall unfolded peacefully, although about 300 protesters tried to rush the Capitol, running up the grassy lawn to the front of the building. Police on motorcycles tried to stop them, scuffling with some and barricading entrances.
 Protesters chanted "Our Congress," as their numbers grew and police faced off against them. Demonstrators later joined the masses marching from the Mall, around Capitol Hill and back.

United for Peace and Justice, a coalition group sponsoring the protest, had hoped 100,000 would come. Police, who no longer give official estimates, said privately the crowd was smaller than that.
 At the rally, 12-year-old Mariah Arnold stood on her toes to reach the microphone and tell the crowd: "Now we know our leaders either lied to us or hid the truth. Because of our actions, the rest of the world sees us as a bully and a liar."
 The sixth-grader from Harvard, Mass., organized a petition drive at her school against the war that has killed more than 3,000 U.S. servicemen, including seven whose deaths were reported Saturday.
 More Hollywood celebrities showed up at the demonstration than buttoned-down Washington typically sees in a month.

"(President Bush) understands that Americans want to see a conclusion to the war in Iraq," — Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council
 "George Bush has a habit of firing military leaders who tell him the Iraq war is failing," he said, looking out at the masses. "He can't fire you." Referring to Congress, the Michigan Democrat added: "I can't fire us."
 The founders of our country gave our Congress the power of the purse because they envisioned a scenario exactly like we find ourselves in today. Not only is it in our power, it is our obligation to stop Bush."

With the Capitol as a backdrop, demonstrators listen to the speakers during a protest against the war in Iraq on the National Mall on Saturday.

On the stage rested a coffin covered with a U.S. flag and a pair of military boots, symbolizing American war dead. On the Mall stood a large bin filled with tags bearing the names of Iraqis who have died.
 A small contingent of activist-duty service members attended the rally, wearing civilian clothes because military rules forbid them from protesting in uniform.
 Air Force Staff Sgt. Tassi McKee, 26, an intelligence specialist at Fort Meade, Md., said she joined the Air Force because of patriotism, travel and money for college. "After we went to Iraq, I began to see through the lies," she said.
 In the crowd, signs recalled the November elections that defeated the Republican congressional majority in part because of President Bush's Iraq policy.

"I voted for peace," one said. "I've just gotten tired of seeing widows, tired of seeing dead Marines," said Vincent DiMezza, 32, wearing a dress-Marine uniform from his years as a sergeant. A Marine aircraft mechanic from 1997 to 2002, he did not serve in Iraq or Afghanistan.
 About 40 people staged a counter-protest, including Army Cpl. Joshua Sparling, 25, who lost his leg to a bomb in Iraq.
 He said the anti-war protesters, especially those who are veterans or who are on active duty, "need to remember the sacrifice we have made and what our fallen comrades would say if they are alive."
 Bush reaffirmed his commitment to his planned troop increase in a phone conversation Saturday with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president was in Washington for the weekend. He is often out of town during big protest days.
 "He understands that Americans want to see a conclusion to the war in Iraq and the new strategy is designed to do just that," said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council.
 Protest organizers said the crowd included people who came on 300 buses from 40 states.

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Apollo

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"I can assure you if we had not had that fire and rebuilt the command module ... we could not have done the Apollo program successfully," said retired astronaut John Young, who flew in Gemini 3 with Grissom in 1965. "So we owe a lot to Gus, and Floq and Ed. They made it possible for the rest of us to do the almost impossible."

The memorial service at the Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex marked the start of a solemn week for NASA — Sunday is the 21st anniversary of the space shuttle Challenger accident, and Thursday makes four years since the space shuttle Columbia disaster.

Chaffee's widow, Martha, and White's son, Edward III, along with NASA associate administrator Bill Bernstein, laid a wreath at the base of the Space Mirror Memorial, a tall granite-finished wall engraved with the names of the Apollo 1, Challenger and Columbia astronauts and seven other astronauts killed in accidents.

Chaffee, 69, remembered feeding her two children hot dogs for dinner that night in

1967 and knowing something was wrong when astronaut Michael Collins showed up at her home to tell her about the accident.

"My first reaction was, 'What could have happened? He's not flying,'" Martha Chaffee recalled before the ceremony.

NASA also hadn't considered the countdown drill hazardous, anticipating accidents only in space. Fire rescue and medical crews were not at the launch pad. No procedures had been

developed for the type of emergency the Apollo 1 crew faced. The work levels around the spacecraft contained steps, sliding doors and sharp turns that hindered emergency responses.

An investigation said the fire most likely started in an area near the floor around some wires between the oxygen panel and the environmental control system. The 100 percent oxygen environment made it highly combustible

and internal pressure made it impossible for the astronauts to open the command module's inner hatch.

The astronauts died from inhaling toxic gases. Before his death, Grissom, the second astronaut in space, had been so disappointed with problems in the new spacecraft that at one point he hung a lemon over it, said Lowell Grissom, the astronaut's younger brother.

After the tragedy, the com-

mand module's hatch was changed so it opened outward, flammable materials in the cabin were replaced, wiring problems were fixed and a mixture of nitrogen and oxygen replaced the all oxygen atmosphere.

Apollo 1's legacy contributed to the safety culture at NASA and the successful lunar landings, said Edward White III, whose father conducted the first U.S. spacewalk in 1965.

"The safety that came out of

Apollo 1 is still here today," he said.

Describing it as "one of the most significant relics in the history of the space program," Lowell Grissom urged that the Apollo 1 spacecraft be moved from a warehouse in Virginia to the launch pad where the astronauts perished.

"As we remember their deaths ... let us renew our dedication to the quest for which they died, reaching for the stars for all mankind," Grissom said.

Awards 'screener' slips its way to Netflix customers

By Lorenza Munoz
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Last week, with their toddler asleep in bed, Mirco and Shaheena Simons finally had the chance to watch "The Painted Veil" on DVD.

But they were stunned when a warning popped up on the screen: "Do not loan, rent, sell, give away or otherwise transfer to any third party for any reason."

It turns out the video they were watching was an awards-season "screener" — one of Hollywood's most coveted perks — that they received from an unlikely source: online video renter Netflix.

"The Painted Veil," a romantic drama from Warner Bros. starring Edward Norton and Naomi Watts, is still in theaters and isn't even out on DVD.

The screener was intended to be sent only to members of Film Independent, a nonprofit organization that sponsors the annual Spirit Awards in Santa Monica. Three years ago, hoping to increase access to little-seen independent films, the group signed a deal with Netflix to send out screeners to its members.

Hollywood is especially sensitive when awards contenders get out into the public. Despite efforts by the studios and their lobbying arm, the Motion Picture Association of America, to curtail illegal access to movies, unauthorized copies of awards films have illegally made their way to the Internet.

Warner Bros., one of the most aggressive studios in addressing piracy and illegal access to movies, was not pleased that Netflix sent its film to the Simons family, even if it was inadvertent.

"We take these matters seriously and are fully investigating the matter," a Warner Bros. Spokesman said. Once the studio determines what happened, it will decide whether to continue allowing screeners to be distributed through Netflix.

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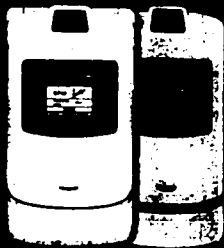
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Insurgents rush to terrorize Baghdad before security crackdown

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military reported the deaths of seven more soldiers Saturday while Sunni insurgent bombers struck yet another market in a predominantly Shiite district, killing at least 13 people in their bid to terrorize Baghdad days before a U.S.-Iraqi military crackdown.

The latest market attack capped a week in which more than 150 people, mostly Shiites, were slain in bomb attacks.

Death squads, believed to be primarily Shiite militiamen, continued their butchery on the other side of Iraq's deepening sectarian divide, with police reporting the discovery of 40 bodies dumped in Baghdad alone. Two of the victims were women and most of the bodies showed signs of torture, police said.

In all, at least 61 victims of Iraq's sectarian warfare were killed or found dead across the country.

Of the seven service members reported dead on Saturday, two died in Diyala province northeast of the capital on Friday, three in an unspecified location north of Baghdad on Saturday and two in east Baghdad on Thursday. The latest reported deaths raised to at least 3,079 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,471 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military.

U.S. airstrikes killed 14 insurgents and destroyed a safe house for foreign fighters during a raid south of Baquba, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad. Two suspects were captured, the military said.

The Americans said the raid had targeted a foreigner they believed responsible for a series of attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces in the extremely violent Baquba region. The military there has been caught in the midst of some of the bloodiest sectarian fighting of the war.

Saturday's bombings employed what has become a classic insurgent tactic. First a suicide car bomber drove into the crowded market stalls in

the busy New Baghdad commercial area shortly after noon, then detonated his explosives among the stores and kiosks selling food, clothes, household appliances and birds.

As people rushed to help the victims, a parked car bomb exploded. The 13 killed included two policemen; four officers were among the 42 wounded, police said.

Burned-out hulks of cars and vans littered the market. A bag of fruit lay in the twisted metal on the bloody pavement.

Farooq Halitham, the 33-year-old owner of a watch repair shop, said the area had been targeted by bombers before but shopkeepers had no choice but to keep opening their doors.

"What can we do? We want

to live. We need the money so we come to work," Halitham said.

It was the latest in a series of attacks against commercial targets, in which more than 150 people have died since last Sunday. The attack signals a tough battle ahead as U.S. and Iraqi forces prepare for the security operation, a third bid to pacify the capital since Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki

took power on May 25.

The week's deadliest attack killed 80 people Monday when a suicide car bomber crashed into a market in the central neighborhood of Bab al-Sharqi.

Shortly before sunset Saturday, a rocket slammed into the Green Zone, wounding two people slightly. It was the second time in three days that rockets hit the area, home

to the U.S. Embassy, the Iraqi government and thousands of American troops.

In central Baghdad, police said armed men in police commando uniforms and driving cars with license plates commonly used by the Interior Ministry raided a computer shop in a Christian section of the Sina'a neighborhood. They took away four employees and three customers.

Top lawmaker says Iran is installing 3,000 centrifuges

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran is currently installing 1,000 centrifuges at a uranium enrichment plant, an Iranian lawmaker said Saturday, a day after a senior U.S. diplomat warned that the country's plans to accelerate its nuclear program "would be a major miscalculation."

The Iranian lawmaker, Alavdin Boroujerdi, said the installation "stabilizes Iran's capabilities in the field of nuclear technology," the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

"We are right now installing 3,000 centrifuges," Boroujerdi, the head of the Iranian Parliament's Foreign Policy and National Security Committee, was quoted as saying by IRNA.

Large scale use of centrifuges is necessary to enrich enough uranium for use in a nuclear reactor. Highly enriched uranium is required to make nuclear weapons.

Iranian officials had said recently that the country was moving toward large-scale enrichment involving 3,000 centrifuges, which spin uranium gas into enriched material. Boroujerdi's comments came a day after U.S. officials said Iran plans to begin work next month on an underground uranium enrichment facility as part of a plan to create a network of tens of thousands of machines to enrich uranium.

A senior State Department official warned Friday that the move would be a "major miscalculation" by Iran.

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Emus and dinosaurs

Wyoming researcher says birds' tracks reveal a lot about dinos

By Mead Graver
Associated Press writer

LIVERMORE, Colo. — Squinting in a small normal in a picturesque Rocky Mountain valley, paleontologist Brent Breithaupt points excitedly at a patch of mud containing a large, fresh, three-toed footprint.

"Everything that we see in this track here can be found in the fossil record," he says.

Nearby, a sound like bongo drumming comes from the throat of a 5-foot, flightless bird with coarse brown feathers. It's an emu, one of about a dozen toping around the corral.

Breithaupt, who is curator of the University of Wyoming Geological Museum, says, watching emus and studying their tracks have given him a few clues about a mysterious dinosaur species from the middle Jurassic, 165 million years ago.

The similarities between emu tracks and fossilized dinosaur tracks at a site in Wyoming are indeed remarkable:

- Both are two-legged.
- Both have three long, narrow toes.
- Both have indentations from claws at the tips of those toes.

The tracks have similar padding.

The tracks are roughly the same size — most 4 to 5 inches, though some of the dinosaur tracks are as large as 8 inches.

Plenty is known about emus, raised for their oil, feathers, meat and extra-jumbo brown eggs. But previous little is known about whatever dinosaur species made thousands of tracks at Red Gulch in northern Wyoming. In fact, very few mid-Jurassic dinosaur fossils have ever been found in North America.

"We don't find the dinosaur track in its tracks, and so we don't really know," Breithaupt said. "If we ever do find the bones, it will be new to science."

Breithaupt is pretty sure the best Jurassic dinosaurs were a type of theropod, a wide-ranging group of two-legged, short-armed meat-eaters that included the mighty *Tyrannosaurus rex*. He uses a formula that applies to all such species to estimate the dinosaur's size: Foot length times four roughly equals hip height.

"Take your basic emu there, put a long dinosaur tail on it, put a slightly different neck and head on that, that's about the size we have," he said.

By observing emus and studying their tracks at Rabbit Creek Enterprises, an emu farm in northern Colorado, he has a few ideas about the dinosaurs' behavior.

Breithaupt may have put a riddle about the dinosaur tracks to rest: Why did their feet sometimes cross in front of one another when they walked?

"Emus, Breithaupt has noticed, often look around as they walk.

- If they see something to their left, they'll cross their right foot over to the left side, stop, and look in that direction. They might then see something to their right. Same thing: They cross their left foot over to the right, stop, and look right.

Also, the dinosaur tracks occur in synchrony with one another, suggesting they walked in groups and were gregarious. Finally, it turns out, are gregarious as well. At Rabbit Creek, they pace around the edges of their corral in threes and fours.

Breithaupt is interested as well in watching how tracks are made. By observing how emu tracks vary in depth and shape in different types of soil, he can draw conclusions about the ground consistency where the dinosaur were stepping.

This is all the kind of information that we need for figuring out what was going on with the dinosaurs," he said.



University of Wyoming paleontologist Brent Breithaupt trails an emu around a pen at Rabbit Creek Enterprises, an emu farm near Livermore, Colo., on Nov. 9. Breithaupt, who is curator of the University of Wyoming Geological Museum, says watching emus and studying their tracks have given him a few clues about a mysterious dinosaur species from 165 million years ago.

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Those acquainted with Breithaupt's work say he's on the right track.

"It's a good line of research," said Martin Lockley, a University of Colorado geology professor. "Because with dinosaurs, you can't watch them and know the conditions they're making tracks in."

Matt Carrano, curator of dinosaurs for the Smithsonian Institution, said little is known about how to interpret dinosaur tracks, even though lots of them have been found



Paleontologist Brent Breithaupt surveys a pair of emu eggs.



Breithaupt points to an emu footprint that he says is similar to a dinosaur species from the Jurassic Period.

covering dinosaur tracks and other types of trace fossils.

Nefra Matthews, a geographer for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Denver, has photographed both emu and dinosaur tracks for Breithaupt's research.

She said emus opened up her own imagination about dinosaurs.

"Working with the emus, they're very inquisitive. And it's very interesting watching them interact with each other, and then watching them interact with me," she said.

She now imagines dinosaurs behaving much like emus.

"I can picture them coming up to each other, like maybe a group of schoolchildren," she said.

"And they're poking at each other and they're talking back and forth and they're communicating in some way."

The similarities between emu and dinosaur tracks don't surprise paleontologists, most of whom believe that birds either descended from dinosaurs or are otherwise related.

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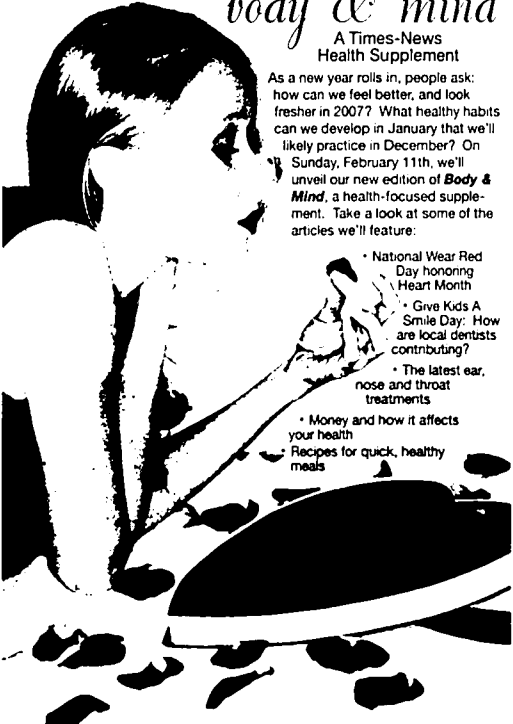
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Mexico grapples with soaring prices for corn, tortillas

By Manuel Ruiz-Franca
The Washington Post



Gabriela Mejía Carrillo looks out tortillas at Aurora Rosales' shop in Nezahualcoyotl, Mexico, where the usual long lines have dwindled as tortilla prices have skyrocketed.

NEZAHUALCOYOTL, Mexico — Thick, doughy tortillas roll hot off the conveyor belt all day at Aurora Rosales' little shop in this congested city built on a dry lake bed east of Mexico City.

Using cooking techniques that date to the Mayan empire, Rosales has never altered her recipe. Nor did her father, grandfather or great-grandfather.

On good days, the neighbors line up for her tortillas.

But these are not good days, and sometimes hours pass without any customers.

Mexico is in the grip of the worst tortilla crisis in its modern history. Dramatically rising international corn prices, spurred by demand for the grain-based fuel ethanol, have led to expensive tortillas. That, in turn, has led to lower sales for vendors such as Rosales and angry protests by consumers.

The upsurge is exposing this country's onsize dependence on tortillas in its diet — especially among the poor — and testing the acumen of the new president, Felipe Calderón. It is also raising questions about the powerful businesses that dominate the Mexican corn market and are suspected by some lawmakers and regulators of unfair speculation and monopoly practices.

Tortilla prices have tripled or quadrupled in some parts of Mexico since last summer. On Jan. 18, Calderón announced an agreement with business leaders capping tortilla prices at 78 cents per kilogram, or 2.2 pounds, less than half the highest reported prices. The president's move was a throwback to a previous era when Mexico controlled prices — the government subsidized tortillas until 1999, at which point cheap corn imports were rising under the NAFTA trade agree-

ment. It was also a surprise given his carefully crafted image as an avowed supporter of free trade.

"There are certainly some contradictions in Calderón's positions here," said Arturo Puente, an economist at the National Institute for Forestry, Agriculture and Livestock Research in Mexico City.

Calderón's administration portrayed the cap as a get-tough measure that, coupled with his earlier approval of new corn imports from the United States and other countries, would stem the crisis. In an interview two days before the price-cap announcement, Calderón's undersecretary of industry and commerce, Iocilio Ruiz Chávez, boasted that Mexico's tortilla problems would stabilize in one to two weeks.

But Calderón's price cap does not carry the force of law. It is a gentlemen's agreement," said Laura Tamayo, a spokeswoman for the Mexico division of Cargill, a Minneapolis-based

company that signed the pact and is a major player in the Mexican corn market.

A study by the former House of Mexico's National Congress showed that many tortilla makers are ignoring Calderón's edict. The average price of tortillas is 6 cents higher than the cap, and some shops are charging between 59 cents and \$1.01 above the government threshold.

"Going ahead, it looks very good for high corn prices," said William Edwards, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University.

In another place, a rise in the cost of a single food product might not set off a tidal wave of discontent. In Mexico, it is different.

"When you talk about Mexico, when you talk about culture and societal roots, when you talk about the economy, you talk about the tortilla," said Lorenzo Mejía, president of a tortilla makers' trade group.

"Everything revolves around the tortilla."

Prince Charles, Camilla begin weekend U.S. trip

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Prince Charles and his wife Camilla shook hands with well-wishers outside Independence Hall on a frigid Saturday to kick off their first trip to the city where Americans declared their independence from British rule.

The Prince of Wales and his wife, the Duchess of Cornwall, greeted long lines of gushing fans, mingling

with them, accepting flowers and charming many in the crowd.

"She actually offered her hand to me," said Debbie Lefevre, 49, who gave the duchess flowers. "I was

shocked." The royal couple is on a two-day trip to the United States that focuses on youth development, urban renewal and environmental stewardship.

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MAKE YOUR CREDIT HISTORY WORK FOR YOU

Know the score

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By Dina El Boghdady
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you're thinking of buying a house, there's one number that's more important than all the others.

It's not your salary. It's not your savings account balance. It's not even the price of the house.

It's your credit score. In just three digits, that score tells lenders just about everything they say they need to know about how likely a person is to pay back a mortgage loan in a timely manner. The more risk potential home buyers pose, the less likely they are to get a loan with the lowest possible interest rate and the best terms. It's the rare lender who looks only at a credit score, but a low score will put you in a bad position.

What people don't know is that they can gose their credit scores relatively quickly with a few small steps, lending and credit experts say. But first they must find out what their scores are and understand what they mean.

Most consumers neglect to do that, surveys have shown. About 97 percent of people have no idea what their credit scores are, and 86 percent did not check their credit reports last year even though doing so is free, according to an informal survey by Credit.com Educational Services in San Francisco.

"Many people don't know where they stand and don't know how to improve their standing," said John Ulzheimer, the group's president. "Some think their credit is good and it's not, and others think their credit is bad and it's not."

Ryan and Colleen Kelly, of Olney, Md., feared their chances of getting a mortgage to finance a new home would be slim. But the couple, shown at a Bethesda, Md., title office signing papers to buy their townhouse, had taken steps in previous years, perhaps unwittingly, that offset the potential damage.



With \$30,000 in credit card debt, Ryan and Colleen Kelly, of Olney, Md., feared their chances of getting a mortgage to finance a new home would be slim. But the couple, shown at a Bethesda, Md., title office signing papers to buy their townhouse, had taken steps in previous years, perhaps unwittingly, that offset the potential damage.

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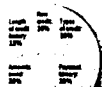
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FICO facts

The Washington Post

To receive a FICO score, a person must have at least one credit account open for six months and at least one that has been active within the last six months. Here are a few tips on how to improve that score:

- Pay bills on time, and pay at least the minimum amount due.
- Contact your creditors immediately if you miss a payment, and work out a payment plan (preferably before they report you to the credit bureaus).
- Do not close credit card accounts in good standing. Someone with no history of credit tends to be seen as a higher risk than someone who has a record of managing debt responsibly.
- Avoid changing to the limit of one card. It's better to charge fees on two cards with room to spare.
- Ask creditors to raise your credit limit so that you're not using your credit.
- Do not open new accounts because it shows an interest in accumulating new debt, which can lower your credit score.



When you have a credit score, you can see how you're doing. Ryan and Colleen Kelly, of Olney, Md., had a credit score of 665 when they applied for a mortgage. The score is a reflection of their credit history, which includes paying bills on time and keeping credit card balances low.

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scores, said Ulzheimer of Credit.com, who has worked for Fair Isaac and Equifax for a total of 15 years. If a couple is applying jointly, then six credit reports and six credit scores are pulled.

Information that does not appear on the credit report is not factored into the FICO score. That includes a person's salary and savings. The theory is that income is not a strong predictor of creditworthiness.

"It's a measurement of your ability to make a \$5,000 house payment each month, not whether you will actually make the house payment," Ulzheimer said. "So a doctor with a seven-figure income does not automatically score higher than someone who works at a retail store and makes \$10,000 a year."

In FICO's estimation, whether someone pays their bills on time is such a good predictor of creditworthiness that it makes up 35 percent of a FICO score. That's followed by the amount owed, the length of credit history, the types of credit involved, and new credit opened.

Catherine Cavanaugh took a hit on all those fronts when she got into financial trouble a few years ago, stopped paying her bills and ruined her credit rating. She filed for personal bankruptcy protection, and her Silver Spring, Md., townhouse was foreclosed on later that year. Department stores stopped extending her credit. Landlords refused to rent her the apartment she wanted. She could not secure a cellphone account.

Frustrated and scared, Cavanaugh gathered her outstanding bills and began arranging payment plans with her creditors. (Cavanaugh's tip to the financially troubled: Contract your creditors before they report you to the credit bureaus.)

Then two months ago, Cavanaugh attended a home buyers education workshop sponsored by HomeFIRE-USA, Freddie Mac and Bank of America. She began working with a credit counselor, who gathered paperwork showing that Cavanaugh had paid her creditors and sent the documents to the credit bureaus.

"I just assumed that the credit bureaus knew I was paying off my bills and everything was getting fixed automatically, but it wasn't," said Cavanaugh, 58, a receptionist at Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice.

Weeks later, Cavanaugh's FICO score was up to 662 from 408, she said. Now she has one closed credit card left to pay off. She has two open credit cards, both of which she pays on time.

The longer Cavanaugh stays on track, the less damaging her bankruptcy is to her

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ing for a mortgage. In effect, that weakens their credit scores. Open credit cards do not hurt your credit score. What hurts is having credit cards that are nearly maxed out.

"If you're going to close credit cards, do it in a mindful way," Echeverria said. "Do not close the old ones with high limits and low balances. Close the young ones with low limits. You can't do it willy-nilly. It's a science."

Science is what helped shape the credit-scoring business into what it is today. The nation's most widely used scoring formula, called FICO, was developed by Minneapolis-based Fair Isaac Corp. and became commercially available in 1989. FICO was adopted widely by mortgage lenders in the late 1990s after Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac endorsed it.

The nation's three largest credit reporting agencies — Equifax, TransUnion and Experian — use FICO software to calculate credit scores. They then sell the scores to lenders that underwrite car loans, credit cards and mortgages.

While FICO can rate most Americans with fat credit histories, others are more difficult to peg. Among them are college students, consumers who pay their bills with cash and people who haven't tapped into their credit for a long time. Fair Isaac estimates as many as 50 million people fall into this group, which is difficult to score fairly using the standard method. In those cases, some lenders allow borrowers to submit nontraditional proof of their creditworthiness, such as utility bills, child support payments and even

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the Month Club membership, said Fair Isaac spokesman Craig Watts.

For everyone else, there are standard FICO scores, which range from 300 to 850. The median is 723, meaning half of consumers score better and half score worse. The

higher the number, the stronger the rating. It's unlikely that each credit

agency would give the same score to the same person. That's because the agencies collect their information from different creditors. Even when they collect from the

same creditors, they update their records at different times.

To get a more accurate picture, mortgage lenders pull FICO scores from all three agencies. Most then base their lending decisions on the middle one of the three

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Share Class, Date, and Price. Includes funds like Fidelity, Vanguard, and others.

Hackers learn to pump and dump on stock market

By Ellen Nakashima

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Aleksey Kamardin reaped \$13,158 in just 104 minutes buying and selling penny stocks.

The 21-year-old bought 43,000 shares in a small Washington equipment company that makes, among other things, potato harvesters. He sold the shares less than two hours later at nearly double the investment.

But Kamardin is no success story. Instead, federal authorities say, his methods played a key role at the front of a wave of techno-crime that meld computer hacking with identity theft to create nightmares for legitimate investors.

Kamardin and his accomplices allegedly hacked into four online trading accounts of unsuspecting investors, selling off their holdings in higher-valued companies to purchase shares in Thomas Equipment, a firm whose stock that day soared from 26 cents to 80 cents a share, authorities said.

The trading volume of Thomas increased tenfold. Kamardin, allegedly part of an East European ring repeating in hand on 13 other occasions in July and August, defrauding investors of \$82,950, according to a civil complaint filed Thursday by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The complaint is one of the first the SEC has brought in response to an emerging trend of the digital era: a modern version of the old pump-and-dump stock scam.

"You wake up in the morning and all your blue chips are gone, and instead you own a microcap stock that is virtually worthless," said John Reed Stark, chief of the SEC's Office of Investor Enforcement. Stark added that he expected more complaints in the coming weeks, saying, "This is an area where we become increasingly concerned."

The FBI is also investigating the case, which involved at least 27 accounts and 14 companies at brokers E-Trade Securities, Scottrade, TD Ameritrade, JP Morgan Chase and Charles Schwab. All the

investors have been reimbursed by the brokers, which have been stepping up security and identity authentication measures. SEC officials said Kamardin, a U.S. citizen with a liquid net worth of \$15,000, according to his E-Trade account application, is believed to have fled to Russia, the SEC said. He has no attorney, authorities said.

On Aug. 21 last year, Kamardin booted up his computer in his apartment in Tampa and logged into his E-Trade account, according to the SEC complaint, which forms the basis for the following account.

At 2:10 p.m. he bought 43,000 shares of Thomas Equipment.

Between 1:29 p.m. and 3:41 p.m., an intruder either kamardin or an accomplice hacked into two TD Ameritrade accounts, using those investors' stocks to buy 60,990 Thomas Equipment shares.

At 3:28 p.m., an intruder hit a Charles Schwab account, buying 20,000 shares.

At 3:32 p.m., an E-Trade

account was hacked, boosting that investor's portfolio by 68,000 Thomas Equipment shares.

At 3:35 p.m., Kamardin began to sell the Thomas shares.

One minute later, Schwab, evidently onto the fraud, canceled an order to buy 50,000 Thomas shares in a second hacked account.

By 3:53, Kamardin had unloaded all his Thomas shares, netting \$13,158.

The SEC is not saying how Kamardin's ring obtained the user names and passwords on the investors' accounts. Typically, authorities said, hackers use keystroke monitoring software placed on a

personal computer, or they purchase data, such as stolen Social Security and credit card numbers, from criminal enterprises.

The fraud affects not only the investors, but the market and companies whose stocks are pumped and then dumped.

Hugo Cancio was stunned when trading on his company's stock increased from fewer than 1,000 shares a day

to 1.1 million shares last Aug. 24.

"For no reason whatsoever," he said, the share price for Fuego Entertainment rose in Miami-based entertainment firm targeting the burgeoning Latino media market, zoomed from 18 cents to \$1.28.

"My phone rang off the hook," he said. "We couldn't figure out what was going on."

Allegedly, between 11:51 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. that day, Kamardin had bought and sold 55,000 Fuego shares, raking in \$9,164.

In the interim, 10 accounts with Fuego holdings were hacked into at TD Ameritrade, Scottrade, E-Trade and Schwab.

"Wow, wow," Cancio said, upon hearing the allegations. "That's unbelievable."

The following day, Cancio said, his company's share price had plummeted to 13 cents, where it has been ever since. TD Ameritrade, the third-largest online broker by volume, has restricted online trading on the company's stock.

Cancio said that on Aug. 24 he was negotiating a deal to buy 14 television stations, when he saw the price surge, he began to suspect the stations' owner of insider trading.

The owner denied it, but the deal soured, and with the share price down, Cancio said, the deal is on the rocks. "We were knocking on the door of a multibillion market," he said. "We haven't seen any progress. It's all due to that particular day."

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Credit

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Credit. Most negative information on a credit report has a life of seven years, though some matters stay on it indefinitely, such as delinquent student loans.

But for the FICO score, the most critical period is the most recent one to two years. In other words, don't forget to pay your \$80 cellphone bill, and don't open up a Macy's charge card a few months before applying for a loan.

So much of this was unnecessary, Cavanaugh said. "There's so much I didn't know."

Like many consumers, Cavanaugh had not pulled her credit report or score until recently — something that credit experts encourage everyone to do at least once a year. Federal law allows consumers to access their reports with each one of a major credit bureau free one year, then by logging on to www.annualcreditreport.com. Some states allow for additional free reports. For a few extra dollars, the bureaus also calculate scores for those who ask, though not for all of them sell the

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HICO brand. But many people shy away from this critical first step because they're intimidated by it, said Marcia Griffin, president of HomeFree-USA, a nonprofit group that helps educate low-to-moderate-income people about homeownership. Anyone who wants to own a home needs to get that credit report in hand and contact a lender, a real estate agent or nonprofit group to talk about what comes next, she said.

When you get the report, the first step is to review it closely. Look for errors and possible fraud, such as identity theft. Credit bureaus can fix these problems if you have the records to back up your claims. You may also discover that positive information that could raise your score has

been omitted — for instance, the payment record or credit limit on one of your credit cards.

The Consumer Federation of America reviewed more than 500,000 credit files in 2002 and found that in one out of three cases, credit scores from the five agencies varied by 50 points or more — a result the advocacy group says could have resulted from errors in the files.

By law, if you find what you think is an error, the credit bureaus must investigate the matter (generally within 30 days) and provide the person affected with the written results within five days, according to Freddie Mac, which has created a credit checklist. One service called CreditSmart that several groups use to educate the public.

"Remember, your credit doesn't have to be perfect. It has to be decent," Griffin said. "The credit report will tell you how close or how far you are from your goal. You have to start looking at your financial house before you start looking for your home."

At Google, hours are long, but food is free

By Sara Kahanian Gao

The Washington Post

MOHNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — One gassy egg rolls. Just-shucked oysters. Bay scallop ceviche. This is the lunch menu at Google. And it's free if you work there. That goes for breakfast and dinner, too.

The world's most famed internet employees' meal prep is prepared by chefs hired from some of the top Bay Area restaurants. Just before noon, workers are emailed the daily menu at 11 themed "cafes" scattered across the company's suburban campus.

One cafe (don't call it a cafeteria) features fresh sushi every day, another, fresh-squeezed juice and "raw" food. One serves a rotating menu from each of the seven continents, another, food from different regions of the United States.

Depending on which cafe you choose, lunch can support you — or at least your stomach — to an exotic locale far from the bland office park. Will today be Indian tarka dai or Mexican

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carrots taquer? Basque tapas or Beijing-style braised ribs? I know what you're thinking: We should be so lucky to eat like the kings at Google. There's more than one catch. And there is. In fact, there's more than one.

As the Washington Post's reporter covering Google, I had a "read" rave review for what its kitchens well before I sampled the food myself. After the company's skyrocketing stock price, the food at Google is the second-favorite topic among journalists, consultants and others who have been there. Dare ask an employee about it, and they'll go on and on until you are sorry you did

You can hear it in their voice: Nyah, nyah, nyah, nyah-nyah.

I eat at Google? Like my own employer, most large U.S. companies still offer breakfast. But offer a mainly practical appeal program, not quality. For years, firms and universities have used standard buy-in bulk food products that deliver to the masses but often disappoint the palate.

For the 10,000 employees of Google, most of whom work at the Mountain View campus, the food has become deeply entwined with the company's culture and identity. The search engine, which prides itself as an innovator in technology, takes the same approach with its food: It won't settle for ordinary mashed potatoes. No Google supports local, farm-grown, free-range, organic-free meats and healthful eating.

"The quality of the food is almost unbelievably good. You tell people, and they don't believe you," said Charles Haynes, an engineering manager.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES



College of Southern Idaho

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho announced its employees of the year.

Connie Stout, office specialist in the math, life sciences, computer science, English and languages departments at CSI, was awarded the 2006 CSI Classified Employee of the Year by CSI's Professional and Classified Employee organization. Stout has worked at CSI for 20 years and was nominated by her peers for her commitment to students, helping

faculty and staff with projects, and for projecting a professional image to all who visit the office. She received a \$1,000 stipend and additional training of her choosing.

Magan Hodge, an accountant CSI, was awarded the 2006 CSI Professional Employee of the Year by CSI's Professional and Classified Employee organization. Hodge has worked at the college for seven years and was nominated by her peers for her knowledge, dependability, self-improvement and participation in many campus and community efforts. She received a \$1,000 stipend and additional training of her choosing.

Andy Wiseman

CASTLEFORD — Andy Wiseman, Castleford School principal, has been chosen to serve three years as the Idaho Association of Secondary

School Principals state coordinator to the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He will travel to Washington D.C. each July to meet with the other state coordinators to discuss national issues and to meet with our national congressmen on educational policies and concerns.

Wiseman was elected at the recent State IASSP conference held in Boise. Additionally, he will serve three years on the State IASSP Board to be the liaison between the national organization and the state association and will be involved with association recruitment to membership, professional development and to promote the state and national organizations.

Wendy Somerset

TWIN FALLS — Wendy Somerset has been selected as

the new chief executive officer of Furniture and Appliance Outlet. She has more than 17 years experience in business in the Magic Valley.



Somerset

She previously worked for Home Depot as their human resource manager.

Somerset graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business management and master's of science degree in psychology. She is stepping into her new position after the retirement of Leroy Scanlin and Dell VanOrden.

John Ney

POCATELLO — John Ney, former vice president of customer operations at Project Mutual Telephone, has accepted

a new position as senior manager of customer operations for Syringa Wireless LLC. He will oversee the customer service and marketing departments



Ney

for the new cellular company. He has a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University.

Ney worked as vice president of customer operation for the past five years at Project Mutual Telephone in Rupert, Burley and Twin Falls. Prior to PMT, he worked for GTE/Verizon for eight years and did private consulting work in the area of customer service and workforce development. He and his wife, Laura,

are fourth-generation Idahoans. Laura is an associate professor in the history department at Idaho State University. They live in Pocatello with their son, Matthew.

Joel A. Beck

TWIN FALLS — Joel A. Beck, who joined the law firm of Hepworth, Lerezant and Janis in 2002 as an associate, became a partner in the firm on January 1.



Beck

Beck, who was raised in Aberdeen, received his bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Utah in 1998 and graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2001.

MILESTONES

RED LION CANYON SPRINGS



Red Lion Canyon Springs and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting at the newly renovated facility, located at 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. They can provide excellent customer service and take care of your hospitality needs. For more information, call 734-5000. Pictured from left are Robbie Baumert, director of sales and catering; Bonnie Curtis, front desk manager; Peggy Durhan, general manager; Kellee Traughbar, sales manager; and Mary Remondy, restaurant server.

Syringa Wireless offers southern Idaho service

Two Mini-Cassia companies and three regional providers announced the opening of Syringa Wireless LLC, a new wireless company to serve southern Idaho with local, regional, national and business service plans. ATC Communications of Albion and Project Mutual Telephone of Rupert are joining Direct Communications of Blackfoot, Filer Mutual Telephone and Silver Star Communications, based in Freedom, Wyo., to offer the new wireless service. Syringa has 35 of its own towers and will add about 10 towers per year for the next seven years. Syringa will provide cellular service in the service areas of ATC, Direct, Filer Mutual, PMT and Silver Star, as well as the metro areas of

Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Rexburg, Twin Falls, Burley and Rupert.

St. Benedict's named to 2006 HomeCare Elite

St. Benedict's in Jerome announced that it has been named to the 2006 HomeCare Elite, the inaugural compilation of the most successful home care providers in the country. This groundbreaking review names the Medicare-certified agencies whose performance measures in quality, improvement and financial performance are among the top 25 percent of providers nationwide. Additionally, the 2006 HomeCare Elite indicates those providers ranked in the Top 100 and Top 500 of providers nationwide. Home Health Manager Angie Harrison credits her knowl-

edgeable staff and Qualls in assisting St. Benedict's to rank as one of the HomeCare Elite. "I am proud that St. Benedict's Home Health is being recognized for this award," she said. "I would like to thank my staff, Qualls and administration for all their hard work, dedication and support." As performance improvement, both clinical and financial, continues to be a critical metric for home care agencies, it's wonderful that we now have an award that recognizes our industry's highest achievers," said Tonya Nevin, executive publisher of DecisionHealth. "We congratulate St. Benedict's on being one of the top 25 percent best performing home care agencies in the country." The 2006 HomeCare Elite is the first performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry.

Career Fair

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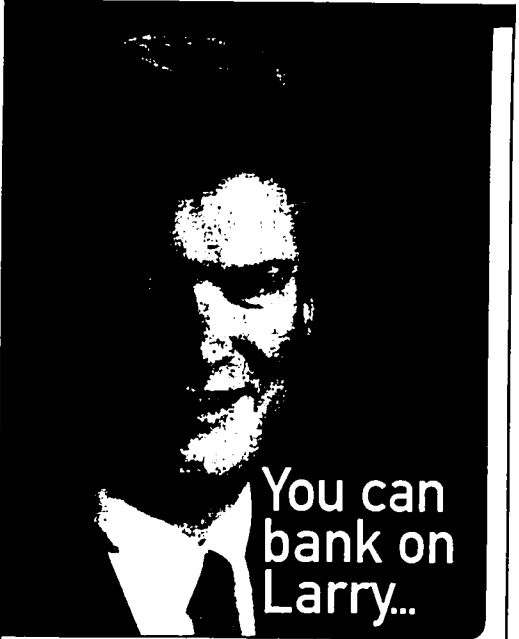
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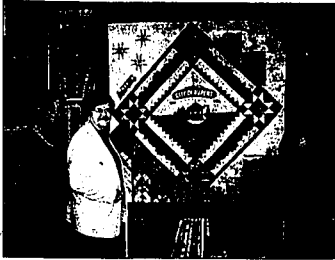
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YOUR BUSINESS

CONTRIBUTIONS

CENTENNIAL QUILT



Carleen Clayville of Carleen's Fabrics and Crafts Etc. in Heyburn designed and made the City of Rupert Centennial Quilt and presented it to the City of Rupert. From left are Marcia Halleff, Audrey Neiwerth and Carleen Clayville. The design is representative of sites around Minidoka County that were instrumental with the founding and growth of the City of Rupert. Clayville completed the quilt with the help of several people, including Marcia Halleff, Phyllis Dorsey, Marianne Bohon and Kay Dawn Anderson. Businesses, including The Gathering Place, helped by contributing fabric.

'KIDS CHRISTMAS'



Wai-Mart enjoyed a successful 'Kids Christmas' event. Several Magic Valley children benefited from the event and several volunteers helped the children with their shopping and wrapping, including employees from Best Western, SIRCUMM, Jerome Fire Department, Head Start, Hagerman Police Department and Wai-Mart. Pictured from left are Santa, a child shopper, and Jeff Hansen, Wai-Mart store manager.

JEWELERS FOR CHILDREN



CASA Executive Director Janice Eiselo receives a \$10,000 check from Samon's Jewelers Manager Teresa Packard to benefit the Fifth District CASA Program. The Court Appointed Special Advocates Association Program of the Fifth Judicial District of Idaho was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from Jewelers for Children, the leading charity of the U.S. jewelry industry. The grant will be used to expand volunteer-based advocacy services for abused and neglected children in Teton Falls County. As a result of this grant, the Fifth District CASA Program will increase case management and be able to advocate for more children and train more new volunteers. For more information, call Eiselo at 324-6890.

CANNED FOOD DONATION

Southern Idaho Association of Health Underwriters local chapter president Colby Flala, right, presented a check and canned food donations to Salvation Army Business Manager Becky Bonnett, left, during their December meeting. Southern Idaho Association of Health Underwriters meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Thursday at Long Hing Restaurant for lunch and a program. New members and visitors are welcome. For more information, call Cricket at 736-7119.

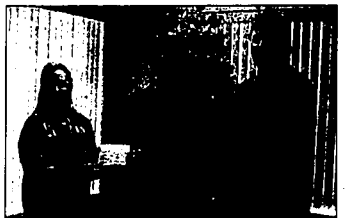


SCRAPPIN' GIRLFRIENDS



On Nov. 11 Scrappin' Girlfriends celebrated its first anniversary with a day-long event sponsored by Bo Bunny, All My Memories and Daisy D's. Some 60 people brought hygiene kits for the Crisis Center of Magic Valley and many donated items for a fish bowl auction that raised \$683 for the Crisis Center. Pictured from left are Deborah Gahardt, Crisis Center executive director, and Michele Hamilton and Lisa Fairbanks, owners of Scrappin' Girlfriends.

MEDICAL FUND DONATION



South Central Community Action Partnership would like to thank the employees of the Idaho Department of Transportation in Shoshone for their generous donation of \$950 to SCCAP's Emergency Medical Fund. These funds will be used to help pay for prescriptions and special dietary foods for economically disadvantaged individuals and families. This fund relies entirely on contributions. We appreciate the business community's response to help provide assistance to those in need. This contribution is much appreciated and strengthens our belief that the Magic Valley has a real commitment for community partnership and caring. From left are Luanna Trappan, SCCAP community service director; Amy Linman, Idaho Department of Transportation; and Ken J. Rabbittie, SCCAP executive director.

Allstate agent awarded for volunteer work

Allstate agent Richard Schaler received the 'Agency Hands in the Community' award for his commitment to volunteering in the community. With the award comes a \$500 grant from the Allstate Foundation for the City of Rupert where Schaler volunteers. 'Allstate believes that it's very important for corpora-

tions to take an active interest in the communities they serve. Allstate is proud to support such a worthwhile cause through the Allstate Foundation,' said Michelle Lee, vice president for Allstate's Northwest Region. In gratitude for the 'Agency Hands in the Community' grant, agents must show evidence of volunteer work that has had a positive impact on the local community.

State Farm helps fund Serve Idaho Conference

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism has received a \$10,000 grant from State Farm Insurance to help fund the seventh annual Serve Idaho Conference which will be held Feb. 26-28 at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise. The conference will provide valuable training in volunteer administration, service

and disaster preparedness for more than 275 nonprofit leaders, volunteer administrators, national service members, educators and community volunteers from around the state. For more information on the conference, visit www.serveidaho.org or call the Serve Idaho office at 800-598-3354.



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Reputed Klansman asks federal judge to throw out charges in 1964 killings

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The reputed Ku Klux Klansman accused in the 1964 slayings of two black men has asked a federal judge to dismiss the charges, saying the statute of limitations has expired. Assistant Federal Defender Kathy Nester filed the motion Friday in U.S. District Court on behalf of James Ford

Seale, who pleaded not guilty Thursday to two counts of kidnapping and one count of conspiracy. U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton said Saturday he had not seen the motion and could not comment. Seale, 71, could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted in the deaths of

Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dec. Prosecutors said Moore and Dec were seized and beaten by Klansmen, then thrown into the Mississippi River to drown. A second white man long suspected in the attack, reputed KKK member Charles Marcus Edwards, 72,

has not been charged. Seale and Edwards were arrested in the case in 1964. But the FBI — consumed by the search for three civil rights workers who had disappeared that summer — turned the case over to local authorities, who promptly threw out all charges.

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State energy plan needs directions on stringency

Idaho's growing demand for energy means more than building additional power plants. The state will also need to boost conservation and develop alternative-energy resources while preserving our quality air, water and soil.

That's a short way to summarize the new energy plan written by the Legislature's Interim Committee on Energy, Environment and Technology. The plan was released in draft form last week after statewide hearings and testimony that began in early 2006. A proposed coal-fired plant in Jerome County was the catalyst for energy discussions. To assess those needs, the committee brought legislators together with private citizens for the first state plan since 1982.

The committee's plan delivers on the major points. Yet the draft plan's biggest flaw may be in what it doesn't say. The energy plan gives hardly any recommendation for legislators regarding environmental stringency rules.

Some of the key action plans for power suppliers and users given in respective order, include:

- **More conservation** — "Energy conservation provides the greatest economic and environmental benefits for Idaho and should be Idaho's highest-priority resource," the committee wrote.
- **Renewable energy investment** — Renewable energy sources like wind and biofuel could provide economic investment and clean power sources.
- **Conventional sources** — Idaho's basic electricity portfolio should continue to have oil, coal, natural gas or nuclear power. But the committee wants suppliers to use "the most environmentally sound methods of extraction, production and delivery."
- **Local control/state expertise** — The committee recommended keeping local siting authority for power facilities at the county level, but to give those counties the expertise resources at the state level.

We think the committee has staked out some important and bold initiatives for Idaho. The plan takes more steps toward conservation and alternative energy development than ever before.

But the endorsement of local control of power plant siting, the draft plan isn't giving clear direction.

The committee's majority favored local counties keeping the authority to site power plants. Because the state has opted out of federal mercury regulation standards, a state siting authority was deemed unnecessary.

To help counties, however, the committee recommends creating an Energy Facility Site Advisory team. State agencies from all areas would give counties the data and study they seek. Neighboring counties or cities would also have a seat at the table.

The energy plan should push for more. A direction should be made for the state to discuss modifying its regulatory rules, so they can be more stringent than federal rules. Stringency is the ability to set rules on emissions higher than a federal level.

Idaho's decision to opt out of mercury rules is an example. Don Chisholm, a Butte attorney, and board member for the Department of Environment Quality and Planning have the flexibility to allow mercury emitting plants — but at more restrictive levels given under the Clean Air Mercury rules.

"If the Legislature were to decide they're going to allow for some generation in the state, they would tell (DEQ) to write the rules," he said. "They can opt-in on a modified set of rules, so you don't adopt federal rules in total."

To go above federal standards, however, requires more state funding of regulation — a point that this Legislature and governor may not embrace. Their fear for excessive regulation of industry has some justification, but Idahoans may expect Idaho air and water to remain cleaner than the national standard.

The other issue of local control surrounds legality. If the state keeps stringent standards at the federal level, the county really has no authority to say no. David Barnely, a Twin Falls member of Keep Magic Valley Magic, and a member of the energy plan's subcommittee, said the notion of local control is nothing more than a fig leaf.

"If you say we want to keep local control, it's kind of bogus because you're disempowering the locals," he said. "They can do nothing but what the state can do."

In Idaho's case, that level is set by the federal government. So the "local control" is actually set at the highest level — and at a low threshold as it now exists.

If a proposed plant met Idaho standards for air, water and utility regulation, but the local body said no, Barnely said: "It would probably be subject to a legal challenge."

The energy committee need not write actual recommendations on how stringent state rules should be. But it should give other legislators an indication that tighter stringency may be necessary. In that regard, the plan fell short of its mandate.

Our view:
The state's energy plan misses a key area of how to plan for more stringent environmental rules. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The solo flight of President Bush

It's President Bush's war. If the United States wins in Iraq, he will reap almost all the political credit because just about every other politician has peeped away.

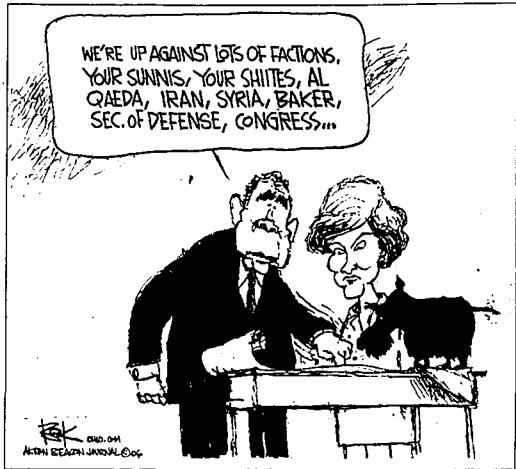
So that's the big question: Is Bush like Abraham Lincoln in his solitary and steely determination to see a difficult war through to success? Or is he like Gen. George Armstrong Custer — the last one to know?

The best headline in the wake of Tuesday's State of the Union address came from the Los Angeles Times: "Bush seeks compromise, except on Iraq strategy." That is, the president is willing to deal with the Democrats on secondary issues, including domestic concerns such as health care, immigration — even taxes.

But Iraq is non-negotiable for the remainder of his presidency. Bush does not intend to preside over a losing war, and he is willing to invoke all his constitutional and symbolic powers as commander-in-chief to make sure she doesn't sit in the Oval Office — as the late President Ford did in 1975 — watching helplessly as American helicopters pluck desperate folks off an embassy rooftop.

For their part, the Democrats have gotten the message, and they have a counter-message of their own, which can be summed up as "Loosey, lack, sucken!" The most telling picture from the address appeared in the Washington Post, showing Vice President Dick Cheney standing to applaud his boss for saying "the good victory." But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi kept her seat next to Cheney. That is, the California Democrat was more than able to curb her enthusiasm.

So that will be the dynamic for the next two years. As the U.S. "surges" in Iraq, the Democrats will seethe here at home — or maybe smile a bit



well in naming Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia as their "responder." Webb, himself a Vietnam combat veteran, reminded the television audience that his father and brother, too, served in the armed forces. Indeed, he has a son in the Marines in Iraq today.

Webb even summoned the ghost of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president, who epitomizes the somewhat neglected hawkish history of the Democrats.

Which leaves open the question: What will happen in Iraq? The president was from the cocky youth who declared "the axis of evil" in his speech five years ago, or who credited himself with victory over Saddam Hussein in the State of the Union addresses in between. Now the 43rd president is reduced to warning

against a "nightmare scenario" in Iraq and the Middle East. And he's got a point.

By the time he leaves office, Bush will have done his duty as he sees it. He's a war president, and not much else.

And after that? One is reminded of another dynamic leader of a great power that fought many foreign wars, not all of them successful: Louis XV of France. "After me, the deluge," the Bourbon monarch said. And he was right. Louis died in 1774, and disaster befell his kingdom a few years later.

The State of the Union and the fate of the union are different things. One is a speech, and the other is reality. The speech went fine; the country is in for some rough times.

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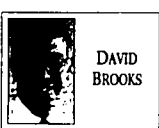
Using a 'soft partition' to break the clinch in Iraq

Iraq is at the beginning of a civil war fought using the tactics of genocide, and it has all the ingredients to get much worse. As a Newsweek correspondent, Christian Caryl, wrote recently from Baghdad, "What's clear is that we're far closer to the beginning of this cycle of violence than to its end." As John Burns of the New York Times said on PBS' "Charlie Rose" on Wednesday night, "I friends of mine who are Iraqis — Shiite, Sunni, Kurd — all foresee a civil war on a scale with bloodshed that would be absolutely dwarf that we're seeing now."

Iraq already has the warlord structures that caused mass murder in Rwanda, Bosnia, Sierra Leone and elsewhere. The sectarian divide would be the drop of society under normal conditions rise and the trauma, chaos and stress and become reversed leaders.

They command squads of young men in their late 20s, the moral universe and have no future in a peacetime world. They kill for fun, faith and profit — because they find it more rewarding to massacre and loot than to farm or labor.

Many of them are rejected by political leaders with a savage zero-sum mind-set, who know they must kill or be killed, and who are instituting strategic ethnic cleansing campaigns to



expand their turf.

Worse, Iraq already has the psychological conditions that have undergirded the great bloodbaths of recent years. Iraqi minds, according to the most sensitive reporting, have already been rewired by the experiences of trauma and extreme stress.

Some people become hyperaggressive and turn into perfect killers. Others endure a phased mental shutdown that looks like severe depression. They lose their memory and become passive and fatalistic. They become perfect victims.

Amid the turmoil, the complexity of life falls away, and things are reduced to stark polarities: Sunni or Shiite; Sunni, Muslim or sub-Muslim. Once this mental descent has begun, it is possible to kill without compunction.

In Rwanda, for example, the journalist Steve Hutzler interviewed a Hutu man who had killed his Tutsi neighbor. "At the fatal instant," the man recalled, "I did not see in him what he had been before. His

features were indeed similar to those of the person I knew, but nothing firmly reminded me that I had lived beside him for a long time."

The weakness of the Bush surge plan is that it relies on the Maliki government to somehow be above this vortex. But there are no impartial institutions in Iraq, ready to foster reconciliation. As ABC's Jonathan Karl notes in The Weekly Standard, the Shiite finance ministries now close banks that may finance Sunni investments. The Saadrist health ministries dismisses Sunni doctors. The sectarian vortex is not fomented by extremists who are appendages to society. The vortex is through and through.

The Democratic approach, as articulated by Sen. Jim Webb — simply get out of Iraq "in short order" — is a bowl of pain that takes no note of the long-term political and humanitarian consequences. Does the party that still talks about "ending bloodshed" in Darfur really want to walk away from a genocide the U.S. is partly responsible for? Are U.S. troops going to be pulled back to secure bases to watch passively while rivers of Iraqi blood lap at their gates? How many decades will Americans be fighting to quell the cycle of regional violence set loose by a transnational Sunni-Shiite explosion?

For one to have become disillusioned with dreams of transforming Iraq society from the top down. But it's not too late to steer the situation in a less bad direction. Increased American forces can do good — they are still, as David Ignatius says, the biggest militia on the block — provided they are directed toward realistic goals.

There is one option that does approach Iraq reality from the bottom up. That option recognizes that Iraq is broken and that its people are fleeing their homes to survive. It calls for a "soft partition" of Iraq in order to bring political institutions into accord with the social facts — a central government to handle oil revenues and manage the currency, etc. — but a country divided into separate sectarian areas to reduce contact and conflict. When the various groups in Bosnia finally separated, it became possible to negotiate a cold (if miserable) peace.

Soft partition has been advocated in different ways by Joe Biden and Les Gelb, by Michael O'Hanlon and Edward Joseph, by Pauline Baker at the Fund for Peace, and in a more extreme version, by Peter Galbraith.

It calls for increased publicity to their recommendations.

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Other rounded right note on Idaho wolves

I was not surprised to read the news item on Jan. 22 from Jacqueline Taylor, Ph.D. This is a prime example of a person that is overeducated and has no common sense.

Taylor has not a clue what she is talking about. This is a true bear that has been the government's ability to screw up.

The wolves were already here in Idaho; they have been

forever. I don't know how long Taylor has lived in Idaho, but it evident she has not been in the mountains much.

More than 50 years ago, I listened to and, yes, I even got to see a few wolves in the Sawtooths and the White Clouds. The wolves that have been introduced to Idaho are not the true timber wolves of this area; they are rejects from Canada and a high breed of some kind that breeds like dogs, not like a normal wolf

pack should.

There are no alpha males or alpha females. They kill for the fun of it, not to survive, just like a pack of wild dogs.

As for Gov. Otter, he is right on. The best way to handle the problem is to create a program to control the wolves and keep them under control.

Yes, the wolf is overpopulated — all the more reason not to expect things to be as they were. There is not enough room for this many or this type

of predator. The elk and deer have been forced from their homes because of overpopulation of humans. People should not be able to build their condos and million-dollar homes in their winter feed grounds.

In conclusion, a little red-neck is good. It shows Mr. Otter has some common sense. Butch Otter is very well be the best thing ever happened to Idaho.

DON JESSER
TWIN FALLS

Martin Luther Al-King?

It's hard to know what's more disturbing: The barbaric sectarian murders by Sunnis and Shiites in Iraq or the deafening silence with which these mass murders are received in the Muslim world. How could it be that Danish cartoons of Muhammad led to mass violent protests, while unspokeable violence by Muslims against Muslims in Iraq every day evokes about as much reaction in the Arab-Muslim world as the weather report? Where is the Muslim Martin Luther King? Where is the "Million Muslim March" under the banner: "No Shiites. No Sunnis: We are all children of the Prophet Muhammad."



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

their followers five times a day? Ibrahim said, liberal members of his own Institute "can barely move in Cairo, let alone organize a march."

The Arab regimes want America to believe that there are only two choices: Islamists and the regimes, so it will side with the regimes. This is one reason Ibrahim hopes the Islamists will take up the democratic agenda. They cannot carry it to the masses. One of the most popular Islamist leaders in the Arab world today, he notes, is Hezbollah's Sheik Hassan Nasrallah in Lebanon. Up to now, though, the leaders of Hezbollah and Hamas seem to prefer being pawns of Syria and Iran than agents of democratic change and Muslim reconciliation.

There's a lot at stake. If Iraq is ultimately unraveled by Muslim suicide-militarism, it certainly will be a blot on our history — we opened this Pandora's box. But it will be a plague on the future of the whole Arab world.

If Arab Muslims can summon the will to protest only against the insults of "the foreigner" but never the injuries inflicted by their own on their own, how can they ever generate a modern society or democracy — which is all about respecting and protecting minority voices and unorthodox views?

And if Sunnis and Shiites can never form a social contract to rule themselves — and will always require an iron-fisted dictator — decent government will forever elude them.

The brutally honest Syrian-born poet Al Ahmad Said, known as Adonis, gave an interview for Paris on March 11, 2006, with Dubai TV, and warned of what's at stake (translation by Memri): "The Arab individual is no less smart, no less a genius, than anyone else in the world. He can excel — but only outside his society. If I look at the Arabs, with all their capacities, and I compare what they have achieved over the past century with what others have achieved in that period, I would have to say that we Arabs are in a phase of extinction. In the sense that we have no creative presence in the world."

"We have the quantity. We have the masses of people, but a people becomes extinct when it no longer has a creative capacity, and the capacity to change its world."

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

Finally, the absence of ambition

Finally, someone isn't running for president. To the relief of Democrats — and the dismay of columnists — John Kerry has decided that he won't be seeking the presidency after all. His window has closed, time isn't on his side, and nearly every cliché in America was exhausted by his previous run.



KATHLEEN PARKER

Kerry is dropping out — before he dropped in — and he'll try to find better ways to serve his country than making bad jokes, modeling spandex and insulting the media.

OK, OK, halt, truce, peace. It's over. Give the man a hand. The truth is Kerry has never been better than he was Wednesday announcing his intention not to run in 2008.

Speaking to his colleagues in the U.S. Senate, he was dignified, resolute and, more to the point, he was real. The John Kerry we all know and can't help poking — windsurfer, cyclist, spanking new cameo-man dripping price tags and T.S. Eliot — was no longer the awkward guy stepping out of mumsie's limo.

He was a real guy, the sort who could probably get through a beer in a working-class pub without looking proud of himself. No longer a contender, Kerry seems to have been liberated from himself. Defeat becomes him.

The same thing happened to another almost-president, Al Gore. The former vice-president was never more appealing than during his painful concession speech in 2000 to George Bush.

Mr. Stiff, who hired feminist author Naomi Wolf to bitch up his Alpha Maleness with earth tones, was suddenly manly — confident, humble, wise and gracious. Few speeches in recent memory have been more eloquent, uplifting or affirming of all that is good about America.

Here's an excerpt to jar the memory: "As for the battle that ends tonight, I do believe, as my father once said, that no matter how hard the loss, defeat might serve as well as victory to shape the soul and let the glory out ... Now the political struggle is over and we turn again to the unending struggle for the common good of all Americans and for those multitudes around the world who look to us for leadership in the cause of freedom." You couldn't help but think in that moment: Where has



Only when they traded ambition for passion did they become fully themselves, and in the process, far more electable.

this guy been? And where was the John Kerry we saw Wednesday when he was running in 2004? Both Kerry and Gore, the presidential candidates, were listening to their political advisers and pollsters instead of their own hearts. Trying to be what they thought people wanted them to be, rather than who they are.

Only when they traded ambition for passion did they become fully themselves, and in the process, far more electable.

Gore turned his energies to the environment and his movie, "An Inconvenient Truth," making him the most visible and effective spokesman in the debate over global warming. Likewise, Kerry returned to his political roots and, voice cracking with emotion, promised "to change a policy in Iraq that threatens all that I have cared about and fought for since I came home from Vietnam."

Whether one agrees with Kerry's position on Iraq (if

you don't like this one, maybe wait a few weeks) — or whether one believes that he ever cared about anything more than his own political future — his focus has clearly shifted to something larger than himself.

In similar ways, Gore and Kerry are tragic figures. Both seemed destined to become president and both believe in that destiny. Which is to say, they bought their own myths; they may have wanted it too much.

Want has a scent. It reeks of rapaciousness and greed from the pores of the overly ambitious. Others likely to make a run in 2008 are sim-

ilarly malodorous, and you know who they are.

Far more appealing are those who don't lust for the presidency. One has to want the office to win, obviously. Duty alone isn't enough to sustain a candidate in today's pitiless political environment.

Obviously, too, some level of grandiosity is required for survival — and probably for effectiveness.

A candidate has to keep believing he's worthy because plenty of people will press the other way.

But wanting for the sake of wanting — or fulfilling some need to be great — will usually be revealed for what it is and do a politician in.

One way or another.

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LETTERS

Applause for president's valiant stand on Iraq

A salute to our president: Success is never final — failure is never fatal. It's courage and character that count. Remember the 23rd Psalm: "He restoreth my soul..." Remember the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they will be filled." Your faith will give you the courage to believe in your endeavor. You will not fail because you will not give up. God bless the courage and

character of our young servicemen and women in our volunteer military, despite the frothy mood, negativism of ungratefulness.

SAM OBERACRE
Kimberly

Keep flag at half mast during war time

When we have shown our respect for President Gerald Ford and our time of mourning is over for him, perhaps we should do the following: Keep our flags at half mast

for our American men and women who have died in Iraq and Kuwait.

Perhaps we should leave our flags of the United States at half mast until the war over there is over.

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Criminal probes involve battlefield contractors

WASHINGTON (AP) — From high-dollar fraud to conspiracy to bribery and bid rigging, Army investigators have opened up to 50 criminal probes involving battlefield contractors in the war in Iraq and the U.S. fight against terrorism. The Associated Press has learned.

Senior contracting officials, government employees, residents of other countries and, in some cases, U.S. military personnel have been implicated in millions of dollars of fraud allegations.

"All of these involve operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait," Chris Grey, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, confirmed Saturday to the AP.

"CID agents will pursue leads and the truth wherever it may take us," Grey said. "We take this very seriously."

Battlefield contractors have been implicated in allegations of fraud and abuse since the

war in Iraq began in spring 2003. A special inspector general office that focused solely on reconstruction spending in Iraq developed cases that led to four criminal convictions.

The problems stem in part from the Pentagon's struggle to get a handle on the unprecedented number of contractors now helping run the nation's wars. Contractors are used in battle zones to do nearly everything — but fight. They run cafeterias and laundries for troops, move supplies, run communication systems and repair weapons systems.

Special agents from the Army's major procurement fraud unit recently were dispatched to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait, where they are "working closely and sharing information with other law enforcement agencies in the region," Grey said.

"Given the billions of dollars in contract dollars that have been and are being spent, it is

our experience that our agents will detect millions of dollars in fraud before we are done," Grey said. "And just as likely, we will be instrumental in bringing back to the U.S. government millions of dollars in recoveries."

One case involves an Army chief warrant officer accused of taking a \$50,000 bribe to steer a contract for paper products and plastic flatware away from a government contractor and to a Kuwaiti company, according to an indictment unsealed Thursday in federal court at Rock Island, Ill.

Prosecutors say the officer took the bribe while at Camp Arifan in Kuwait, while he was the Army's food service adviser for Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait, according to the indictment. The officer is also accused of trying to smuggle \$40,000 in undeclared cash into the United States on a December 2005 flight from Kuwait to Dover, Del.

Grandmother sentenced for trunkload of marijuana

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. (AP) — A 62-year-old grandmother who prosecutors said ran drugs to support her bingo habit has been sentenced to three years in prison and a \$150,000 fine.

Acting on a tip, state police stopped Leticia Villareal Garcia near Bisbee in southeast Arizona in February 2005 and found 214 pounds of marijuana stuffed into the trunk of her car.

Garcia has maintained her innocence, telling the judge at her sentencing Friday that she was unaware of the grass as she headed for a bingo game.

"I never, never had any knowledge of that car being loaded when I went to Tucson," the Bisbee resident told Cochise County Superior Court Judge Wallace Hoggart.

Garcia testified at her trial in November that her son's god-

father had borrowed her car the day before. Her lawyer, Robert Zollmann, said she had been used as a "blind mule" to unknowingly haul drugs.

Garcia said she often played bingo, occasionally winning several thousand dollars at a sitting, although her only regular income was a \$275 monthly welfare check she received for caring for a granddaughter.

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And your red bandanna matches your eyes

I read in the Wall Street Journal the other day that the fashion experts now say it's OK for guys to mix patterned dress shirts — stripes, prints and plaids — with striped, polka-dot and paisley neckties.

This is not a good thing.

I grew up around Pocatello, where fashion sense ranks somewhere below coiffion etiquette in local priorities. Especially for men, whose fashion icon is Sam Drucker from "Green Acres."

Plus, this is Idaho, for gosh sakes. We'd wear feed sacks, if there were two holes cut in the bottom.

If you doubt that, come with me sometime to one of the adult dances at the Arfimo LDS Ward, or to the annual Grange dinner in McCammon. Those occasions would send Stacy and Clinton from "What Not to Wear" into anaphylactic shock.

Start with the fact that the only shirts rural Idaho men own are plaid — Pendleton, preferably, but any plaid flannel will do.

Even when worn without a tie, the local practice is to button a flannel shirt up to the neck — leaving just a glimpse of the long Johns underneath.

Neckties, when worn at all, are the clip-on variety, ideally gray-stained and purchased at the D.I. between 1967 and 1974. Ties are supposed to be long enough to reach the belt buckle, but that's way too lengthy in the minds of local style trendsetters.

Instead, your tie should end in the neighborhood of your bellybutton, leaving three or four inches of red-lannel plaid showing beneath it. This imparts the quite sensible impression that you're a doofus.

Flannel shirt collars, of course, are softer than the collars of dress shirts, which lie flat when buttoned to the top. Plaid shirt collars roll up at the tips, making it apparent that the tie you're wearing doesn't go clear around your neck.

You'll also need a flashy tie clip, preferably something you bought in Reno when you went to an FFA convention in 1962. It should be gold in color — if not in content — and display a droil saying, such as "Harold's Club or Bust."

The tie clip should be worn roughly at the level of the shirt's second button so it bunches up the tie nicely in a loop under your chin.

Finally — and I can't emphasize this too strongly — one elbow of the shirt must be torn and the other elbow must have yellow paint on it.

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SNOWPACK LEVELS

Location	1st of Aug	47%
Idaho	80%	47%
Idaho	74%	45%
Idaho	68%	39%
Idaho	60%	37%
Idaho	73%	41%
Idaho	78%	43%
Idaho	74%	41%
Idaho	80%	51%
Idaho	79%	46%

As of Jan. 27

"We just tell them to go out and have fun and do the best they can."

— Maren Wilkins, a Burley dance instructor



Dancers from 'the Minchills' group of Center Stage in Burley wait to take the stage Saturday during Freeze Frame, an annual revue held to raise money for scholarships to dance camp.

Annual Freeze Frame shows style, talents of dancers

By **Jami Whitl**
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Take studios from all over southern Idaho, more than 150 dancers, and 10 minutes and you have one heck of a show.

"Freeze Frame is a vehicle to help our local dancers earn money to go to dance camp," Julie Wright, owner of Julie's Jazzworks in Twin Falls, said Saturday. "With only 10 minutes

to perform we bring the best of our best."

Dances were held at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. Each studio had 10 minutes to dance. Performances could be broken up into a few minutes per dance or a group could do a single number. There were no restrictions as to what type of dance they could perform.

Thus, the 18th Annual Freeze Frame revue was unique in more ways than one.

For instance, it is not a competition. The event is used to raise scholarship money for the annual summer Dance Camp, a highly regarded camp that attracts instructors from all over Idaho. The two-week camp is open to dancers going into seventh grade through high school and costs \$650.

The money raised from Freeze Frame goes to scholarships for the camp that dancers audition

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Dancers for Julie's Jazz Works of Twin Falls perform Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho during Freeze Frame, the annual revue for southern Idaho dance studios.

Burley woman pleads guilty to embezzling more than \$50,000

By **Deane Walk**
For The Times-News

RUPERT — A Burley woman charged with taking more than \$50,000 from her former employer charged her plea to jury Friday in Rupert's Fifth District Court.

Julie Marie Douthit, 51, was arrested Dec. 30, 2005, after her former employers, Mark and Robert Williams, owners of 20-20 Produce in Paul, reported the loss.

Douthit faced 20 counts of Grand Theft by Deception,

for allegedly writing checks to pay the company's bills, then changing them to pay personal debts. For more than a year, she maintained her innocence, but she pleaded guilty to half the charges Friday as part of a plea agreement.

After preparing for more than a year to go to trial, Douthit's attorney, John Bradley, met with Minidoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker and reached the plea agreement. A trial was set to begin Monday.

Douthit agreed to plead guilty to 10 of the counts in exchange for the remaining 10 charges being dropped.

All counts that dealt with an account belonging jointly to Douthit and her daughter were among those dropped.

Four counts that involved an account in Douthit's name and that of her husband, were included in the charges to which she agreed to plead guilty.

Douthit was arraigned on the charges in Minidoka Magistrate Court on Jan. 3.

2006. As the case was investigated, information indicated the charges reflected only a small portion of the missing funds.

Mark and Robert Williams told a sheriff's investigator that Douthit had worked for the business from May 1996 to November 2004. She was responsible for paying all of the company's bills, with all checks being signed by one of the two owners.

The pair alleged that Douthit had been taking money from the company

while employed. They initially estimated a loss of \$553,000. That amount was later estimated at more than \$700,000, according to court records.

In the course of his investigation, Minidoka County Sheriff's investigator Eric Spear discovered 203 fraudulent transactions allegedly carried out by Douthit.

Walker said he could not comment on the case, but said sentencing would take place at the Minidoka County court house at 9 a.m. on March 30.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers natural resources. Contact him at 735-3234 or at matt.christensen@lee.net

ON THE WEB: To learn more about the aquifer plan, visit <http://www.espeplan.idaho.gov>

Hailey native finds the courage to help orphans in Africa

By **Karen Bessick**
For The Times-News

HAILEY — Theresa Grant jumped on the last track out of Wood River High School.

She landed a marketing job at the Silcoos Valley with a firm that did the sound for "Lord of the Rings," "Sex and the City," "Oprah Winfrey" and Eton John.

restaurants, getting her caffeine fix at Starbucks, pursuing the Bay area's art scene, shopping for Danish furniture, working out at the Four Seasons and parking her Outback via valet.

The Boise State University graduate traded all that last year for a toilet that was simply a hole in the ground, a candle for light, coals to cook on and a tub in which to wash her clothes.

And a chance to help African kids who have been

orphaned by AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

"I began realizing the material lifestyle was not enough to satisfy me," said Grant, 31. "I started feeling a call to give back."

Grant, the daughter of Bill and Betty Grant, learned that the most urgent needs of the children in Zambia orphaned by AIDS.

She sold her belongings and boarded a plane for Africa, shaking with trepidation.

"I almost came home before the first two weeks," Grant said. "Here I was a germ freak and they were all wanting to shake my hand and then have the rat with my hands and there were cockroaches all over it."

As she made an attempt to feel liberated, she realized she didn't need the three huge bags of designer clothes she'd taken — just flip flops, blouse and a wrap-around skirt to cover her legs.

She learned to "let go" when it came to driving around without seat belts. And she began to get used to people staring at her white skin.

When Grant learned that more than 400,000 die of malaria than AIDS, she paid for a roof over the orphanage to keep mosquitoes out.

When she saw children as young as 12 with babies, she began teaching 10-year-olds about abstinence and

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Fred Maier

RUPERT — Fred Maier, 89, of Rupert, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at Country Side Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.



Fred was born Dec. 8, 1917, the fifth of 14 children, to Jacob and Elizabeth Maier in Afton, Idaho. He married Dom Jansen on May 5, 1936.

Fred served on the Aquia City Council for 17 years, and in 1974, he was elected as a Minidoka County commissioner and served from 1975 to 1987.

member of the Rupert Country Club, Lions Club, West Magic Lake Recreation Club and the Minidoka Historical Society.

Fred is survived by four sons, DeWayne, Larry, Loren and Ken Maier; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and five sisters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; his parents; four brothers; and one sister.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Grace Community Church, 100 N Meridian in Rupert, Idaho, with Pastor Jay Greenwood officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Minidoka County Historical Society.

Edna Irene Tilley

TWIN FALLS — Edna Irene TILLEY, a 90-year-old resident of Twin Falls, and formerly of Heyburn, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home with her family surrounding and supporting her on Jan. 24, 2007.



Edna was born on April 1, 1916, (April Fool's Day) in Grouse Creek, Utah. She was the daughter of Joseph and Laura Lee. She had four brothers and five sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, two sisters (including her twin), one grandson and one great-grandson. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served faithfully in many capacities including Primary, Relief Society and Young Women.

She is survived by her five children, one (Del) Bailey of Twin Falls, Glenna (Leonard) Mealer of Filer, Raedene (Derral) Warner of Spanish Fork, Utah, Gaylon (Kid of Heyburn) (Durrell) (Janet) Tilley of Burley; 24 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Myrtle (Hellewell) of Heyburn, Norman (General Lee) of Heppner, Gaces (Mona) Lewis of Pocatello, Elsie (Cecil) Lee of Boise and Arlo (Connie) Lee of West Point, Utah.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the Twin Falls 5th Ward Chapel at 425 Maurice St. N., with Bishop Loren Spencer Ward officiating. Burial will be in the Deco Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary, "Chapel of the Park," 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Friday at the church.

The family of Cleota Fickel, wish to thank all of our family, friends, neighbors and all of you who traveled so far to celebrate Cleota's life with us, for the food, cards, flowers, and memorial donations. Your love and thoughtfulness was most appreciated. She was a light in our lives and we will all miss her.

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The Hamilton Family would like to thank our friends and neighbors for all their thoughts, prayers, cards, donations and acts of kindness over these past few weeks. J.P. Hamilton was an energetic, enthusiastic and loving husband, father and grandfather who will be missed. We take comfort in knowing we live in a community that is filled with people who care and are willing and able to fill the void he has left. The J.P. Hamilton Family

DEATH NOTICES

Elmo M. Burgess

JEROME — Elmo M. Burgess, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, in Kimberly. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory of Jerome.

Ann May

JEROME — Ann May, 87, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory of Jerome.

John S. Feldhusen Jr.

KIMBERLY — John Sierk Feldhusen Jr., 81, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. A private family interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from noon until time of the service Thursday at the mortuary.

William E. Hone

TWIN FALLS — William "Dad" E. Hone, 81, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by

Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Windell C. Martin

GLENN'S FERRY — Windell "Wink" C. Martin, 88, of Glenn's Ferry, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at a Boise hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Host Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Laurel N. Draper

LOGAN, Utah — Laurel Naomi Hansen Draper, 50, of Logan, Utah, and formerly of Shoshone, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at her home.

The funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Logan 10th Ward Chapel, 300 N. 200 E. in Logan. A viewing will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be at the Logan City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Allen-Cramm Mortuary in Logan. A complete obituary will be published in Tuesday's newspaper.

Leo R. Wilson

NAMPA — Leo R. Wilson, 89, of Grand View and formerly of Wendell, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, in a Nampa care center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Host Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

SERVICES

Michael James Corcoran Jr. and Sean Troy Landry, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls (call Jamie at 212-0184).

Jeffrey Ellis Beniston of Filer, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd. in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Leta Bennett of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St. Friends may call from 10 to 11 p.m. today at Ramussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 10th St. in Burley and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

Charles Clyde Okeberry of Twin Falls, funeral at noon

Monday at Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., viewing for family and friends from 10:30 a.m. until noon Monday at the mortuary.

Caleb Eugene Lammers of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1034 Grandview Drive N. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Tylen Everett Posey of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1034 Grandview Drive N., gathering for family and friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lera Francis (Aylor) Bruce of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church, 262 L. Ave. A (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

SERVICE NEWS

Buhl Middle School honors students

BOHI — Principal Byron Stutzman announced the honor roll for quarter two.

Highest Honors: 4.00

- Eighth grade: Emily Michael and Blake Mabey. Seventh grade: Josyn Achuleta, Rebecca Frey, Camden Collins, Britany Griffith, Kendal Hamilton, Logan Hutchinson, Lavender Pappas, Ashley Lavelly, Jony Lopez, Gustavo Magana, Daniel Nipper and Michael Schneider. Sixth grade: Michael Esparza, Kenzi Littlefair, Kaya Perron, Addie Perre, Leah Quigley and Traeger Hubler.

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- Eighth grade: Evelyn Carrizo, Beria Davidson, Janico Hernandez, Ernest Hays, Jay Michael, Donaldia Karla Mink, Malena Montgomery, Jacob Morse, Imah Paea, Lin Quigley, Alexia Ramirez, Paige Ward and Tiffany Wortsch. Seventh grade: Sandra Arroyo, Miguel Ayala, Ian Bales, Shiver Berger, Randaele Bowser, Alison Brittain, Dustin Clements, Amber Ceresa, Clara Conner, Sierra Cooper, Vanessa Cortez, Chelsea Torres, Katie Davidson, Sarah Hopkins, Britney Harvey, Jarne Holvusa, Melina Hopkins, Austin Hudson, Dylan Jacobson, Kagen Jacobson, Haley James, Alexia Johnson, Jennifer Krieger, Cager Krieger, Berni Lovett, Amber Lovett, Vanessa Luzzaraga, Alfonso Lopez, Janet Martinez, Mariana Matt, Montana Nelson

- Margan Pato, Morgan Pearson, Zacarias Peraza, Zehedah Peterson, Danielle Tucker, Kyle Van Patten and Ivana Weaver. Sixth grade: Kelly Milmore, Samsa Allen, Henri, Breanna Bailey, Alexis Bels, Jacob Bryant, Gabe Felton, Casey Galardi, Bethany Hodges, Stevie Highberger, Jon Hutchinson, Andrew Jensen, Antonette Mokka, Kelsey Reuter, Madalya Lopez, Bethi Loza, Mariaca Mitchell, Maria Montegomery, David Murch, Isador Oppokid, Pasha Padilla, Love Pearson, Michael Pevkham, Devon Piroton, Isen Poirie, Garrett Sander, Salar Sindhoe, Caryn Sutter and Max Welch.

Honors 3.00 - 3.49

- Eighth grade: Whitney Amoth, Brandon Beria, Noelia Castillo, Allen Clayton, Ethan Compton, Julian Fahrenwald, Maguel Garcia, Lash Gerdes, Heather Gregg, Matthew Hamilton, Scott Harris, Kyle Harvey, Beau Hayes, Brianna Healy, Juan Hernandez, Leslie Hernandez, Francisco Hernandez, Kimberly Hulet, Mathis Jerez, Wilfredo Lopez, Rosa Lopez Ruiz, Margot Lora, Alexandra McLean, Bodi McClain, Tegan Montgomery, Keradise Pack, Arly Penninger, Andrew Perre, Kevin Butler, Cristina Sanchez, Lenzo Villareal and Danelia Walker. Seventh grade: Francisca Aguilar, Rachael Beglan, Florentino Beltran, Nancy Carmona, Beatriz Flores, Sebastian Garcia, Makaya Heffernan, Amy Hellekson, Kendra Hernandez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Sherba

- Holladay, Holly Lemmons, Shavella Leonty, Alex Lemaire, Carla Lizarzagui, Tylee McLeod, Sarah Michaels, Tystin Nauka, Fernanda Ortega, Juan Parra, Elizabeth Peralta, Kaitlin Phillips, William Potter, Charisida Ramirez, Stephanie Roman, Mayda Runyan, Sonia Salas, Holly Sarabia, Jordan Silva, Kavita Spencer, Braden Jaddock, Mark Jonge, Jason Turner, Bo Vandenberg, Caleb Vanhooker, Rodolfo Verdugo, Chad Wells and Osh Young. Sixth grade: Patrick Arroyo, Alexia Bradford, Jose Carrillo, Cassandra Christopherson, Ivier Gale, Katrina Compton, Juan Gomez, Braedon Gerdes, Jaymarie Gifford, Reyna Godoy, Jordana Gordo, Karle James, Ashton Jean, Jacob Jernard, Dalton Kurny, Melina Lashbrook, Kyle Lovelock, Karli Montgomery, Reva O'Brien, Andrew Olson, Daniel Peralta, Randy Rubier, Jennifer Skinner, Edgar Velazquez, Britney Watkins and Kelsey Witt.

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Private completes Army basic training TWIN FALLS — Arms Pvt Thomas D. Campbell has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and basic net training, drill and ceremony, marching, drill, marksmanship and armed and unarmed combat among many other things. He is the son of Jesse (camped of Twin Falls) and a 2006 graduate of a high school program at the College of Southern Idaho.

Sailor graduates from training command RUPERT — Joshua Andrew Sanders has graduated from Naval recruit training Command 30 Great Lakes, Ill. He will be placed in advanced technology school in Great Lakes. Sanders is the son of the late Melody Sanders and Rupert and brother of Katrina Sanders, who attends Minco High School.

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Crump

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 This ensemble is invariably worn with a green John Deere baseball cap and a western belt with a buckle the size of a chaffing dish. Jeans are acceptable, but why not wear a new pair of new bib overalls when you dress up? Finally, boots are de rigueur, and we like to see the same work boots that you wear when you mucked out the horse barn.

The ideal is a colleague of my Uncle Ray's when he served in the Idaho Legislature in the early 1950s. My uncle called him Earl. Rep. Earl raised dairy cattle on a farm near Parma, and he'd work for a couple of hours on the place early in the morning before driving his Chevy pickup, laden with empty chicken crates, to Boise for the day's legislative session.

The honorable gentleman from Canyon County didn't have time to shower and change; he'd just throw on a striped necktie, tuck down the aisle of the House chamber in his cowboy boots, and take his seat. My Uncle Ray reported that Rep. Earl sat alone, for although he was one of the majority Republicans, the rest of the GOP was with the Democrats on the other side of the room.

I think Paris Hilton got it right about fashion: "The only rule is, don't be boring, and dress cute wherever you go. Life is too short to blend in." Mr. Speaker, I moooooove to adjourn.
Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 733-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

Africa

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 condoms and good touch and bad touch.
 She helped her new friends plant a vegetable garden and then an orchard. And then she bought a refrigerator to better preserve the food they grew.
 She learned two of the 73 languages that are spoken in Zambia but she also taught the children English.
 When she returned home for the first time after three months she realized that her new friends had come to depend on her as the breadwinner. So she vowed to make them self-sufficient upon her return.

She helped them build trout farms. She encouraged them to make denim soccer balls with thread made from plastic balls — a novelty the U.S. Olympic soccer team has gotten enthused about. And, recognizing that they might not be able to afford new parts for the tractor she'd purchased, she gave them hers.
 "The idea is not to bring anything they can't afford later," she says. "One of my volunteers wanted to bring over power tools to make bunk beds for the orphanage and I told him, 'We can't do that because we have to teach them how they can do it themselves.'"
 Once she felt comfortable in her new role, Grant came up with a creative way of engaging others in what she was doing. She formed a non-profit organization that she titled *Coarse To Be You (C2BU)*. And she created *Make a Difference* vacations.
 For \$700, volunteers spend one week counseling children about the importance of brushing their teeth and washing their hands, teaching English and job skills and doing other tasks commensurate with their skills and interest. Then they spend the second week taking a safari through the Serengeti, visiting Victoria Falls and Mt. Kilimanjaro and even lying on the beach in Zanzibar.
 The \$700 includes transportation in Africa and a translator and safari guide. While working with the orphanage, volunteers have their choice of staying in a three- to five-star hotel or being put up with host families who have beds and running water.
 "In Africa even a hug can make a big difference," Grant said. "You don't have to be a doctor — you can extend a child's life just by holding them and making them feel special."

Dance

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 for in February — and that's where the competition is really hild.
 "We try to award as many scholarships as we can," said Jennifer Sager, producer for the event and owner of Centre Stage in Burley.
 And while Freeze Frame isn't a competition, Sager said that it is competitive enough

that the dancers want to do their best and make their studios shine.
 "We just tell them to go out and have fun and to do the best they can," said Marten Wilkins, instructor at 5678 Dance in Burley. "I think there is less stress when they know they're not being critiqued."
 The love of performing started at a young age for

many of the dancers. This year's youngest group was about 5 years old. Wendi Loosle's 8-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn, has been involved for about four years.
 "She loves performing and being in front of people," Loosle said.
 And even though Kaitlyn is too young to go to Dance Camp, Loosle still thinks

it's a great thing.
 "A lot of opportunities open up to a lot of girls in these studios," she said.
To contact Janet Whitford, Times-News correspondent, e-mail her at jwhitfo@coable.net.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Scouts earn Eagle awards at ceremony

PAUL — Ryan David Stocking and Trevor Layne received their Eagle Scout awards at a Court of Honor held Dec. 17 at the Emerson 1st Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are the sons of Layne and Liz Stocking of Paul.
 Trevor, 16, completed 33 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he placed markers at the Heyburn Riverside Cemetery and made a directory of names and locations of each headstone. He was assisted by 12 troop members and his leaders. The project took 50 hours. Ryan, 14, has completed 30 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he plotted a new section at the Heyburn Riverside Cemetery



and placed permanent markers to grid the area. He was assisted by 12 troop members and his leaders. The project took 40 hours.
 The boys are members of Troop 47 and attend Minico High School. Both are an student council for their class and on the high honor roll.
Collegiate Scholars welcomes new member
SHOSHONE — Wendy Baltazor of Shoshone has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She will be honored during an Induction Convocation this fall on the campus of Idaho State University in Pocatello.
 The society is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first- and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing.

the President's List, students must have at least a 3.75 grade point average and take at least 12 graded credits in level 100 or above classes. The dean's List uses the same requirements but students must have a 3.25-3.74 GPA.
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 Twin Falls — Michael Hybee and Matthew Wilson.
Dean's list
 Burley — Chelsea Lynch, Gooding — Danielle Houser, Jerome — Collin Smith, Mountain Home — Andrea Kinney, Erin Mullen and Bret Young,
 Shoshone — Joseph Asde and Kyli Asde,
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- Y** CONGRESSIONAL PENSION DENIAL: The House on Jan. 23 voted, 431 for and none against, to deny congressional pensions to members of Congress convicted in the future of crimes such as bribery, fraud, conspiracy to commit fraud, perjury and acting as foreign agents. The bill (HR 476) must be reconciled with a similar measure passed by the Senate. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
- N** HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS: The House on Jan. 24 voted, 226 for and 191 against, to extend limited voting rights on the House floor to delegates from American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. A yes vote backed the resolution.
- N N** MINIMUM WAGE-TAX BREAKS: Voting 54 for and 43 against, the Senate on Jan. 24 failed to reach 60 votes needed to overcome GOP opposition and advance a bill (HR 2) gradually raising the minimum wage over 26 months from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour. A yes vote was to advance the bill.
- Y Y** STATE WAGE SOVEREIGNTY: Voting 28 for and 69 against, the Senate on Jan. 24 rejected an amendment to HR 2 (above) to abolish the federal minimum wage and allow each state to set its own wage floor. A yes vote was to abolish the federal minimum wage.
- Y Y** LINE-ITEM RESCISSIONS: Voting 49 for and 48 against, the Senate on Jan. 24 failed to reach 60 votes needed to advance a proposal empowering presidents to block entitlement or discretionary spending on a line-by-line basis. A yes vote backed the amendment.
- Y Y** ILLEGAL ALIEN HIRING: Voting 94 for and none against, the Senate on Jan. 25 amended HR 2 to deny federal contracts to companies found to have hired illegal aliens. A yes vote was to pass the amendment.

Y - Yes N - No X - did not vote

Idaho Corps of Discovery passport a success

BOISE (AP) — Nearly 1,000 people managed to visit all 44 of Idaho's counties to get their Idaho Corps of Discovery Passport stamped and collect a certificate signed by the governor and a replica of a Lewis and Clark peace medalion. More than 50,000 of the passports were distributed as part of a program started by then-Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to get residents to know more about the state. It coincided with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration and ended Dec. 31. Passport holders could have the passports stamped at museums, fish hatcheries, lumber mills, mines, state parks and national monuments. "The program was a huge success, judging by letters received from those who actually completed the journey," said Carl Wilgus, administrator of the Idaho Tourism Division. Among those who completed the program and filled out a survey, people picked Bonners Ferry in northern Idaho as the friendliest town, and Craters of the Moon National Monument as their favorite historical site or landmark.

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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.; Fentness 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 Gypsyie Sun Bath & Body store occupies the building. (Excerpts from *Then And Now in Southern Idaho*, Virginia Ricketts.) From Jerome County Historical Society Newsletter, January 2007, Linda Helms, editor.

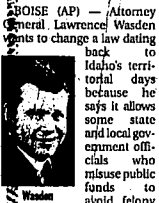
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Incident involving Hagerman officer leads to proposal



BOISE (AP) — Attorney General Lawrence Wasden wants to change a law dating back to Idaho's territorial days because he says it allows some state and local government officials who misuse public funds to avoid felony charges.

Wasden says the so-called "misuse-of-funds law," last amended in 1887, had traditionally been used to prosecute all government officials accused of bilking taxpayers. But in April, the Idaho Appeals Court ruled the statute could only be used against officials who were responsible for "the receipt, safe keeping, transfer or reimbursement" of public money as part of their "official position."

In the April case, the court ruled a Hagerman police officer couldn't be found guilty of a felony for charging \$90.84 on his city credit card for three hunting licenses, because keeping track of taxpayer money wasn't part of his official job description.

Bill von Tigen, a deputy attorney general, said Idaho wants to be able to charge any employee who misuses state funds with a felony. "It essentially says that if you accept public employment, if you accept public trust, there is a higher duty placed on you," von Tigen said.

If lawmakers sign off on Wasden's plan, the changes would take effect July 1.

Firms try to meet housing demand with multi-family dwellings

Construction company worker says there's a 'real need' in Boise

BOISE (AP) — With affordable single-family homes in short supply, a trend in southwest Idaho has emerged where more multifamily dwellings are being built in high population areas.

"There's a real need for affordable housing out there, because there isn't a lot of it," said Cory Swain of Red Cliff Construction, which is building

the 176-unit Keeneland Park project of fourplexes on 25 acres.

The units will have from 960 to 1,180 square feet.

The Boise Department of Planning and Development Services reported that 584 multifamily building permits were issued in 2006, which was 64 percent more than the number issued in 2005.

"It makes up a significant percentage of our residential housing activity now," Jennifer Gilliland, building manager with development services, told the Idaho Statesman.

In 2006, according to the agency, permits for single-family homes declined by 38 percent from the previous year to 588.

Swain said the fourplexes

being built at Keeneland Park will rent for between \$750 and \$900, and have a two-story town house style.

Rob Haggert, Red Cliff vice-president of development and marketing, said tenants at Keeneland Park will have the option to buy.

He also said that 2.5 acres has been set aside at Keeneland Park that will be used for 25,000 square feet of office and commercial space.

Trada Group, a San Francisco-based real-estate investment company that has been building and marketing fourplexes in southwest Idaho, has already bought Keeneland Park.

Besides building Keeneland Park, Swain said Red Cliff is following the trend toward multifamily dwellings by also building on three other fourplex sites to add 215 more units in Boise.

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Family recalls lifetime of adventure

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

RUPERT — As a boy, Daniel Scott Hughes often dreamt of flying. He later realized that dream and became an accomplished pilot, logging more than 9,000 hours.

"He was always pretending to be Superman," Margaret Large said of her son.

The boy often dressed up in the superhero's costume, when he was not busy with his many other interests such as delivering newspapers on horseback or showing 4-H dogs, horses and rabbits.

"He used to tell me when he was little, 'If I can just get high enough, I can fly,'" Margaret said.

Dan Hughes was killed when a plane he was co-piloting crashed in a rural area of Mexico Jan. 9.

Many of the family photos attest to his keen interest in trying to escape gravity.

"He had a dream and he went after it with everything he had," said Donna Krapp-Bate, his sister.

As a young man, he attended both East and West Mexico junior high schools and graduated from Dietrich High School in 1980.

After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany in the Pershing missile program, he worked for a while as a card-dealer in Jackpot, Nev., where he met the woman who would later become his wife.

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"He was amazing and he touched everyone he knew, they all thought he was a wonderful man."

— Elizabeth Shaffer Hughes, wife of Dan Hughes

Elizabeth Shaffer Hughes. "We became inseparable," Elizabeth said.

The Hughes family then moved to Colorado and where Dan attended Emery Aviation College, graduating with a 4.0 grade-point average in aeronautical science. He later logged 1,500 hours as a flight instructor at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and eventually earned several pilot's ratings. He flew professionally for several companies.

Although his work took him many places, he spent every moment possible with Elizabeth and their children, Demetrie, Katie and Keaton, who live in Ypsilanti, Mich.

"When it was family time



In Puerto Rico, commercial pilot Dan Hughes pauses inside one of the many types of airplanes he was rated to fly.

and he was home, he wouldn't even answer the phone, it would just be us," Elizabeth said.

The couple spent many wonderful days exploring the Caribbean and other exotic locations/

"He always had his face up to the sky," Elizabeth said. "I'd be looking at the seashore and he would always be looking up at the sky."

Along with his adventurous nature Dan liked to read non-fiction, especially history, and

ran eight miles several days a week.

He was fascinated by storms and he and Elizabeth often spent Sundays chasing after them just to watch.

Elizabeth said Dan had a grand sense of humor and

once donned a Superman costume to take her to dinner on Halloween.

"There was a little boy in that restaurant who really thought he was Superman," Elizabeth said.

Dan loved surprises and once drove all night from Colorado to Rupert on Christmas Eve to surprise his Idaho family.

He often sent plane tickets to so others could come and visit him.

He loved to share his hobbies and once took his mother snorkeling in Puerto Rico. He was always thrilled when family and friends would fly with him.

One of his favorite excursions was buzzing the family farm in Kimama.

Donna said Dan's friends were his wife and children and he always chose to spend his free time with them, often hiking or camping.

He loved coaching his son Keaton in motocross, which was a family sport, and he was extremely proud when Keaton finished second in their hometown event this year.

Danna's sons, Chase, Nate, and Sam, also looked up to their uncle and would pile on top of him when he came home for a visit, always eager to hear stories about his adventures.

"He was amazing and he touched everyone he knew. They all thought he was a wonderful man," Elizabeth said.

Bluegrass musicians get ready to jam

By LaVay Hamblin
For the Times-News

BURLEY — If you are inspired by the crisp, bright sound of a mandolin, the plunk of a banjo and the warm vibrato of a fiddle then the Chadwick Grille is where you will want to be Tuesday evening.

That is when, the organizer hopes, the first in many bluegrass jam sessions will take place.

"This is a jam so players at all skill levels have a local place to practice and play traditional bluegrass music with others of different talent," says Curt Jomsland of Burley.

He is quick to point out that being the organizer does not mean he is proficient. Jomsland says he arranged the jams in order to improve his own skill on the mandolin.

Jomsland says he grew up listening to bluegrass music in Anchorage, Alaska. His father played the banjo and guitar and made the mandolin. Jomsland now plays. It wasn't until recently that he picked the instrument up again and started learning to play. He says he practices every night and the type of music he has chosen is bluegrass.

"It's all I listen to now," he said.

Jomsland moved to Burley in June as part of his job with the U.S. Forest Service. When he got here he

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— Curt Jomsland, Burley

noticed there wasn't a regular gathering of bluegrass players and so he decided to create one.

"If there's nothing to do, I try to create something," he said.

Those efforts and the cooperation on the owners at the Chadwick resulted in the planned jam sessions.

The sessions will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the back room of the restaurant at 1113 Main St. in Burley.

Jomsland says he hopes the room will provide a cozy atmosphere for musicians and "gimmers" — those who just want to listen — and won't interfere with normal restaurant operations.

"All skill levels are invited and you are more than welcome to join in the back ground for a few sessions," Jomsland said.

For information, call 676-1664.

RUPERT GIRL SCOUT TROOP EARNS HIGH AWARD



Junior and Teen Girl Scouts from Rupert's Troop 170 include, from left, back: Ashley Hall, Megan Hall, Lexi Hendricks and Morgan Church; front: assistant leader Krystal Hatch, Charissa Hatch, Arlanna Walters, Eliza Hatch, Yessica Hernandez, Paige Shiner and leader Katrina Shiner. Not pictured is Isela Hodges. The troop members completed a five-month-long project, earning their Bronze Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn at the Junior level (fourth through sixth grade).

They served quilts for residents of the Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert. Each girl cut and sewed her own quilt, hand tying, also. The project took several weeks and was a big challenge, organizers say. They presented the quilts on Jan. 11.

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Some find cash in trees planted to eliminate greenhouse gases

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Some landowners in the Pacific Northwest are planting new forests of trees to consume greenhouse gases and potentially buffer climate change, in a business called carbon forestry.

The Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho recently planted 5,000 acres of new forest along the Clearwater River and is in the process of selling carbon credits from the land. The state of Idaho also is exploring the idea as a way to get more value out of its timber.

The trees can be planted on any land, but they are most profitable on energy companies and other businesses under increasing pressure to offset the carbon dioxide they emit, said Ted Dodge, director of the National Carbon Offset Coalition of Butte, Mont.

"We believe this is going to be the largest commodity market in the world," Dodge told a group of foresters and land managers earlier this week, adding:

"This is going. The train has left the station."

Through a U.S. Department of Energy grant, Dodge spent the week crossing Idaho to explain the concept, hoping to find an extra 12,500 metric tons of forest-based and crop field-based carbon to sell to traders on the Chicago Climate Exchange.

The concept may be new to a state long dependent on turning trees into lumber. However, an acre of these trees can consume a ton of the gas

from the atmosphere each year.

The money in the trees isn't much — about \$4 an acre.

At current carbon prices, trees are still worth far more dead than alive, but landowners with no intention of cutting their trees might find an extra source of income through carbon credits, Dodge said.

"It's money they wouldn't have gotten otherwise," he said.

There are a number of conditions.

Primarily, the trees must be planted on barren land or places where natural disasters, including wildfire, have killed off the forest. The landowner also must agree to keep the land forested for a set number of years.

Farmers may also tap into the project by agreeing to no-till or low-till practices just like forests, Dodge said.

Landowners are paid a set price for each ton of carbon stored by these newly planted trees or undisturbed fields. The going rate this week on the Chicago Climate Exchange was \$3.80 per ton.

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Group accuses secretary of stealing \$900,000

ODGEN, Utah (AP) — The Weber School Foundation filed a lawsuit against a former secretary, accusing her of stealing more than \$900,000 and alleging she transferred assets to family members after officials confronted her.

"Our initial evidence is pretty damning," said Bryan Bernard, a foundation board member and attorney in the case.

Denise Aughney worked six hours a week at the foundation. She is accused of forging signatures on checks and stealing money over at least five years.

Weber County authorities are investigating the case but no charges have been filed. Aughney, who was fired Dec. 20, did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment Friday.

The foundation announced that money was missing Jan. 17.

It raises money and pays for field trips, wheelchairs, playground equipment and other school-related projects in the 28,734-student Weber School District, north of Salt Lake City. Second District Judge W.

transferred property to them on Dec. 15, a day after she was placed on leave.

"If those other three knew what Denise was doing all along, they should have come forward," Bernard said.

Dr. Craig Holman

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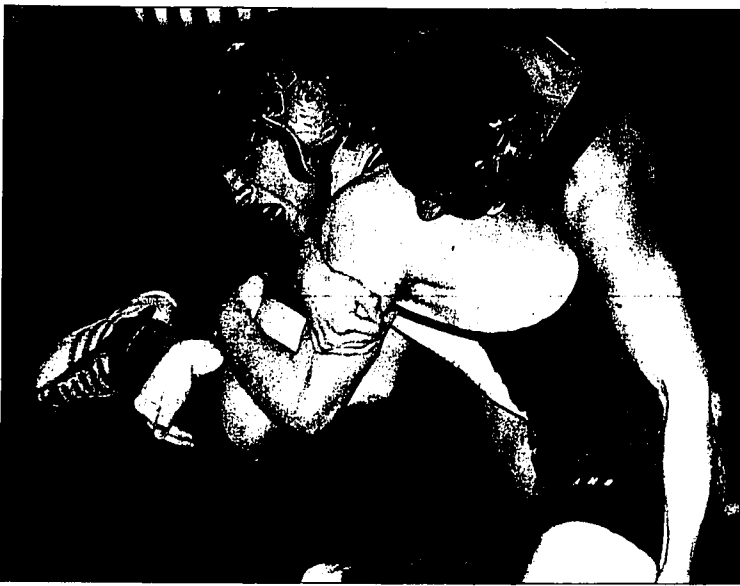
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Minico's David Burgara (right) and Pocatello's Bryan Otto tangle during their third-fourth place match in the 125-pound division of the Red Halverson Invitational Saturday at Minico High School. Burgara won the match by decision, 3-1, in overtime.

Minico sixth at Red Halverson

Seven Spartans place at invite

By Ryan Howe
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Centennial High took home first-place hardware from the 2007 Red Halverson Invitational, which wrapped up Saturday at Minico High School.

With four first-place finishers and 185 team points, Centennial slipped by second-place Sandpoint (171.5 points) and third-place Idaho Falls (162).

Twenty-three teams competed in the two-day event. Host Minico wound up sixth overall with 131 team points. The Spartans had seven wrestlers in the top six of their respective weight divisions.

Other Magic Valley team finishes included 16th place Burley (48), 18th place Twin Falls (45.5), 19th place Buhl (43), 21st place Jerome (38.5), and 23rd place Kimberly (24).

"The team has a kind of sloped off — we've gotten a little bit sick," said Minico's Nate Crane. "But I can't say that's to blame. As a team, I think we did really well. A lot of guys wrestled up and did their best, and that's all we can ask of them."

At 103 pounds, Minico's Andrew Uhl was punned in the champi-

2007 Red Halverson Invitational

Final results
Team scores: 1. Centennial 185, 2. Sandpoint 171.5, 3. Idaho Falls 162, 4. Blackfoot 148.5, 5. Pocatello 140.5, 6. Minico 131, 7. Ingham 111, 8. Newport 109, 9. Eagle 102, 10. Mountain View 78, 11. Bonneville 77.5, 12. Mendon 64.5, 13. Sylvan 61, 14. Snake River 58.5, 15. Paga 49, 16. Tim Baker, Burley 46, 18. Twin Falls 43.5, 19. Buhl 43, 20. Madison 41, 21. Jerome 38.5, 22. Timberline 34, 23. Kimberly 24.

Individual place winners
103 pounds: 1. Timmy Pepperside, Sandpoint; 2. Andrew Uhl, Minico; 3. Wayne Fong, Idaho Falls; 4. Jonathan Turpin, Snake River; 5. Taylor Bell, Bonneville; 6. Brian Schamus, Ingham
112: 1. Nate Crane, Minico; 2. Alec Hays, Sandpoint; 3. Dillon Gray, Mendon; 4. Jordan Cal, Idaho Falls; 5. Lyle Torres, Blackfoot; 6. Jake Christensen, Eagle
125: 1. Shane Stephenson, Centennial; 2. Josh Hall, Ingham; 3. Justin Johnson, Idaho Falls; 4. Nate Armstrong, Pocatello; 5. Aaron Gonzalez, Blackfoot; 6. Todd Hale, Paga
135: 1. Jay Fox, Sandpoint; 2. Andrew Crane, Hampa; 3. David Burgara, Minico; 4. Bryan Otto, Pocatello; 5. Luis Carrasco, Idaho Falls; 6. Steve Robinson, Blackfoot
150: 1. Connor Brigham, Blackfoot; 2. Justin Thurston, Hampa; 3. Josh Warner, Idaho Falls; 4. Michael Carter, Ingham; 5. Brent Wood, Paga; 6. Nathan Broadhead, Burley
160: 1. Kerry Carter, Centennial; 2. Rilee Cook, Pocatello; 3. Mike Carrasco, Jerome; 4.

Special Sars, Madison; 5. Dana White, Mountain View; 6. Tucker Lerman, Kimberly
180: 1. Aaron Hatheway, Eagle; 2. Chance Hyde, Centennial; 3. Jerod Hammond, Burley; 4. Blake Freney, Buhl; 5. Josh Hopkins, Mendon; 6. Charlie Hart, Blackfoot
200: 1. Scott Armstrong, Borah; 2. Jake Lopez, Madison; 3. Dustin Warner, Idaho Falls; 4. Dalton Hagg, Pocatello; 5. Chance Requa, Twin Falls; 6. Josh Caputo, Minico
220: 1. Iyla McKeown, Sandpoint; 2. Jason Moran, Ingham; 3. Ryan Seaton, Buhl; 4. Ryan Ramirez, Snake River; 5. Dallas Wilson, Pocatello; 6. R.J. Cole, Minico
260: Stevie Peltzer, Mountain View; 2. Iyla Sargent, Blackfoot; 3. David Hale, Pocatello; 4. Zac Walker, Hampa; 5. Cassa Hruza, Minico; 6. Brian Elm, Snake River
275: 1. Ayn Smith, Centennial; 2. J.C. Perry, Blackfoot; 3. Jerod Harris, Burley; 4. Brent Martinez, Twin Falls; 5. Jeremy Brindley, Ingham; 6. Matt Thompson, Idaho Falls
285: 1. Taylor Harris, Sandpoint; 2. Antonio Hernandez, Blackfoot; 3. Chris Andrus, Hampa; 4. Brian Smith, Minico; 5. Clint Jones, Idaho Falls; 6. Jon Williams, 2. Andrew Crane, Hampa; 3. David Burgara, Minico; 4. Bryan Otto, Pocatello; 5. Luis Carrasco, Idaho Falls; 6. Steve Robinson, Blackfoot
310: 1. James Gonzalez, Eagle; 2. Brad Curtis, Sylvan; 3. Jay Daniels, Centennial; 4. Jared Richardson, Bonneville; 5. Chase Mills, Idaho Falls; 6. Josh Ramirez, Jerome

onship round up Sandpoint's Timmy Pepperside.

In the 112-pound championship the Spartans' Crane earned a 3-0 decision over Alec Ward from Sandpoint.

"In the last match, I knew that he only had one move, and if I stayed out of that, I would be all right," Crane said. "In the last few seconds he started coming out on me and I was a little worried, so I gutted up and I held on for all I could."

At 125, David Burgara from Minico faced off against Bryan Otto from Pocatello to settle third and fourth place. The pair had wrestled three times prior to this bout, with Otto winning two of those. Their matches in the past had been close, with one going into overtime, so Burgara knew he had his work cut out for him.

"We know each other and what we do," Burgara said.

With time winding down in the third period, Burgara was down 1-0. He earned a loss of control just before the final buzzer to force overtime. In OT, Burgara went to work, quickly earning two points for a takedown for the win.

"I didn't want to go into double overtime. I knew we were both getting tired and I wanted to finish him off," Burgara said. "It felt good."

At 130 pounds, Burley's Nathan Broadhead finished sixth. At 135, Jerome's Mike Carrumins was third and Kimberly's Tucker Lerman finished sixth.

Jerod Hammond of Burley beat Blake Finney of Buhl to earn third place at 140 pounds.

"I had never wrestled him before, so I just got psyched up, went out there and countered his moves and took it to him," Hammond said. "I came off a bad weekend last week at the Tiger-Gritz Invitational. I just had to use it and get better from it — I can't worry about the bad weekend and just start all over. This weekend I felt better about everything."

At 145 pounds, Chance Requa of Twin Falls was fifth while Minico's Josh Clapier was sixth.

Byron Struck of Buhl was third at 152 pounds. Minico's Chase Hruza was fifth at 160, Twin Falls' Brent Martinez was fourth at 171, Minico's Brady Cooper was fourth at 189, and Minico's Josh Ramirez finished sixth at 275.

No. 8 CSI sweeps CEU men

Eagles women win without top scorers

PRICE, Utah — It's lonely at the top, but it's a good kind of lonely.

The No. 8 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is in sole possession of first place at the halfway point of the Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule.

The Golden Eagles charged back from a nine-point half-time deficit to top the host College of Eastern Utah 97-83 Saturday night in Price, Utah. With the weekend sweep of CEU, CSI improves to 18-2 on the season and 8-2 in SWAC play.

"I really enjoyed how we played," CSI head coach Barrett Peery told 1270 AM KIFI. "We started the second half off playing really hard, but we didn't get the easy ones. I was worried that our guys would get a little flustered, but they kept working and we started to get things going."

Kevin Davis' steal and transition layup with 11:45 left in the second half put CSI up 57-49, giving the Golden Eagles their first lead since the early stages of the game. That bucket started to turn the tide in CSI's favor while an 18-4 run that followed gave CSI the separation it needed to control the game's final minutes. Heggie Guyton took over from there, scoring eight of his 13 points in the final three minutes.



The Golden Eagles won by outscoring CSU 60-37 in the second half and building to a 50-36 rebounding advantage. CSI also held Tyler Keplay, the nation's leading scorer, to only 12 points for the game.

"The best part about it was that we turned him over eight times," Peery said. "We got to him where we slowed him and were able to turn him over a bit."

While Keplay struggled to put the ball in the hole, sharpshooting CSI guard Brad Garrett had no such issues, pumping in a team-high 21 points. Kevin Davis added 16 while Brandon Stivers contributed six points and 13 rebounds. Guyton finished the game shooting 8-of-10 from the free-throw line.

Steve Hassell paced CEU with 22 points while Anthony O'Neil posted 11 points.

CSI struggled putting the ball in the hoop in the first half and found itself trailing 46-37 at the break. CSI's Davis was the only player to score in double figures for the half, posting 11 points, while Garrett and Juan Partillo each added seven.

"We called a timeout and said, 'Hey, we can't shoot worse. It's going to get better. Just stick with the system and things are going to happen,'" Peery said. "They stayed in system and things worked out for us."

The Golden Eagles host the North Idaho College Cardinals Friday and Saturday night in Twin Falls.

In Friday's late SWAC play, Snow College rolled past Colorado Northwestern 110-68, while Scott Stockwell's career-high 31 points led Northern Idaho College past visiting Salt Lake Community College, 93-77. The Cardinals played without leading scorer Brian Morris, who was suspended indefinitely from the team on Tuesday for a violation of team rules.

Hansen girls eliminates Lighthouse

Castledorf edges past Oakley in thriller

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — With the majority of her Husky teammates ill, Hansen junior Abby Curry took over the scoring chores as she tossed in a game-high 21 points to lead Hansen to a 51-37 win over Lighthouse Christian in a lower-out game at the Magic Valley Southside tournament Saturday.

It was a game in which Hansen scored from outside in the opening half and inside during the final two periods.

The Huskies took a 26-16 lead

at the half with Hansen senior Charlotte Irevstone and freshman Shawnee Higgins each posting 10 points while connecting on a pair of 3-pointers.

"The second half, we talked about bringing the ball inside to Abby," said Hansen coach Jim Lasso. "We needed her inside scoring. She did what she was supposed to do and she also hit her free throws."

When the Huskies started pounding the ball inside to Curry in the third and fourth quarters, the results were 15 second-half points, with 12 coming in the final period on four baskets and hitting 4-of-5 from the free throw line.

"Early in the game I was kind of tense but I started relaxing late in the game," said Curry.

The Lions came out after the halftime break and were intent on picking up their intensity on defense and stopping their

turnovers but also playing more aggressive.

"We just didn't get out on their shooters in the first half," said Lighthouse Christian coach Jake Lighthouse. "The second quarter got us down when we had lots of turnovers. These are an awesome bunch of girls and they gave a good effort. I was just so proud of Amber (Ulrich) and only wished she could have been 100 percent on defense."

Ulrich was playing on a sore ankle that she had retrained last week after being out for several games earlier in the season. She still managed a team-high 19 points including a 3-pointer.

"We have four seniors going out and this is a tough time for them," said Lighthouse. Lighthouse Christian ends the season at 8-12.

For the Huskies, Shawnee Higgins ended with 13 points followed by Freestone with 12.

Hansen will play Castledorf at 6 p.m. on Monday.



Hansen's Shawnee Higgins (11, left) and junior Lighthouse Christian's Abby Curry (20) Saturday during the Magic Valley Southside girls basketball tournament in Murtaugh. Hansen won \$1,377.

SPORTS

Idaho State rally comes up short in home loss to Portland State

By Mark Uptak Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — It's the loneliest feeling in the world to stand at the free-throw line with little time left and the game on the line. But that's the spot Idaho State's Matt Stuckl found himself in Saturday night. Stuckl had a chance to win the game for the Bengals, but missed both free throws with three seconds to go and Portland State survived for a 67-65 win in Big Sky play.

Head coach Joe O'Brien, who waxes his emotions on his sleeve, took pains afterwards to not lay the blame on Stuckl, who had gone 5-for-5 from the line until the end and is shooting 75 percent for the season.



"We told Matt in the locker room that he did not lose this game for us. We had an 18-point deficit at one point, which is ridiculous."

O'Brien was seething at the play of the Bengals (10-11 overall, 5-3 Big Sky) who lost for the third time in a row in conference play and fell out of the top spot, which is now occupied by Weber State.

The visiting Vikings (14-9, 5-5) Paul Hafford came off the bench to drill six 3-pointers helping blow the game wide open in the second half.

"The scouting report was very clear that Hafford isn't going to put it on the floor, he's not coming to drive to the basket. He comes in and shoots 3-pointers and that's exactly what he did and only one of them was contested," said O'Brien.

If not for the second-half effort from David Schroeder, ISU wouldn't have even had a chance for a miraculous comeback. The senior practically willed the Bengals back into the game, consistently driving to the basket for shots or free throws. He finished with 21 points and four rebounds. It was his 3-ball that tied the game at 58, and his 3-point play with 1:10 left made it a one-point game at 60-59.

Broncos rout Vandals in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Coby Karl scored 24 points to lead the Boise State Broncos past the Idaho Vandals 75-57 Saturday night.

Reggie Larry added 14 points and Seth Robinson added 13 for the Broncos (11-8, 5-3 WAC).

Keoni Watson led Idaho (3-17, 1-7) with 21 points. Trevor Morris added 11 points for the Vandals, which have now lost 11 straight games to their southern rivals in the Western Athletic Conference, dating back to 2001.

on a 9-0 run. BSU's Kenny Wilson hit a 3-point shot with 14:45 left in the game and gave his team a 43-42 lead. It never relinquished.

Karl and Robinson led the Broncos after halftime, scoring 16 and 11 of their total points after the break.

Idaho, which led by as many as 10 points twice in the first half, floundered after halftime. The Vandals hit just three second half field goals, shooting 16 percent (3-for-19). Two of Idaho's three field goals came from 3-point land.

in the first half, shooting just 33 percent (11-for-33). That included a 1-for-8 performance from the 3-point line. BSU hit six 3-pointers in the second half.

Idaho connected on six first-half 3-pointers, but finished the game 8-for-25 from beyond the arc.

The Vandals also turned the ball over five times in the first half, floundered after halftime. The Broncos committed just three miscues. The Broncos struggled from the field

and missed 11 of 25 3-pointers in the second half.

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Ganassi cars out front at Daytona endurance race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A pair of Chip Ganassi Racing entries were out front and dueling for the lead 10 hours into the Rolex 24 sports car endurance race at Daytona International Speedway.

Salvador Duran, driving with former Formula One and Indy star Juan Pablo Montoya and Pruit, was in the lead, seconds ahead of the team's other Lexus Riley, driven by former Indianapolis 500 winner and

IRL champion Dan Wheldon, sharing the cockpit with former IRL champion Scott Dixon and another young Mexican racer, Memo Rojas.

Milka Dumo of Venezuela, one of only two women in the 70-car field, in third, followed by Riley BMW driven by Bill Auberlen.

CSI

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Women No. 14 CSI 66, Eastern Utah 53

Without their two leading scorers, the No. 14 Golden Eagles women did what they couldn't do Friday night when they beat CSI 66-53. Amy Bratvold's 19 points paced CSI to a 66-53 win as CSI rebounded from Friday's embarrassing 70-50 loss in style.

scoring leaders Maria Moore and Brittany Moore for the game, citing both a lack of production and defensive effort on Friday and other, unspecified reasons for the decision.

"This is no division with the team as far as Brittany and Maria," Rogers said. "It was just a statement I was trying to make. The other kids were real disappointed I didn't let them play, but I wanted to get this in. This is still my team and we're going to do things my way."

Eva Ivanova had her best game in a CSI uniform, finishing with 16 points off the bench on 6-of-8 shooting from the field. Mylene Ornelas got the start at point guard and responded with 13 points.

CEU sophomore center Staci Little fouled out of the game midway through the second half with only two points, seven rebounds and

four blocks. Her impact on the game was negligible after she dominated the post on Friday with 13 blocked shots. Kendra Dalebout and Elisha Harris paced CEU with 10 points each. The Golden Eagles also missed in a rare bid of zone play on Saturday, something that was effective against 9-11 (3-7) CEU.

"We did mix it up defensively quite a bit and I think that got to Eastern Utah," Rogers said. "Any zone for me is a more than I usually run, but we mixed it up and the kids did a good job of running the zone."

CSI took a 31-28 lead into the half behind 11 first-quarter points from Bratvold and nine from Ivanova. Dalebout's seven points topped CEU's efforts at the half.

The Golden Eagles improve to 17-3 on the season and 8-2 in SWAC play. Both Moores cheered on their teammates

from the bench and will be available when CSI is back in action Friday and Saturday, hosting North Idaho College.

"The two biggest cheerleaders on the bench were Brittany and Maria tonight," Rogers said. "They were whooping and hollering as much as anyone else."

In Friday's late action from around the SWAC, Snow College handled Colorado Northwestern 81-47, while Salt Lake Community College topped host North Idaho College 74-62. The Cardinals were without leading SWAC scorer Simone Jordan, who sat out with an injured knee. It's unknown if she'll be available to play next weekend at CSI.

Southside

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five throws with 40 seconds left.

After Oakley missed, Castleford threw the ball over with a few seconds remaining giving the Hornets one final chance. But a 22-foot error came, just short at the horn.

"Of all the games I've seen, it was the game of the tournament in terms of closeness and competitiveness," said Wells, who praised Oakley for a solid effort.

Both teams struggled at the foul line with the Wolves hitting 9-of-28 attempts and the Hornets going 15-for-37.

Michelle Hill's nine points led Castleford, while Amanda Elmer had eight points and led the team in rebounds. Standout sophomore Rikki Wiggins suffered through foul trouble and was held to just one point before fouling out. For Oakley, Cobie Taylor had 12 points and Kaley Lierman added nine.



Oakley's Kaley Lierman shoots a layup Saturday in the Hornets' game against Castleford at the Magic Valley Southside girls basketball tournament in Coeurville.

Carey, Dietrich win at Northside

DIETRICH — Carey slashed the Community School with a 55-31 victory, eliminating the Cutthroats from the Magic Valley Northside tournament Saturday.

Jan Cenarrusa put 19 points on the board for the Panthers, leading all scorers. Allison Shaffer recorded a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Jessica Parke added 10 points for Carey.

Carey outrebounced the Community School 35-18 and Shaffer recorded a double-double with 11 made shots on the night, in a stellar defensive effort.

Carey coach Lane Dirtschi was pleased with the win, after Friday night's loss to Shoshone.

"We played pretty well coming off a tough loss. The girls came out playing with some aggression," said Dirtschi.

Cody Curran provided the Community School with 10 points, followed by Amaya Ingram with six points for the Cutthroats.

The conference junior varsity championship also took place on this night, with Carey defeating Shoshone 49-41.

Carey will play Dietrich Friday night at 6 p.m. The losing team will be eliminated from tournament play. Carey and Dietrich still the regular season record, and Dirtschi predicts a "tough game" Monday night.

Regular season Boys basketball Gooding 51

GOODING — Gooding's second-half explosion propelled the Senators to a 67-51 victory over Hagerman.

Hagerman led Gooding by one point at the half. Gooding, then outscored Hagerman 36-19 in the second half, for a comfortable victory.

Justin Rogers scored 21 of Gooding's 67 points, including four 3-pointers. Rogers was followed by Tyler Allen with 14 points, while Jack Stevens added nine assists for Gooding. Caleb Morris added 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Tyler Wines had nine points and eight rebounds for the Senators.

Gooding coach Joe Messick was enthused with his team's performance.

"It was a solid defensive effort tonight. We did a nice job on the boards limiting Hagerman to one shot per possession. Offensively, we hit our shooting. We had a great quarter, creating our lead," said Messick.

Hagerman was led by Braulio Carlos who scored 17 points, while Tony Novak added 10 points for the Pirates.

Gooding (12-5, 2) will host Buhl on Friday night.

Carey, CSI Community School 51 18-21, 23 18-21, 23

Gooding 51 Hagerman 51 21-18, 23 18-21, 23

Dietrich 51, Camas County 22

DIETRICH — The Dietrich defense shutdown Camas County for an easy 51-22 victory. Dietrich allowed only nine made shots in the third quarter. "The team did a good job on defense tonight," commented Dietrich coach Ace Shaw.

Offensively, Jesse Dull led the Blue Devils with 15 points and five steals. Nakin Norman added 10 points and seven steals.

Camas County had no one in double digits for scoring, but Michelle McMurdo led the team with six points. Mollie McLain followed with four points for the Mushers.

Dietrich will take on Carey in an elimination match on Monday. Commenting on the game, Shaw predicted a "back-and-forth game. The game will be a matter of staying in control and limiting turnovers," stated Shaw.

Dietrich will play Carey, Monday night, at 6 p.m. in Dietrich.

Twin Falls Christian 51, Saint Ambrose 30

BOISE — The Twin Falls Christian Academy defeated Saint Ambrose 50-30 Saturday. The TICA defense held St. Ambrose to only 11 made field goals. Tyler Brown and Grant Friesels led the Warriors with 10 points apiece. Caleb Bolyard added nine points. Tommy Broadfield had eight points, and Austin Brown furnished with seven points for the Warriors.

TICA coach Brent Walker complimented his team's efforts.

"I was particularly pleased with the boy's energy, especially during a morning game, after playing a game the night before," said Walker.

On Friday night, TICA defeated CHAM in Nampa, 62-39, making for a successful road trip for the Warriors.

TICA (7-10) will next host Lighthouse Christian on Monday night.

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SPORTS

Two rookies in the lead with Tiger lurking at Torrey

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A pair of PGA Tour rookies wound up atop the leaderboard Saturday at the Buick Invitational, and both of them realize they will have to conquer their nerves in the final group as they try to win for the first time.

Andrew Buckley and Brandt Snedeker also know it could have been a lot worse.

Imagine that final threesome being filled out by Tiger Woods.

"Somebody told me he's had 41 more wins than I've had starts on this tour," Snedeker said. "I think he's got me beat in the experience aspect. I know he's going to be there down the stretch. It's just a matter of keeping my wits about me."

Going after his seventh consecutive PGA Tour victory and third straight title at Torrey Pines, Woods hit into nine bunkers and closed with 11 straight pars for a lead-earned 69 to get within two shots of the lead. He trailed the two rookies and Kevin Sutherland, whose only victory came five years ago 20 miles up the road at La Costa.

Snedeker stumbled with three



Tiger Woods hits his drive on the 16th hole of the South Course at Torrey Pines during the third round of the Buick Invitational golf tournament in San Diego Saturday.

straight bogeys and then scrambled for a 2-over 74. Buckley surged into a share of the lead with seven birdies on his way to a 68. They were at 11-under

Funk leads at Turtle Bay Championship

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Fred Funk had another spectacular day on the greens, shooting an 8-under 64 to take a three-stroke lead in the Turtle Bay Championship.

The 50-year-old Funk had his second straight bogey-free round to break the tournament record with a 15-under 129 total.

Japan's Kiyoshi Murota shot a 65 to

finish at 12 under.

Goosen in front at Qatar

DOHA, Qatar — Two-time U.S. Open champion Retef Goosen shot a 1-under 71 for a share of the Qatar Masters lead with Australians Richard Green and Nick O'Hern.

— The Associated Press

205 and had a one-shot lead over Sutherland, who made birdie on the 18th hole and probably spared them some jitters.

When Buckley finished his round with a 15-foot birdie, the 24-year-old Australian was told he would be in the final group with Woods. Only later was he informed that Sutherland would join them because of his two-putt birdie on the par-5 10th for a 70.

Buckley didn't exactly disguise the disappointment.

"I'm not playing with Tiger?" he said. "Beautiful."

Snedeker, who has stayed atop the leaderboard since his opening 61 on the easier North Course, also was delighted when told that Sutherland's birdie kept Woods out of the final group. The 26-year-old from Tennessee met Woods for the first time Saturday morning on the putting green.

"I would love to play in the last group with Tiger," Snedeker said. "But as a rookie, I'm glad the way it worked out."

Sutherland, 42, was only too glad to accommodate them.

This is 317th start on the PGA Tour, and his only victory was the Accenture Match Play Championship five years ago. Sutherland is as friendly as they come, and not quite as intimidating as the world's No. 1 player. And he was the first to acknowledge that.

"There's a huge difference," he said. "Your first time in the last group, it's nicer to play with Kevin Sutherland than Tiger Woods."

There's a reason Woods is the heavy favorite Sunday.

He has never finished out of the top 10 at the Buick Invitational, a tournament he already has won four times. And the last time Woods played a PGA Tour event without taking home the trophy was the Western Open nearly seven months ago.

"I'm getting better each round," Woods said. "I'm right there in contention with a chance tomorrow."

But it's not a matter of showing up on the first tee.

A dozen players were within three shots of the leaders, making the final round difficult to predict on a punishing course like the South at Torrey Pines, host of the U.S. Open next year.

Serena supreme: Williams finds inspiration in slain half-sister

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams always takes handwritten notes during the court, as useful reminders or to motivation.

This time, she wrote one word: Yentunde.

Memories of her slain half-sister inspired Williams to a 6-1, 6-2 win over top-seeded Maria Sharapova in the Australian Open final — her eighth Grand Slam title, her first since winning here in 2005, and her most improbable.

"I usually write, 'Look at the ball, move forward, do this, do that.' Today I just had one word. My note was just 'Yentunde.'"

"Every time I looked at it and I just thought about how happy she would have been ... about what an amazing sister she was to me. I just said, 'Serena, this has to be more than enough to motivate me.' And I think it was."

In the men's final Sunday, top-ranked Roger Federer will aim for a 10th Grand Slam title against Fernando Gonzalez, who will be making his Grand Slam final debut. Gonzalez is 0-3 against Federer, whose semifinal victory over Andy Roddick put him into a seventh consecutive Grand Slam final, tying a record set in 1934 by Jack Crawford.

Williams used to enjoy talking to her sister after their matches, something that ended abruptly when Yentunde Price was killed in a drive-by shooting in California in September 2003. Working through a series of injuries and the death of her sister took a toll on Williams, and the determination that she and her sister Venus had on women's tennis eroded.

Her championship Saturday was her first in two years, and only her second in a Grand Slam after completing her "Serena Slam" in Australia in 2003, when she won a fourth consecutive major.

After doing a dance and skipping to the side of the court to exchange high-fives with her mother, Oracene Price, Williams told the crowd



Serena Williams of the U.S., hugs the Australian Open trophy after defeating Maria Sharapova of Russia in their women's singles final match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia, Saturday.

Williams won the final, 6-1, 6-2.

of 15,000 at Rod Laver Arena about her motivation.

"Most of all I would like to dedicate this win to my sister, who's not here. Her name is Yentunde. I just love her so much," she said, her voice cracking. "I'll try not to get tears-eyed, but I said if I win this it's going to be for her. So thank you, Yentunde."

In 2005, it was still too difficult to speak publicly about Yentunde, who sometimes was a personal assistant to Serena and Venus Williams.

"It was definitely too raw then. I would never have been able to get one word out," Williams said.

She's only able to do it now after appearing last time at the sentencing of the alleged gang member who pleaded no con-

test to voluntary manslaughter in the shooting of her sister. Williams told the judge how unfair the slaying had been on her family.

On Saturday, she said she had taken solace in memories of her sister in the months when she'd wondered if she ever could win another major.

"There's always times where you think, 'Am I ever going to be looking at another trophy? I especially since I hadn't won a tournament — let alone a Grand Slam — in a long time,'" she said. "You're thinking about, 'Wow, will there be another one?'"

She never lost faith in her game, even when she lost to Sybilie Bammer, a 26-year-old Austrian who never has won a WTA tour title, in the quarter-

Men's Final

The Australian Open men's final between Roger Federer and Fernando Gonzalez began at 1:30 a.m. MST. For complete coverage, see Monday's Times-News.

finals of a fourth-tier tournament at Hobart, Australia, at the start of the month.

Her win over No. 5 Nadia Petrova — after she was two points from exiting the tournament in the third round here — was her first over a top-10 player since she won the Australian title in 2005. She then beat up-and-comer Jelena Jankovic in straight sets and had a tough quarterfinal win over Shahar Pe'er, before another straight-sets win over French Open semifinalist Nicole Pietrangola.

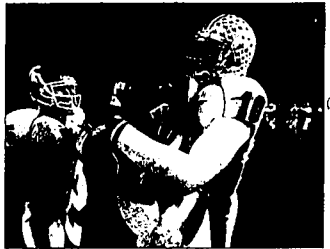
She reserved her best for reigning U.S. Open champion Sharapova, who will assume the No. 1 ranking on Monday and had a 13-match winning streak at Grand Slams going into the final.

Williams is only the second unseeded player to win the Australian title in the Open era, and it was the dominant winning win in a completed championship match at Melbourne Park since Steffi Graf beat Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-0, 6-2 in 1994.

Williams started aggressively and never yielded. She only had to save two break points and broke Sharapova's serve twice in each set. She held serve to open the match, then won 12 straight points after Sharapova had a game point in the next game, and jumped to a 4-0 lead. Sharapova said every time she "tried to open a little door to get back in," it was slammed shut.

"You can never underestimate her as a performer," said Sharapova, who had her worst loss in a Grand Slam tournament. "I know what she's capable of, and she showed that today. She has showed it many, many times."

The best part, Williams said, was silencing her critics.



Ohio State's Troy Smith, right, of the North team, jumps onto Florida's Chris Leak, of the South team, after the North's 27-0 win in the Senior Bowl football game Saturday in Mobile, Ala. At left is Michigan State's Drew Stanton, of the North team.

North blanks South 27-0 in Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — This time, Troy Smith was smiling after the game.

The Ohio State star outplayed Florida's Chris Leak in a rematch of quarterbacks from the national championship game, leading the North to three scores and a 27-0 win over the South in the Senior Bowl on Saturday.

Smith's numbers weren't spectacular on a cold, rainy day. He completed only five of 15 passes for 52 yards with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Washington State's Jason Hill.

But the Heisman Trophy winner made fewer mistakes than Leak, who had a fumble that led to a quick touchdown for the North.

"Just getting a win today meant a lot," Smith, spinning widely as raudriffs pelted his helmet. "I feel pretty good, but there's always room for improvement."

Smith said his next stop is the "NFL combine" in Indianapolis next month, but he's not sure how many of the workouts in which to participate.

"I've got to talk to my agent," he said.

Both Smith and Leak were fighting to improve their standing in a draft that will include Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, who didn't play because of an injury, and LSU's JaMarcus Russell, who was ineligible

to play as a junior.

Some have questioned whether Smith is big enough to make it in the NFL at 6-foot-1, but Tampa Bay coach Tom Gruden said no one should question the quarterback's ability.

"There's just a lot of creativity he brings in an offense, and it's fun to have honestly," said Gruden, who coached the North. "I've kind of forgotten how much fun that is."







Starting during his last chance to impress NFL scouts in a college game, Smith directed a nine-play, 75-yard opening drive that ended with Leak's 7-yard touchdown run off right tackle by Penn State's Tony Hunt, who ran for 38 yards on eight carries and was selected the game MVP.

The South had to punt after Leak took a sack for an 8-yard loss. The North answered with a 38-yard field goal by Mason Crosby of Colorado, who capped a 30-yard drive that included Smith's 13-yard completion to Rutgers' Brian Leonard for a first down on fourth-and-7.

"We asked (Smith) to make a wide variety of throws, but the big play he made was the fourth-down conversion," Gruden said.

Leak, whose Florida Gators demolished Ohio State 41-14 to win the BCS Championship, was 5 of 9 passing for 23 yards.

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SPORTS

SUPER BOWL XLI



Indianapolis Colts fan Gary Knight, owner of Carmeck Car Capitol in Danville, Ill., near the Indiana border, poses in his office Friday with a football and a bobblehead of Chicago Bears great Dick Butkus. The town is divided among Chicago Bears fans and those rooting for the Colts as the two teams head to Miami for Super Bowl XLI. Knight was a Bears fan, but put them behind in the 1990s in favor of the Colts.

Between Indy and the Windy City, fan loyalties are divided

DANVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Showed to one side of a shell behind Gary Knight's desk is a Dick Butkus bobblehead.

Butkus, all 6 inches of him, sits in the middle of a shrine to the Bears' Super Bowl opponents, the Indianapolis Colts — caps, towels, pictures and posters, all anchored by a life-size and then some Lathal wall decal of Colin Ryan Peyton Manning.

Here along Illinois Highway 1, a few miles from the Indiana border, such ambivalence isn't unusual. Ever since the Colts moved to Indianapolis from Baltimore in 1984, the state line is no longer the dividing line for NFL allegiances.

"The Bears have just been so frustrating to me," Knight, the unmarried master of a local car dealership, says with a reddening face. "Their wins are so ugly."

The left they behind in the 1990s in favor of the Colts.

It's just as easy to find Bears fans on the Indiana side of the border, where drivers leaving Vermilion County (Illinois) soon find themselves in Vermilion County (Indiana).

The area only about 120 miles from Chicago — close enough to hear all sports radio blare loud and clear that "after 21 years, the Bears are back in the game!" But it is also as folks here are quick to remind, only 70 miles or so from the RCA Dome in downtown Indy.

Before the Colts made their move, this was solidly Bears territory. Fans? It's hard to say.

A short plastic pole attached to Sharon Yrks' gray Chevrolet Malibu holds a single wild worn Bears flag. On Friday morning, she headed to a sports collectibles shop in Danville's Village Mall. She planned to spend another \$30 on sunglasses and other team paraphernalia to dress up the

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car before game day.

While her husband was stationed in the military in Germany decades ago, the two followed the Bears in Stars and Stripes. Her husband died a few years ago, but Yrks still loves the team. She'll watch the game at a bar divided between

the fans of the two teams, but she's not being diplomatic.

"I'm going to say we whip them 35 to 20," she said, "if he's real ugly."

Mike Hulvey isn't sure.

He's the general manager of Danville radio station WDAN-AM, which stopped carrying Bears games in the mid-1990s in favor of Colts broadcasts. It's the only radio station in Illinois that carries them.

Local advertisers didn't get behind the Bears broadcasts because all their games were on television.

And the Bears, Hulvey said, were never willing to help him much with promotion. The Colts, with far less history and a smaller fan base, send developers and sometimes players to town every summer. Coach Tony Danzy has been to Danville, too, speaking to the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Then they draft Peyton Manning

and they get hot and they're the darlings of the National Football League," said Hulvey, smiling at how well that has worked out for WDAN.

Even in towns farther away from the state boundary, fans are split.

"There's a lot of bars doing Colts and Bears, half and half," said Jonathan Faust, a patron at Clumleys sports bar in Lafayette, Ind., about 25 miles from the Illinois line.

He, however, suffers from no such indecision.

"Last I checked, we were in Indiana, and it's the Indianapolis Colts, so go Blue."

At the border, even those who can't agree on what team to root for agree it's historic to have both "hometown" teams in the Super Bowl.

"This is the first time," said Osiel Garduno, Bears fan and the owner of Vips restaurant in Danville. "I don't know when it's going to be the next."

Back in Knight's office, he breaks off talk about the Colts to take a call from his banker. A Bears fan, she has called to talk a little football, too.

"I'm not going out Bears shirts," he roars in mock anger. "I'll come up and give you a horseshoe — how about that?"

AP Sports Writer Cliff Brant in Lafayette, Ind., contributed to this story.

The economic debate

Just how big is the Super Bowl's impact?

MIAMI (AP) — Football fans living a lifelong dream, executives with expense accounts and throngs of rich tourists are certain to inject millions into South Florida's economy after they arrive this week for Super Bowl XLI.

They'll stay in four-star hotels, eat at fancy restaurants, take limousine rides and shop at high-end malls.

The official estimate is that the Feb. 4 game and the surrounding festivities will give the region a \$400 million boost. But some economists who study the game's monetary impact say that's a pie-in-the-sky estimate, that the actual amount is one-tenth of that.

"If you move that \$400 million estimate and you move the decimal point one place to the left you're much closer to what it is that it actually provides," said Robert Baade, an economics professor at Lake Forest College in Chicago who has looked at the financial impact of Super Bowls, Olympics and World Series.

South Florida already is an international tourist destination, with enough hotel rooms, convention halls, concert venues and arenas to accommodate almost any marquee event. Despite the glamorous image, Miami also is one of the poorest cities in the country, facing big-city issues such as a lack of affordable housing, homelessness and bad schools.

Politicians and civic leaders team up to lure big events, a key to making Miami a tourist hotspot and a place where corporations would like to do business or hold conventions, said Rodney Barreto, chairman of the Super Bowl XLI Committee. The game and the surrounding festivities also raise millions for charity.

"The Super Bowl, in my opinion, shows corporate America at its best," Barreto said.

Miami-Dade County — which will provide roughly \$1 million in fire and police services, shuttles and other services — and the committee offer the \$400 million estimate. That includes not only direct purchases by visitors, but also indirect spending in suppliers and vendors, such as a party promoter paying a local limousine company to ferry guests.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers estimates direct spending will be about \$195 million in South Florida, which includes Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

But Baade considers the \$400 million estimate because he says it only captures increases in taxable sales and does not consider other important economic factors.

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Super Bowl XLI

VS.

When: 4:25 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4
TV: CBS
Line: Colts by 7.

spending because of higher prices, crowds and other factors.

"A lot of people who don't frequent, let's say, hotel areas where they know Super Bowl fans are going to be staying are going to avoid the chaos, the congestion, the peak utilization of sidewalks and roads," Baade said.

Third, Baade suggests there usually is a significant "leakage" of money out of the community, meaning that profits made by restaurateurs and hotel chains, for example, will go to the companies' headquarters in another state rather than being spent locally.

Baade cites the 1999 Super Bowl in Miami, which was credited with bringing a \$670 million increase in taxable sales. In a December 2005 study he completed with Victor Matheson and Robert Baumann of the College of Holy Cross, they concluded the game actually generated \$36.9 million for the area, when also considering other factors such as population growth and inflation.

Baade contends that the NFL uses these large estimates to lure local governments into building new stadiums that could be potential Super Bowl sites. Politicians can use a successful Super Bowl to gain favor with voters, he said.

However, his research does have critics. Kathleen Davis, executive director of the Sport Management Research Institute, said the Super Bowl stimulates economic activity but also causes other factors such as population growth and inflation.

Davis' company has studied the impact Super Bowls have before, during and after the game.

"I guarantee you that 99 percent of Super Bowl fans have never been to a Super Bowl and never collected data on the ground," said Davis, who was hired by the host committee to study Super Bowl XLI's economic impact. "They're not capturing the local spending habits and they focus on whatever factors will justify their argument."

Carlos Sarmiento, general manager of the 91-room Hotel Victor on South Beach, disputes the assertion that Super Bowl profits will not be re-spent locally. (The hotel is owned by Zorn Inc. of Orlando and is operated by Hyatt Hotels & Resorts, based in Chicago.)

"That's very short-sighted," Sarmiento said. "It affects every body in some way. Some of the money we generate will be put right back into our operation."

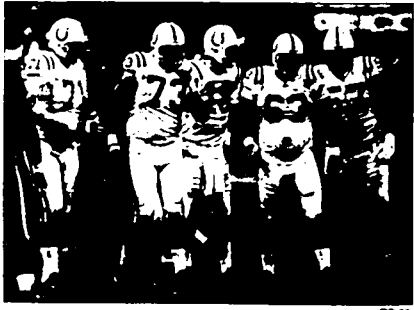
Colts' offensive line members little known, but important

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The lead pass catchers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne stay in the spotlight, but linemen Tarik Glenn and Jeff Saturday might be just as important to the Indianapolis Colts.

Glenn, a left tackle, has been a Pro Bowl selection the past three years. Saturday, a center, has been named an offensive line has become one of the league's best, but it has been overshadowed by quarterback Peyton Manning and his array of talented receivers and backs.

"I think that it's just the nature of our game," Saturday said. "We have very good skill position players. There're obviously going to get a lot of the attention. I think we do our part and we do our share of what we're supposed to get done. If that goes under the radar, so be it. We're about winning games."

The line has helped Manning become one of the league's most durable quarterbacks. Manning has not missed a game in his nine-year NFL career — that's 15 straight games in carrying the playoffs. The Colts have allowed the fewest sacks in the league the past three years, and Manning never has been sacked more than 30 times in a year.



Indianapolis Colts players Ryan Sims (71), John Scott (77), Peyton Manning (18), Jeff Saturday (57) line up during the second quarter of their NFL football game against the Houston Texans in this Nov. 24, 2006, file photo, in Houston. The line has helped Manning become one of the league's most durable quarterbacks.

said runner 11 of the past 13 years — Marshall Faulk, Edgerrin James, Dominic Rhodes and now rookie Joseph Addai have broken the barrier James had two NFL rushing titles before he left for Arizona after last season.

"Our linemen take pride in being able to run the football," Rhodes said. "That's what we want to do. People may think that we aren't a running team, but we get it done and that's the bottom line."

Saturday said Glenn is equally

"I think we've always prided ourselves on being blue-collar workers, always going out there and doing our jobs. We're not concerned about all the fame."

— Indianapolis Colts lineman Tarik Glenn

strong mentally and physically.

"That's one of the smartest players I've ever been around," Saturday said. "He understands the game of football very, very well, and he's such a great athlete. Week in and week out, he's facing the best pass rusher on the other team, and he does a great job of studying what they do, what their moves are."

Glenn said Saturday has similar attributes. The 6-2, 295 pounder often makes calls on the field, then executes with power.

"He dominates his guys," Glenn said Saturday. "He's 6-2, 295 pounds and makes calls on the field, then executes with power."

"You just think about the guy that you look at in his position, you're not going to find too many guys who have as much responsibility as he has, but at the same time, can compete just as hard as he competes."

Continuity has been a key to the line's success. Glenn started 101 straight games to begin his career. Saturday had a streak at one point of 75 straight starts and right tackle Ryan Diem has started for five straight years. The trio has started

together in most of the Colts' games since Diem became a starter in 2002.

"Communication is so important for our offensive line," Glenn said. "It takes experience. It takes time with each other and repetition. The longer you're with a group, the more efficiently you're going to play."

Diem, 6-foot-6, 320-pound right tackle, has earned Manning's respect.

"Ryan's been an outstanding member of this team, been a great teammate, a great locker-room guy," Manning said. "I've never gone a day without being thankful that he's my right tackle."

Dylan Gandy and Ryan Lala have split time at left guard and left tackle has started the past two years at right guard. The unit plans to keep doing damage without further.

"If nobody's writing about you, somebody's going to start you," Glenn said. "I think we've always depended on serves on being blue-collar workers, always going out there and doing our jobs. We're not concerned about all the fame and glory."

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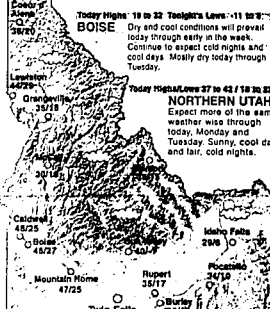
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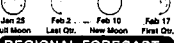
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"If you believe in unlimited quality and act in all your business dealings with total integrity, the rest will take care of itself!"
- Gregg Middlekauff, President of The Star

Santana vows to avoid twin distractions of pressure and pay

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — By winning his second AL Cy Young Award in three years, Johan Santana set himself up for a big payday when his contract expires after the 2008 season.
While the Minnesota Twins ponder the possibility of negotiating an expensive extension with their star left-hander this spring, they also will be preparing to rely on him even more given the uncertainty behind him in the rotation following Brad Lidge's retirement and Francisco Lirio's elbow injury.
These are potentially heavy burdens for a pitcher to carry, but if any-

one in the major leagues can maintain his focus on the mound — and away from money or extraordinary expectations — it's probably Santana.
"I don't think he lets much that surrounds him or us affect what he does," Twins general manager Terry Ryan said. "He knows what he wants to do. He knows how to get prepared."
He also knows his duty as the staff ace.
"I'll tell you one thing: Responsibility is part of what Johan Santana has left for the last four years. That's what I want to do, and that's part of my job," Santana said Friday night at

the Metrodome during the team's winter fan festival.
Santana's demeanor, competitive drive, influence in the clubhouse and unparalleled success over the past several seasons will make it difficult for Minnesota to keep him much longer if market demand continues to produce record-setting salaries for pitchers.
If Kansas City is willing to give Gil Meche a five-year, \$55 million deal, just imagine what Santana and his agent, Peter Greenberg, could have commanded this winter.
"You're not going to tell me that the



Minnesota Twins pitcher Johan Santana pitches against the Texas Rangers in this Aug. 28, 2005 file photo, in Arlington, Texas.

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The sun sets on downtown Miami Nov. 26.

Florida gets ready to play host to the Super Bowl

By Matt Scuderi
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — When 75,000 fans pack into Dolphin Stadium on Feb. 4 for Super Bowl XLII, when the coin is finally tossed and that ball is first kicked, this city will become, temporarily at least, the football capital of the world.

But no matter how many tens of millions of homes the game is beamed into, Miami is like a runway model wearing an oversized football jersey that hangs to her knees. This city can't hide its seductive, playful, sleepless nature behind a facade of pignian and turf.

Those that descend here for the big game will be greeted by the sandy coastline and pulsating clubs that have long been synonymous with this tropical playground. But also a lively arts scene, distinct neighborhoods and surprisingly serene escapes.

As game day nears, the opportunities for a visitor are as diverse as this city that is both sleek and gritty, authentic and artificial, boisterous and serene.

FOOTBALL

Game festivities kick off Jan. 29 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, with Hootie & the Blowfish performing and stars of Super Bowls past, including Jerry Rice, in attendance.

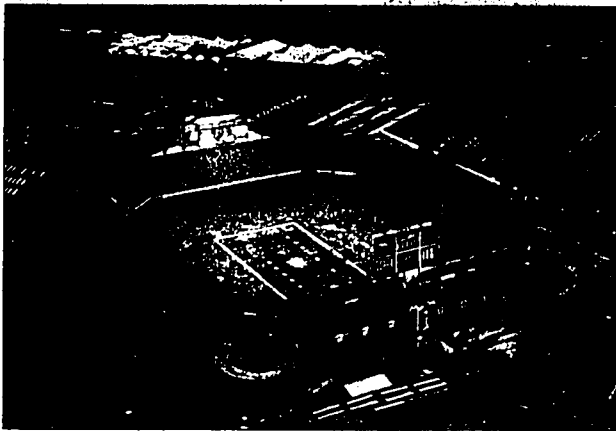
Dozens of other events are scattered throughout game week, too, including Super Saturday Blast on Biscayne, a free pep rally at Bicentennial Park in Miami on Feb. 3 that is capped by fireworks.

FAMILIES

An interactive football theme park, "The NFL Experience," will be open in the Dolphin Stadium parking lot Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 1-3, <http://www.superbowl.com/features/all-experience>.

Among other things, the NFL Experience offers visitors the chance to test their play-by-play broadcasting skills, experience a drive to the end zone while harnessed to a Bungee and test their passing accuracy using special targets.

Meanwhile, the Miami Children's Museum is offering its own football program, giving kids a chance to learn referees' signals, dress up in football gear and try to kick a field goal. 980 MacArthur Causeway.



This photo provided by the NFL shows an aerial view of Pro Player Stadium, now called Dolphin Stadium, in Miami prior to the start of Super Bowl XXXIII, in this Jan. 31, 1999 photo.



Enrique Martinez carries an order at the Versailles Restaurant in Miami, Dec. 22.

ARTS

The city's profile in the art world has grown exponentially since Art Basel, the decades-old Swiss festival, established an American outpost on Miami Beach five years ago. You're too late for the December event, but art lovers will find numerous other options, including the spectacular exhibit of glassblower Dale Chihuly's work at the Fairchild Tropical

Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, <http://www.fairchildgarden.org>. Thousands of pieces of the artist's work hang from trees, rise from the ground and float on water; they're particularly impressive if you visit at night, though the Fairchild stays open late only on Thursdays.

Elsewhere, Loeta Simpson's collection of photographic and video works does at the Miami Art Museum, 101 W. Flagler St., on Super

FOOTBALL FARE

A Times-News sports reporter visits Super Bowl recipes in the test.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

Bowl Sunday, and "The Spring Tree," a tale of growing up in apartheid-era South Africa, closes at the Rose & Alfred Muniaci Performing Arts Center in Fort Lauderdale — <http://www.muniacipac.com/> — a day earlier.

MUSIC

From Fergie to the Florida Grand Opera, musicians are packing in for concerts surrounding the game. Dolphin Stadium will play host to the "Pepsi Smash Super Bowl Bash" on Feb. 1, with Kanye West and John Legend among the performers. The sounds of Caribbean and Latin American music will be featured in "Nations in Rhythm" in Darius Beach on Jan. 27. Steve March Torne, son of the late Mel Torne, and the Hungarian Symphony Orchestra will

both be in West Palm Beach on Jan. 30. "The Super Bowl Gospel Celebration" is in Miami on Jan. 27, and Willie Nelson takes the stage at the glittering new Carnival Center for the Performing Arts in Miami on Jan. 31.

THE BEACH

Special events abound on Miami Beach during Super Bowl week. On Feb. 3, 350 top fashion models from around the world face off in Volleyspaooza, a volleyball tournament billed as the "scienciest sporting event of the year." Clubs will likely be packed as game day nears, including Penthouse Magazine's "Going Deep" party at Mansion, 136 Collins Ave., on Feb. 3 with Snoot Dog performing. And in yet another "what it feels like to be in the NFL" type event, Ocean Drive between Fifth and 15th streets will shut down to vehicle traffic to create the Motorola Mile. Visitors can take a walk through exhibits highlighting Super Bowl milestones and step onto an interactive football field that allows a chance to experience scoring the winning touchdown or simply perform an end-zone dance.

THE FLAVORS

Joe's Stone Crab restaurant, 11 Washington Ave., is a South Beach institution, and locals say it's worth the long wait for tables for the crab specialty. In Little Havana, you can dine at another Miami icon, the Versailles Restaurant, 3555 SW Eighth St.

While you're in the neighborhood, listen to the tiles clatter during games in Doonano Park or watch workers roll cigars at El Credito factory, 1106 SW Eighth St.

THE UNEXPECTED

For all the chaos the Super Bowl will unleash on South Florida, visitors will likely still be able to enjoy quiet escapes. A nighttime walk along South Pointe, along the South Beach shoreline is inescapably serene. The Holocaust Memorial is a moving, typically hushed spot that allows a guest to stand beside statues of the tortured, panicked and heartbroken (1933 Meridian Ave.).

And Espanola Way on South Beach feels like a lower-key Mediterranean oasis for dinner or drinks. In CoopersTown, less than an hour from downtown Miami, you can take an airboat through the Everglades and visit an alligator exhibit.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: How much time should we allow for a bridge hand to be played? We are a weekly rubber bridge group of three or four tables and seem to be having some problems with slow play, frequent coffee breaks, etc. Can you give me an example of how tournaments are timed and organized so I can encourage speedier play at our tables, please?

On the Double, Duluth, Minn. ANSWER: Average-fast for two hands is 15 minutes; 17 minutes the absolute maximum granted. In serious competition 10 minutes is the norm, so 8 minutes a deal is what you should allow.

Dear Mr. Wolff: We are a regular partnership using most modern gadgets. Please comment on this unopposed auction: one diamond - one spade - two spades - three clubs - three spades - four diamonds - four hearts - five spades. What does it ask for? If the call is about trumps, how should opener respond with K-J-10 of hearts?

ANSWER: Holding K-J-10-fourth, you should accept a slam try - partner's indicated hearts is 4-4-4-4 or 4-5. Why? The responder would be unlikely to use key-card Blackwood if he held none of the top five trumps and would not be unduly worried about trumps if he had the ace. Jumps to the five-level normally ask for trumps, but if not, they focus on the suit that has not been cue-bid, or on the opponents' suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What is the rule about when to use Jacoby 2 no-trump as a raise of partner's major? Does it require a balanced hand, or are you allowed to have a singleton?

ANSWER: Holding 2 no-trump, you would have bid two no-trump. The doubleton queen is almost a stop, and if partner has a spade honor, no-trump is probably better if you are declarer. However, after the double you can pass happily, suggesting your partner of a 3-4-1 shape with no wish to bid no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Are any of the major tournaments overruled live on the Internet? And if so, what is the best Web site for watching bridge on the Internet?

ANSWER: Bridgebase.com and Swangames show the major tournaments live, and you get the benefit of experts adding their commentary. Best of all, it is free!

ANSWER: The jump to two no-trump does NOT deny a splinter. Immediate splinters should be a precise high-card range - let's say 10-14. That way partner knows you have only limited slam interest. Hence, opener moves only with well-fitting extras. With more high cards and a splinter, one can start with Jacoby and cue-bid later.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding ♠ Q-2, ♥ A-Q-7-5-2, ♦ A-J-9-3, ♣ 3-2, I opened one heart and, after a two-club response, rebid two diamonds. Now my partner bid two spades and the next hand doubled. What should I have bid without the double - and what with it?

Sally Flora, Vancouver, British Columbia ANSWER: Without the double you would have had to bid two no-trump. The doubler queen is almost a stop, and if partner has a spade honor, no-trump is probably better if you are declarer. However, after the double you can pass happily, suggesting your partner of a 3-4-1 shape with no wish to bid no-trump.

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Missing pants, a broken showerhead and a poisonous lamb shank

How the worst trip to Boise turned out OK

By Matt Christensen
 Times-News writer

BOISE — My grandfather and I share a philosophy about family trips: Expect the worst.

Pessimistic, you might say, but it's worked out well for us. We assume disaster will strike, and when it doesn't, we're pleasantly surprised. If something terrible should befall, well, we saw it coming.

It's a Midwestern thing, I guess — a philosophy of a dark people from a frigid prairie land where cars don't start in the winter, where snowstorms shut down entire towns, where misery can occur at any moment.

So when my wife, Melissa, and I took a short trip to Boise last week, I assumed we probably wouldn't make it there alive let alone have a good time.

For Christmas, she bought me tickets to see Garrison Keillor, a famed Minnesota orator, speaking Monday night at Boise State University. I had to cover an environmental forum downtown on Tuesday, so we planned to drive up Monday afternoon, have dinner, see the show and stay in a hotel downtown.

When I went to the forum on Tuesday, she could shop or do whatever she wanted until the forum ended around 5 p.m.

Complicated plans, but that's typical for working folks trying to escape for a week-day excursion.

Our trip started well enough. Then we got to Mountain Home.

Neither of us had uttered a word for 20 minutes or so when Melissa said, "Damn. I forgot my pants."

"No big deal," I sighed. "We'll stop at the outlet mall on the way into town, and you can buy a new pair."

In and out, I thought, until I saw her carrying three pairs of slacks into the fitting room. I pretended to peruse the men's ties while she took 20 minutes to find perfect pants.

"Would you like to see any of the cute tops we have on sale?" the clerk asked while we checked out.

"No," I answered for Melissa.

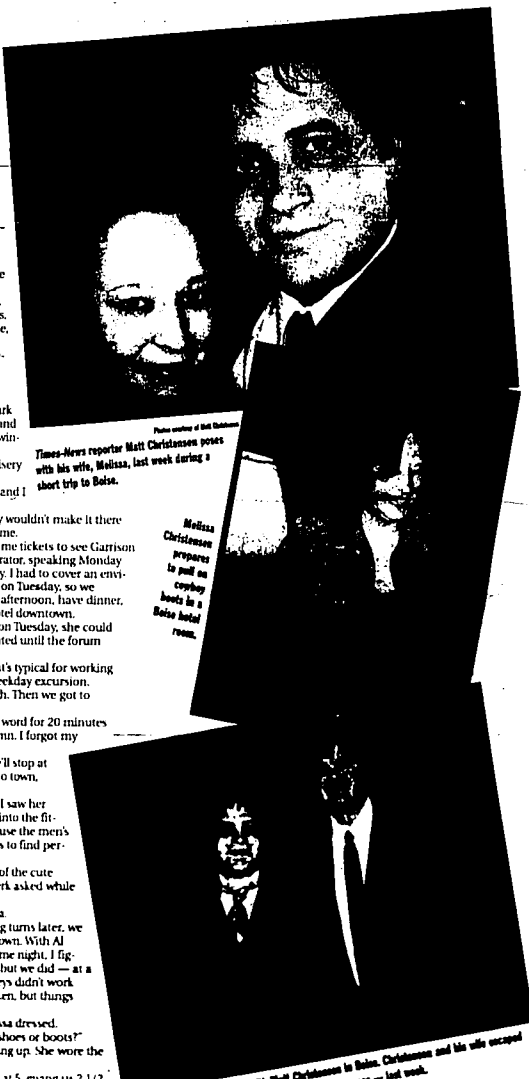
A half-hour and three wrong turns later, we arrived at the Marriott downtown. With Al Gore speaking in Boise the same night, I figured we wouldn't get a room, but we did — at a gouged rate. Our first set of keys didn't work and the showerhead was broken, but things couldn't be worse.

I watched ESPN while Melissa dressed. "What do you think? Black shoes or boots?"

"Black," I said without looking up. She wore the boots.

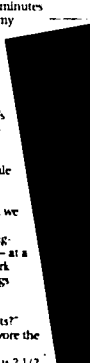
Melissa and I left for dinner at 5, giving us 2 1/2 hours to eat, drive to the show and park.

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Times-News reporter Matt Christensen poses with his wife, Melissa, last week during a short trip to Boise.

Melissa Christensen prepares to pull on cowboy boots in a Boise hotel room.



Orator Garrison Keillor poses with Matt Christensen in Boise. Christensen and his wife escaped for a quick trip to the capital — and a Keillor appearance — last week.

THE AFFECT OF FAMILY



The Stewart family in Spokane, Wash., in 1889. Studies show that each child born in the family may not only have shortened the lifespan of the parents, especially the mother, but his or her own, particularly children born late in the mother's life.

Children, parents drive each other to early graves

By David Brown
 The Washington Post

What exasperated or overworked parent hasn't declared to a child at least once: "You'll be the death of now!"

Now we know — with unprecedented precision — just how true that can be.

A pair of researchers, drawing on the experience of nearly 22,000 couples in the 19th century — has measured the "fitness cost" of human reproduction. This is the price that parents pay in their own health and longevity for the privilege of having their genes live on in future generations. The findings, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, are both predictable and surprising.

Not surprisingly, women paid a bigger price than men. Older mothers were four times as likely to die in the year after having a child than their mates. Having lots of children was especially risky. A mother of 12 had five times the risk of dying prematurely after a mother of three. Even after their child-bearing years came to an end, women who had had many children died earlier than women who had had few.

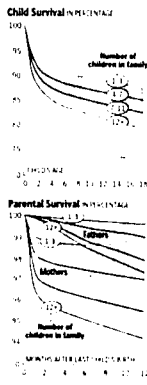
The price of parenthood wasn't trivial for men, either. Despite avoiding the hazards of childbirth, fathering more children meant more risk of dying before their time too.

And it wasn't only parents who paid the "fitness cost" of reproduction. The later-born children in very large families had less chance than their older brothers and sisters of surviving into adulthood and having children themselves. Having a mother raised every child's risk of dying young.

The findings help to provide for human beings what's been learned about fruit flies, guppies and mice — namely, a measure of the trade-offs between unchecked procre-

Perils of a Large Family

In the 19th-century American West, more kids meant less of a chance for survival.



ation and individual survival.

As raw material, the researchers, Dustin J. Penn, of the University of California at San Diego, and Ken R. Smith, of the University of Utah, used a database of genealogical information kept by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City. They examined the reproductive history and survival of 21,484 couples married between 1840 and 1895. Each person was married only once, and polygamists were excluded (polygamy was outlawed when Utah became a state in 1896).

Altogether, the couples bore nearly 175,000 children — slightly more than eight each. The women's average age at the birth of the last

child and child course-related materials are available from Buhidar for an additional \$52.50.

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She maintains a private piano and vocal studio and has taught piano for more than 26 years in Twin Falls.

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Cost is \$60 for a parent-child bonding

LEARNING WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE

Understanding Fido

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Need help talking to your best friend? The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education will offer the class "Introduction to Animal Communication" from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 6, 13 and 20 in Shields 110.

Here is organizers' pitch for the class: Students will learn beginning skills to better understand their pet's needs, wants and concerns.

Using a hands-on approach, they can fine-tune their feelings and realize that communication with animals is real and possible.

Got that? Organizers continue. Instructor Robin Romney will not only teach students how to communicate with pets and other animals, but will help add another dimension to the relationship.

Students should come to class prepared with a question or concern regarding their

animal friends, which will be shared in class for discussion. But don't bring your animal friends to class.

Romney is a "practicing animal communicator" and has conducted workshops and consultations throughout the Wood River Valley and Magic Valley. CSI's press release said.

The fee is \$70.

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Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Here's a chance to explore music with your wee ones. The College of Southern Idaho is offering "Fiddle-Dee-Dee," a music and movement class for parents and their children, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 3 through April 14, in Room 231B of the CSI gymnasium.

Instructor Suelin Buhidar says parent-child bonding

time not only strengthens their relationship but helps the child develop physically, cognitively, emotionally and socially.

The program provides fun for parents and children ages 1 to 3 as they discover the diversity of sound, syncopation, music and other key concepts.

Participants will sing folk songs, dance, play rhythm instruments and read literature — together.

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Sing and dance with your child

Family

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 child was 39 years. About 1,400 of them died within a year of delivering their last baby, and 2,400 within five years. For men, the corresponding numbers were about 600 and 1,700. About 16 percent of the children died by age 18.

The data sample is the largest used to estimate the cost of human procreation. It covers a wide spectrum of society — most men in previous studies were aristocrats — and a period largely before modern hygiene and medicine greatly reduced maternal and childhood mortality.

"These are basically ploratory, and the mortality is probably more like what it was before the Industrial Revolution," said Penn, who heads the Konrad Lorenz Institute for Ethology but had previously been in Utah.

When Penn and Smith exam-

ined their data, a clear and unmistakable trend stood out. The bigger the family, the smaller the chance that the parents would live into old age. Both mothers and fathers paid a price for having lots of children, with mothers always paying more, regardless of family size. For example, 1.5 percent of mothers who bore one to three children were dead within a year of the last child, but only 0.4 percent of fathers were. Among women who had 12 or more babies, 6 percent were dead within a year of the last birth, compared with 2.5 percent of men.

Big families were hard on children, too. Twenty percent of children in the largest families died before age 18, compared with 10 percent in the smallest. About 25 percent of first-born children died by 18, compared with nearly 25 percent of 12th-borns.

Why would being in a large family, or being at the end of the birth order, be hazardous to a child's health? One reason is that those children are more likely to have their mother die and small children without mothers are more likely to die themselves.

Children who lost a mother before their fifth birthday had a 78 percent higher chance of dying before they turned age 18 than children whose mothers survived. The same effect was seen — again, less dramatically — after the death of a father. Children who lost a father by age 5 had a 14 percent higher risk of dying in childhood.

So what might be the mechanism by which child-rearing erodes parents' longevity? The answer must involve basic physiology, because it occurs in both sexes and in women who survive childbirth.

One theory is that physical

and psychological stress causes people to grow old before their time.

As cells age, chromosomes, where genetic information is stored, lose material from their ends. The DNA-protein structures called "telomeres," which telomeres get too short, a cell can't divide any more. It becomes senescent, or terminally old.

A study published in 2004 by Blaise Epel of the University of California at San Francisco, measured telomere length in 39 mothers who were caring for children with chronic illnesses and 19 mothers raising healthy ones. She found that among the mothers of the sick children, the longer a woman had cared for her child, the shorter her telomeres.

That was true even after adjusting for the telomere shortening that comes purely with age.

Trip

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 But when we pulled into the restaurant parking lot, Melissa discovered she'd left her driver's license at the hotel. If she was to enjoy a glass of wine, we had to go back to the hotel.

Three more wrong turns and 45 minutes later, we were finally at the restaurant sipping wine. The waiter hadn't ID us.

The meal was delicious, and our table presented a breathtaking view of a pastel-orange sunset. Very romantic. I ordered venison steaks. Melissa lamb shanks.

We finished dinner about 7, leaving a half-hour to find a parking spot on the BSU—campus. Remember I mentioned that Al Gore was speaking at the Taco Bell Arena on campus that night? Including the Keillor audience, about 13,000 people, including us, were driving side streets near the campus frantically searching for parking. We ended up parking a mile away from the theater, but I had expected that.

Melissa and I walked for about 10 minutes in the direction I thought we'd find the theater. But I couldn't see it. Nervously, I stopped a BSU student for directions. We'd been going the wrong way, he told us. Damn.

But after following his directions for 15 minutes, our path dead-ended at the river. We were late now.

We turned around and briskly retraced our steps. As I thundered down the sidewalk, I noticed Melissa had fallen 30 feet behind me.

"C'mon," I said. "We're missing the start."

"Slow down," she whined. "My boots are giving me blisters."

I kicked a snow pile in frustration and yelled.

Finally, we got to the show, about 10 minutes late. A flashlight-wielding usher pointed us to our seats, and we fought our way over several sets of knees.

We settled in, and the show was great. I'd heard Keillor speak over the radio and on my grandfather's CDs many times, but this was nothing like hearing him while nestled in the red velvet chairs of an old theater's balcony.

Best Christmas present ever. I was thinking of my kind wife's generosity, when she suddenly knocked my knees together in a frantic attempt to escape her seat.

"Huh, I thought. She must

really have to pee.

Fifteen minutes passed, then 10, then 20. She hadn't come back.

She's been kidnapped, I thought. Or she's dead in the bathroom. The terrorists surely have her.

I got up, climbed over the same knees I'd navigated when we arrived, and searched for her near the women's bathroom. She was not around. I called her cell. She didn't answer. Yes, I thought. Surely kidnapped. Suddenly, the bathroom door flew open, and my wife staggered out in her blister-inducing boots.

"I think that lamb shank was poisonous," she said, and grabbed her aching belly.

Ugh.

She urged me to go back to meet her, but I wouldn't have enjoyed the show knowing she was down in the bathroom throwing up. So together we sat on a bench within walking distance of the restroom and listened to the last half of the show through a tiny speaker.

Even a pessimistic soul like myself would find disappointment under those circumstances.

After the show ended and Melissa had expelled the final remnants of the lamb shank, we trudged past the theater's rear loading docks toward our car. I saw a sedan idling near a staircase — probably Keillor's ride.

"I think it is," Melissa said. "It's standing right there."

She was right. It hovered near the car, no coat despite the frigid air. A true Midwestster.

I'm no celebrity nut, but I was feeling badly because I had not been in the theater at the end to applaud the man whose stories I so adored. So I approached him, shook his hand. Melissa took our photo.

I felt relieved. Better. So did Melissa, now that the lamb shank was gone. She even mentioned that she barely felt the blisters on the way back to the car.

"You know," she yawned later in our rock-hard hotel bed. "I had nothing to be a pretty good trip."

She's right. I thought before switching off the light.

Now I wonder what could go wrong tomorrow?

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At home or the bank, deposit boxes offer protection

By Terri Szapiezna
 The Washington Post

We all have things that we really, really don't want to lose — from important documents such as birth certificates, deeds and passports to genuine valuables such as coin collections, fine jewelry and family heirlooms. Depending on how organized (or paranoid) we are, these items are probably stashed around the house somewhere, stuck in a desk drawer, locked in a personal safe or secured in a bank vault.

While we're in resolution-making frame of mind, this would be a good time to review safekeeping options. Taking care now could spare you significant financial loss and endless hassles in the event of fire, break-in or some other calamity. Think it.

Let's start with the simplest step: Gather important documents (if you can remember where you put them) and collect them in folders in a secure drawer. Much better would be a file cabinet with lock and key. Then don't lose track of the key.

But for those who store documents and valuables at home investing in a safe is prudent. Home safes come in many shapes, sizes and prices. Home improvement stores carry options ranging from \$20 to \$1,200. As always, you get what you pay for, but be skeptical if the packaging says "fireproof." ("Fire-resistant," corrects David McGuinn, president of Safe Deposit Specialists in

Houston. "Nothing is fire-proof.") Safes are given ratings — expressed in hours — to indicate how long they will withstand heat or fire. And even if fire never reaches inside the safe, the heat outside could melt jewelry and incinerate papers.

And while a home safe is better than nothing, it's not burglar-proof. "Having valuables in a safe at home will slow (burglars) down, but it won't stop them," says McGuinn. Consider paying more for a safe that can be bolted to the floor or built into the wall.

An alternative is a safe-deposit box at a bank, credit union, or savings and loan. Usually located in a vault, a safe-deposit box is a container rented to customers for safekeeping valuables. These vaults are protected by a series of security measures and accessible only via a dual-controlled lock — one key kept by the customer and one by the financial institution.

"The users of safe-deposit boxes span the spectrum," says Joyce McLin, executive director of the American Safe Deposit Association. "From young people who realize the need to protect their valuables to the older generation who suffered through the Depression and want to make sure what they have is protected."

Annual fees vary, but McLin says the average cost of a small box — say, three inches by five inches by 18 to 24 inches — is \$25 per year; bigger ones cost

more. Most businesses will give a discount to existing customers, and some will rent only to existing customers.

The general rule is: Any important documents and valuable items that would be difficult, impossible or expensive to replace should be stored in a safe-deposit box. This includes: adoption papers, legal agreements, armed services records, car titles, citizenship papers, deeds, important family photos or negatives, and a videotaped tour and inventory of your home. (See www.demestine.info for a complete document checklist.)

Because access to a safe-deposit box is available only during banking hours, a frequently used item, or one that might be needed at a moment's notice, should be safely stored at home instead: the passport of a frequent traveler, for example, or health-care powers of attorney and living wills.

Children's items should not be stored in a safe-deposit box, according to the ASDA, include firearms, ammunition, illegal substances and items of an odorous nature, specifically dead fish. (It's the cat of a customer of bank in Orlando who was denied a loan. He vented his frustration by putting a dead fish in his safe-deposit box and refused to retrieve it. "It took forever to get the odor out of the bank.")

Though some advise against keeping a will in a safe-deposit box, both the box and its contents automatically pass to the surviving renter if it's a jointly held box. For a solo renter, most states allow next of kin to remove a will, burial instructions and insurance policies.

The biggest misconception about safe-deposit boxes is that items stored in a box are insured by the financial institution or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Not true, says McGuinn. If you want your stored items insured, he recommends having a rider added to your homeowner's policy or getting a separate policy. Some companies will offer a lower premium on valuables protected at a bank vault.

Using a safe-deposit box is a secure measure, but a safer one still is to first place all safe-deposit items into plastic bags or containers labeled with your name. This will help should a plumbing catastrophe or flooding occur. McGuinn witnessed firsthand the impact of Hurricane Katrina on safe-deposit boxes that were not so protected.

"Katrina wiped out 250 vaults," he said. "We opened the doors of the boxes and they were filled with water. It was like, 'You're buried under,'" he said.

Whether you opt for a home safe, a safe-deposit box or both (keeping originals in one and photocopies in another), the investment and effort can prove well worth the effort.

"If you think about everything you put in and how much it would cost to replace," McGuinn says about a safe-deposit box, "it's a bargain."

Looking up from the bottom of the world

Ever since the invention of the telescope nearly 400 years ago, astronomers have earnestly sought the ideal location for their instruments, seeking to minimize the interference of the atmosphere.

The higher you are, the less atmosphere between you and the stars, so mountain tops are prime observatory locations. Water vapor — in cloud form or otherwise — absorbs and scatters starlight, so deserts are preferred locales. Fine, stable atmospheric turbulence is beautiful as stellar twinkling, it means fine detail in astronomical images. So astronomers seek locations with especially steady air. Large bodies of water produce calmer air by absorbing and redistributing solar heat, unlike rock and soil that quickly release the heat to produce plumes of rising,



churning warm air.

Few locations enjoy all these features. Mauna Kea Observatory in Hawaii is high (nearly 14,000 feet) and surrounded by ocean, but hardly a desert.

Chile's Cerro Paranal Observatory comes close: It's perched high in the Andes' Atacama desert (driest on Earth) near the Pacific coast.

Another near-perfect location is the South Pole. 9,500 feet above sea level and nearly as dry as Atacama. The cold temperatures permit infrared observations, overwhelmed by

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets:
- One hour before sunrise:
- Mars: SE, very low
- Jupiter: SSE, low
- Saturn: SW, low
- One hour after sunset:
- Mercury: WSW, extremely low
- Venus: WSW, very low
- Saturn: ENE, extremely low
- Moon: Full moon 10:45 p.m. Thursday. Close to Saturn on Friday in early morning and early evening.

atmospheric heat at warmer sites. And the long polar night allows continuous observations over days or weeks without the daily interruption of sunrise, a real advantage when studying variable stars with

periods close to 24 hours. The complex task of nearby car lot lights does not hurt either.

The latest and largest astronomical instrument at the bottom of the world is the South Pole Telescope, a 10-meter (33-foot) far-infrared/ microwave dish with scheduled construction to commence operations any day now. And, since 1994, Australian astronomers have been studying Antarctica as a potential site for a large optical telescope. The coming years may well see the South Pole become a major outpost for astronomical research.

Next week: Venus meets Uranus.

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Study: Early-age drinkers rely on alcohol later in life

By David Brown
 The Washington Post

People who start drinking alcohol at a young age are more likely to drink a lot when they get older — and to get into trouble with it. That's been known for a while and is not much of a surprise.

A new study, however, sheds important light on one reason that early drinkers often become heavy — or dependent — older drinkers.

It's because they are more likely to use alcohol as a "stress reducer" than do people who began drinking at an older age.

Alcohol, it seems, becomes an overused tool for weathering stress for those who start their first uses it as a young teen-ager.

Deborah A. Dawson, of the federal government's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, analyzed the responses of nearly 27,000 people in a nationally representative survey of Americans and their drinking habits.

The respondents, average age 43, were asked when they started drinking, how often they drank now and whether they had experienced any of 12 stressful events in the previous

year. The events include such things as death of a family member, financial crises, marital disruption and loss of a job.

Regardless of when people started drinking, alcohol use increased with the number of stressful events a person experienced. People who started drinking at 14 or younger and reported six or more "stressors" in the previous year consumed an average of six drinks a day — five times the amount most of them had consumed when they started drinking at 18 or older.

The early drinkers increased

their alcohol intake 19 percent with each additional stressful event they suffered, compared with only 3 percent by the later-starting drinkers.

The trend of youthful drinkers growing into adults who rely on alcohol to cope was evident even when the scientists considered only events that heavy drinking was not likely to have caused — things such as the death of illness of a family member, a new living situation or a change in work hours.

The study is published in *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.

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"Real Estate Corner"

THE CONTRACT IS VITAL

by Laura Fitzgerald

Re/Max American Dream Realty

A real estate sales contract lists all the details of the agreement between the buyer and seller of property.

This agreement may be known as a bill of sale, earnest money agreement or deposit receipt. Whatever it is called it is the most important document in the sale of real estate because it establishes the legal rights and obligations of the seller and buyer.

Details in any real estate contract should include price, terms, legal description of land, and information about the title.

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FAMILY LIFE

Hitching sunshine on wedding day

By Jerry Zeina
Special to The Stamford
Advocate

When you're the father of the bride, you want your daughter's wedding to go off without a hitch. You also want to go off with a hitch, because otherwise your daughter wouldn't be married and essentially you will have spent all that money on a colonial hanger.

Happily, my older daughter, Katie, did get hitched recently to her husband, Dave, and, also happily, it all went off perfectly. I don't like to brag, because I am a modest person not given to superlatives, but this was the greatest wedding in the history of matrimony. Even in a post-reception fog, I can think of three good reasons:

1. Katie was a luminously beautiful bride.
2. Dave was a dashing handsome groom.
3. I didn't fall on my face while walking Katie down the aisle.

Also, a great time was had

by all. My wife, Sue, who was a beautiful mother of the bride, and I received unanimous praise, the most popular of which was, "You guys really know how to throw a party!" Dave's parents, Jane and Bob, who are wonderful people with a terrific family, deserve a tip of the hat, too. That reminds me: Did I tip the bartender? God knows he deserved one.

Anyway, all of the preparation, all of the hard work, all of the stress leading up to the big day was well worth it, mainly because other people took care of everything. In my role as father of the bride, I was like a bubble-head doll: I nodded constantly. I also affixed my signature to so many dotted lines that I almost couldn't hold a fork at the reception. Then again, maybe it was because I was holding a drink.

The wedding, which was held at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston, the ideal venue because the staff made sure everything was perfect, took place on a Friday evening. As 6 o'clock approached and 105

people took their seats in the Boston Ballroom, I buttoned my tuxedo jacket and made sure my fly wasn't open. Then, as the music started and the bridesmaids and groomsmen began walking in, followed by Emma, the flower girl, I looked arms with Katie, kissed her, told her I loved her and said, "Here we go!" Everything that followed was magical. I didn't trip, which was miraculous. I handed Katie off to Dave flawlessly. I acknowledged that I was the one giving away the bride without saying anything stupid. I watched and listened and, as Richard, the justice of the peace, pronounced Dave and Katie husband and wife, shed a tear. So did Sue.

When the doors opened at the reception in the main ballroom downstairs, it was like a Hollywood premiere. Sue and I were introduced, and strutted in to the strains of Elton John's "I'm Still Standing." As a huge ovation washed over us, we felt like rock stars. Then came the toasts. Adam, the best man, and our

younger daughter, Lauren, the maid of honor, were witty, touching and brief. By comparison, I gave a state of the union address. At one point, I said that Spencer Tracy and Steve Martin had nothing on me because no one has ever had more fun being the father of the bride. Bob followed by saying that he was sure nobody could name the actors who have played the father of the groom.

At our table were my parents and Sue's parents. It was a blessing to see them enjoy their granddaughter's wedding. They even got down and boogied. Party animals!

Katie and I danced to Stevie Wonder's "You Are the Sunshine of My Life." That said it all. Sue and I danced to our wedding song, Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love With You." After 28 years, it's still true.

Yes, it was a love fest, and a big party, and a celebration of life with family and friends, and a night to remember. And it all came off, beautifully and magically, both with and without a hitch.

Don't ask; don't tell

By Susan Reimer
The Baltimore Sun

I don't know how it is in your house, but one of my children is always telling one of the parents, "Just don't tell mom." Or, conversely, "Just don't tell dad." They seem to do just fine with this set of rules at the CIA and the FBI. ("Just don't tell Justice") or "Just don't tell the Pentagon.") But it is causing a lot of confusion in my house because my husband and I aren't sharp enough to maintain our deniability or keep our stories straight.

Add to that the fact that we can't remember what we said to each other the last time we talked and you have a web of unspoken truths or downright lies that would snare a small aircraft.

For example, my son, Joe, is undergoing military training, and he tells his father many of his adventures.

He tells me nothing. I think he thinks I will cry or faint or tell all my friends, but I don't know for sure because we never talk about it.

But when he leaves, his father tells me about his adventures.

Not everything. My husband also thinks I will cry or faint or tell all my friends. But he tells me enough to make me feel like I am in the loop.

But when my son comes home, I have to play dumb. So I say things like, "So, did you go camping this week with your Marine friends?" He thinks I am an airhead mother. I am trying not to tip my hand.

Likewise, when my daughter, Jessie, calls, my husband leaves the room. He doesn't even want to hear my side of the conversation. Jessie says things like,

"Don't tell dad, but ... I shouldn't worry. He doesn't want to know. He might faint or cry."

I am sure Jessie would be more comfortable if she thought those conversations were just between the two of you," my husband said once, slamming the door on my attempt to bring him up to date on our daughter's adventures.

What he meant was, "I am sure I would be more comfortable if those conversations were just between the two of you." I don't know this for a fact, but I am pretty sure that when my children talk to each other they say, "Don't tell mom." And, "Don't tell dad." They must be pretty good at this game because, so far, they haven't.

Occasionally my husband and I are overtaken by technology.

My son e-mailed his father a picture of himself during his military training with the stern admonition, "Don't send this to mom." I think he was afraid I would forward it to everyone in my address book or turn it into the family Christmas card.

My husband, either bursting with pride or afraid of what I would say if I found out he was holding out on me, showed me the picture. He didn't send me the picture.

See? We are actually getting good at this.

But the pictures showed up on a military Web site and people were showing it to me.

I am not sure how I am going to get out of this one. But for sure I am not turning that picture into a greeting card. My cover would be totally blown.

One last thing. If you see my son or my daughter, don't tell them what I wrote here. They'll kill me. I know I can trust you to keep quiet.

WEDDINGS

DRAKE-BARNES

BOHLEY — Alison Drake and Thomas L. Barnes were married Jan. 19 in Salt Lake City.

The bride is the daughter of Randy and Rita Drake of Midway, Utah. She is a graduate of Burley High School and is employed at Pier 1 Imports in Park City, Utah.

The groom is the son of Robert and Katia Barnes of Burley. He is a graduate of Burley High and is employed at Hite Aid in Park City.



Alison and Thomas Barnes
The couple resides in Heber City, Utah.

ENGLISH-FLESH

TWIN FALLS — Hannah English and Luke Flesch were married Dec. 30 at Salem First Baptist Church in Salem, Ore.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Jill English of Salem and formerly of Twin Falls. She attended Twin Falls Christian Academy from 1990 to 2002 and graduated from Western Mennonite School in 2003. She attends Chemeketa Community College in Salem and is employed at West Salem Family Practice.

The groom is the son of Don and Jeannie Flesch of Keizer, Ore. He graduated from high school in 2001 and received an



Hannah and Luke Flesch
associate's degree in 2003. He is employed at Keizer Automotive.

After a honeymoon in Olatona, Fla., the couple will reside in Keizer.

CLARK-GILLELAND

TWIN FALLS — Jacqueline Anne Clark and Brian Keith Gilleland were married Oct. 7 at the Iropana Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas. Officiating was the Rev. Janet R. Miller.

The bride is the daughter of John H. Clark II of Wallingford, Pa., and Linda Esther F. Clark.

The groom is the son of Thomas S. Gilleland of Twin Falls and the late Alfred L. Gilleland.

Lucyanna C. Hayden, the bride's daughter, was maid of honor. Jason Lucas, the groom's friend, was best man.

A reception was held at the Iropana Hotel.

The bride graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia and the Delaware Law School of Widener University in Wilmington, Del.



Jacqueline and Brian Gilleland
She is a partner at the law firm Clark & Clark.

The groom attended the University of Washington in Seattle and graduated from the College of Southern Idaho. He is owner and operator of BKT Trucking.

The couple resides in Wallingford, Pa.

ENGAGEMENTS

DAVIS-TEMPLE

WENDELL — Rod and Cindy Davis of Twin Falls and Clay and Susan McCray of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Davis, to Michael R. Temple, son of Mel and Mary Temple of Twin Falls.

Davis is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Land Title and Escrow in Gooding.

Temple is a graduate of Hagerman High School. He is employed at Gilmer Trucking in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for



Nicole Davis and Michael Temple
2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Calvary Assembly of God Church in Bull. A reception will follow.

FIFE-HAGAN

HAZELTON — Nick and Julie Fife of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Ann Fife, to Craig Forrest Hagan, son of Rocky Hagan of Kimberly and Susan Burningham of Twin Falls.

Fife is a dental assistant at North College Dental Group in Twin Falls.

Hagan is employed at Grant and Hagan Inc. in Hazelton. The wedding is planned for



Craig Hagan and Jenny Fife
Saturday, March 10, at the life residence in Hazelton.

TAM-SCHOETTGER

GOODING — Lau Lai Kuen of Hong Kong announces the engagement of her daughter, Joey Tam, to John M. Schoettger, son of Jim and Becky Schoettger of Gooding.

Tam is a graduate of Gooding High School and holds a bachelor's degree in accountancy from Boise State University. She is an accountant at Harris & Co., P.A., in Boise and is pursuing a master's degree in taxation and accountancy.

Schoettger is a graduate of Gooding High and attends BSU, where he will graduate with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 14, at Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in



Joey Tam and John Schoettger
Gooding. A reception will follow at the Gooding Country Club.

SAWYER-DILL



JEROME — Danna K. Sawyer and Byron Dill, son of Richard Letzels, all of Jerome, announce the engagement of their daughter, Danna K. Sawyer, to Aaron G. Dill, son of Randy and Sylvia Dill of Jerome and Suzanne Courtney of Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 7, in Twin Falls.

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Jim and Linda Gluch

CELLENIS FLURY — Jim and Tamea Gluch were married Nov. 8 in Coeur d'Alene. The couple resides in Coeur d'Alene.

One woman's best friend

Disabled owner's yellow Lab lends a helping paw when needed

By Amy Orndorf
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Go, go, Gina Goldblatt commands, holding out her wallet to Jinks, her yellow Lab.

Most dogs, given such an order, probably would stare back or walk away. Not Jinks. He's special.

Jinks takes Goldblatt's wallet in his teeth, walks across the mall food court, stands on his hind legs and puts his front paws on the counter. The cashier takes the wallet and completes the sale. Jinks then carries the wallet and a package back to Goldblatt. He wouldn't even think of tearing open the plastic bag and helping himself.

Jinks is a trained service dog. Just as guide dogs help the blind, service dogs assist people with physical disabilities.

The animals are trained to open doors, pick up things, even pull on their partners' socks — all tasks that someone with a physical limitation might find difficult, if not impossible, to do alone.

Jinks, for example, can pick up something as small as a dime or as large and heavy as a gallon of milk.

Goldblatt, 23, says Jinks "is everything" to her. "He makes my arms and legs do as much as they can."

Goldblatt has cerebral palsy, a disorder of the nervous system that affects movement. She uses a wheelchair, so Jinks is often her arms and legs.

Jinks, who is 5, has been with Goldblatt for three years. He goes everywhere with her, even when she is in the hold papers for a flight, and he is



Jinks handles many tasks for owner Gina Goldblatt, including opening doors and, here, carrying money to a cashier at the Tysons Corner mall food court in Virginia. The harness and sign on the yellow Lab indicate that he is on duty.

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ing Chantilly, who lives with the blind, service dogs wear harnesses or backpacks when working so that people will know the animals are on duty. If you see a working service dog, Gina Goldblatt said, don't distract it.

"Don't assume it is OK to pet it," she said. Ask first. "And don't be offended if (the owner) says no. Jinks needs to be focused on me."

But Jinks isn't all business all the time. As soon as his harness comes off, he knows he's off duty and romps around like any other dog.

"Jinks loves the water," Goldblatt said. "When he is allowed to, he'll even jump off the diving board!"

and take them to the restroom. (So excuses of "dog dog my homework.") Goldblatt drops her pencil. Jinks will pick it up.

"The best part? As a slasher? Most of the breeds we use have really dry mouths," said Darlene Sullivan, founder of Canine Partners for Life, a program in Pennsylvania that trains young dogs to help the disabled.

In the past 18 years, the program has matched dogs with about 300 people in 40 states, Sullivan said. A few dozen of the dogs have been for kids. The minimum age for receiving a service dog is 12 years old.

Puppies spend a year with volunteers who get them comfortable around people and train them to respond to basic commands. Goldblatt's family also volunteers and has helped train five dogs, includ-

Oh, gross, how inspiring!

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

Sometimes you don't want a book with a plot, a villain or a surprise ending — you just want a good chuckle. Luckily, there are plenty of books out there designed to inspire you, give a giggle or gross you out.

We found some fun books that are perfect for traveling or just taking your mind off that piano in the next wing.

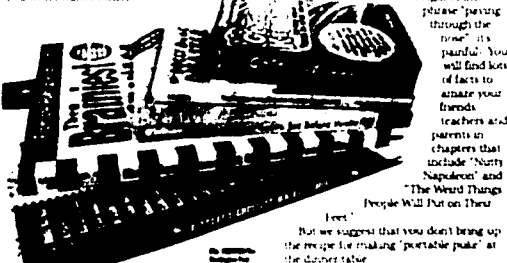
"The Doggy Dink Disaster & Other True Stories," by Susan Searles, 2006. This collection of 14 tales about real dogs doing amazing things is so inspiring, it's hard to see seriously sick dogs without a smile. The stories are so good, you'll be laughing out loud about dogs that are perfect for traveling or just taking your mind off that piano in the next wing.

"The Brainsiest, Insaniest Ultimate Puzzle Book," by William Paulding, \$10.95. This collection of 100 puzzles for a rainy day or a long plane ride is a page of puzzles and fun and a challenge. You'll find that a puzzle is all you need to know about the brain. There are mazes and brain teasers, word searches and picture books, but with a twist: You'll find puzzles that are so hard, you'll be laughing out loud because there's something you just won't want to lose.

"You Gotta Be Kidding!," by Randy Horn, \$9.95. Would you rather swallow a handful of live tadpoles or eat a whole dead frog? Once you've read a few of these "choices," you'll understand the title. The idea is to look at the outrageous, ridiculous "would you rather" questions and actually pick one. This is bound to create lots of laughs and maybe even some serious conversations. Would you rather have all your senses work only half as well as they do now or lose one sense altogether? These are tough questions!

"101 Places You Gotta See Before You're 12," by Joanne O'Sullivan, \$4.95. It doesn't matter if you're close to the age deadline because this book is full of fun suggestions that would entertain anyone under or over the age of 12. But it's a good list to have around when you're young because it's long, so it will take a while. Looking for something to do? Why not suggest seeing a juggle or an acrobatic act? Not possible? Then how about a careers of your parents' volleys? With pictures and background for each suggestion, you'll find some great ideas. This is a fun-to-use book that you can use for years.

"Oh, Yikes! History's Grossiest, Wackiest Moments!," by Maxine T. \$4.95. You might think that this book is just a collection of subjects such as lightning, ancient medicine and the travels of Lewis and Clark could teach you something of value. Well, not unless that includes what happened to Albert Einstein's brain if it has something to do with talent and the origin of the phrase "paving through the nose" (it's painful). You will find lots of facts to amaze your friends.



People Will Not on Their Feet? But we suggest that you don't bring up the topic for making "portable pals" at the dinner table.

Talking with dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov

By Amanda Dalpiaz, Craig Matzner and Alyssa Simmon
Kidsday reporters, Newsworld



"(Dancing) is an expression of the soul. I'm not a religious person, but it's probably like when people go to church and pray..."

We talked to choreographer and dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov in Manhattan.

Question: When you were younger, you played sports such as soccer and gymnastics. What made you decide to stay with ballet?

Answer: My mother introduced me to ballet when I was probably 5 or 6 years old. Periodically she took me to opera, a musical concert or a play, but ballet somehow caught my attention. I was fascinated by the movement on stage, the music.

Q: What about dancing has made it so enjoyable for you?

A: It's an expression of the soul. I'm not a religious person, but it's probably like when people go to church and pray and get a closeness to something very important and very pure. It's a type of devotion to the audience.

Q: We read that a knee injury ended your ballet career.

A: That's not true. I had many knee injuries and several operations on both knees, shoulders and ankles, but that's a normal life for a professional athlete. I made the transition from classical ballet to modern (or contemporary) ballet and that was intentional. All I could have danced in many classical ballet roles for

many years, but I wanted to experiment more in modern choreography.

Q: Out of all the ballets you've performed in, which was your most memorable?

A: Probably my debut in the new ballet "Talesle" was the most memorable and difficult.

Q: It was the most difficult role for you?

A: All of them are very challenging. To think one role is easy is a recipe for a bad performance. You have to address every role with maximum attention and do it with an absolute perfection as you can.

Q: Many ballet companies look for tall, slender dancers. What advice do you give to those of us who are petite and want a ballet career?

A: There's always room for a tiny dancer or a very tall dancer. I was below average in height for a big stage, and

sometimes I had a problem with taller partners. But if you're good, you'll get accepted.

Q: You were born in Riga, Latvia, which was part of the Soviet Union, and you defected in the 1970s. Have you been back to visit your hometown?

A: I went back a few years ago with my children. My favorite memories are, of course, my first theater experience in dance education, my teachers.

Q: What advice do you have for young dancers like us?

A: Keep your clothes clean; arrive on time; listen to your advisors and have good academic grades; because it will sample in your love for dance. If you get your homework done then you can spend all your energy in dance class and feel free without worrying about finishing schoolwork.

About you and how much you read

The Washington Post

Did you read more when you were younger? Forty-four percent of kids ages 5 to 8 say they read for fun every day; less than 30

percent of older kids do. Here are the top reasons kids give for why they don't read more, according to a 2006 Yankelovich survey.

- Would rather do other things, 17 percent
- Too much schoolwork, 15 percent
- Don't have time, 10 percent
- Too tired, 8 percent