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Tori Boyles, right, participates in group time Oct. 3 in her classroom at Mill Creek Elementary school in Columbia, Mo. The 9-year-old, who has spina bifida, has learning disabilities that make reading, and taking standardized tests, difficult.

Changes are coming for students with disabilities and those learning English as advocates ask for ...

New options

By Nancy Zackerbrod
Associated-Press writer

WASHINGTON — When Tori Boyles, of Columbia, Mo., takes a test at school, an adult often reads the questions to her because the 9-year-old has learning disabilities that make reading difficult. That kind of accommodation generally is not allowed for the reading test that public school students take under the federal No Child Left Behind law. Also, skipping the exam is not permitted for Tori, who has spina bifida, a condition often accompanied by learning problems.

"Why isn't there an option to opt out of that?" asks her mother, Becky Boyles. "She just has to stare at this piece of paper. She'll tell you she feels stupid. She feels awfully stupid."

Boyles and other parents are not the only ones frustrated when children such as Tori take federally mandated tests and the poorly designed tests are often perceived as unfair. School administrators feel trapped by the system as well and lagging children risk being blamed for an entire school's failure. The dilemma is how to fix the problem without abandoning kids with special needs.

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Growing rift?

Division widens in Magic Valley's dairy industry

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEHOHME — For decades, small and large dairy owners have banded together to protect their industry, but those days might be over. Concerns there might be too many so-called mega-dairies in Magic Valley is prompting smaller dairy owners to fight recent permit requests for new large dairies and expansions at existing facilities.

The valley's biggest dairies are destroying a traditional rural lifestyle, cutting into small-dairy business and polluting the environment, some small dairy owners say.

And now, they're doing something about it. Last week at a Jerome County commissioners' meeting concerning an application for an 18,555-cow feedlot, small-dairy owner Blaine Miller asked commissioners to consider a moratorium on new dairies in the county.

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Explosive research

Department of Energy wants to expand study of bomb effects at INL

By Shannon Dinkley
Associated Press writer

BOISE — All's quiet at the 890-square-mile stretch of sagebrush-laden desert known as the Idaho National Laboratory, where the federal government has conducted scientific and nuclear research since the 1940s.

All's quiet for now. A proposal by the U.S. Department of Energy would expand research there into the effects of car bombs and other explosions on sensitive facilities and security systems in order to better protect them from terrorist attacks. The largest test: 20,000 pounds of explosives, or roughly three times the force of the 1995 bombing at the Oklahoma City federal building.

The Energy Department contends that the frequency, size and severity of such attacks on American targets compelled it to test the security of its own facilities. In public comments

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Brookfield aims to buy Longview Fibre Co. for \$2.15 billion

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

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lion, including assumed debt, according to a statement from the companies. Curt Copenhagen, director of public affairs for Longview Fibre, an independent, publicly traded company based in Longview, Wash., said business should continue as usual for the Twin Falls plant and its 180 employees.

"It's a good plant and Longview Fibre has invested many millions of dollars in state-of-the-art equipment in the Twin Falls plant," Copenhagen said in a phone interview with the Times-News.



The Longview Fibre Co. manufacturing plant in Twin Falls shouldn't be affected by the company's sale to Brookfield Asset Management.

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Brimming with dating advice, The Professional Dater looks for love herself

By Hugo Krygza
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — One afternoon, across a crowded coffee shop, The Professional Dater saw a boy she liked. Uncomfortably aware of herself, she grew still, losing her train of thought. She pulled at her sweater, perspiration breaking fast.

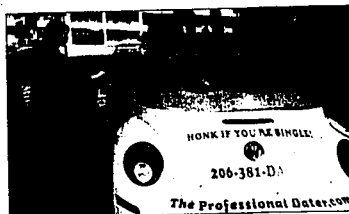
"I'm so nervous," said this woman who makes a living teaching others how to find love. Because The Professional Dater, despite all her years of know-how and experience, is not impervious. Because The Professional Dater, for better and worse, is currently single. And because she has already decided what she is going to do next.

She wrote her phone number on a scrap of paper. Just her number. No name. No explanation. And when the man in the blue shirt walked by her table, she abruptly turned in her seat and without a word or as much as a lingering gaze awkwardly planted the paper in his hand.

"You have to try," she said. "You have to take chances. That's what I tell my clients."

Her name is Alma Rubenstein. She is 37 years old and the founder of The Professional Dater, a local company that offers personal romance consulting: she is a dating coach, matchmaker and adviser on matters of the heart, wardrobe and grooming.

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Alma Rubenstein, owner of The Professional Dater, a full-service dating, networking and consulting agency in downtown Seattle, arrives to appointments in her custom convertible, which she calls "the datamobile."

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Today	Tonight	Monday
Mostly cloudy, late day showers	Shower activity winding down	Cloudy periods expected
High 52	Low 36	55 / 36

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy and mild for winter. A chance of afternoon showers brewing. Highs near 50.
 Tonight: A low showers possible early, then diminishing. Lows low to middle 30s.
 Tomorrow: Mostly dry with a mix of clouds and patchy sunshine. Highs 40s.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Monthly Indoor Flea Market, with over 30 vendors, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, \$5.00 admission (bring used eyeglasses for local optometrist club donation), 312-4900.

OUTDOORS

West Magic Lake Recreation Club "Fun Days" Sweetheart's Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon and monthly club meeting at 1 p.m., West Magic Resort, \$7 brunch for adults (\$2 for champagne) and \$4 for children under age 12, 487-2734 or www.damfoots.com.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Blowne by e-mail at sblowne@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.
 Minidoka County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.
 Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.
 Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302.
 Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2129.
 Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 934-4841.
 Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
 Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 460 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.
 Halley City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221.
 Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 368 Main, 423-5158.
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 Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2332 Main, 655-4225.
 Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln, 487-2755.
 Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.
 Valley School Board (Eben-Hazelton), 7 p.m., media center, 882 Valley Road S., 829-5333.
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Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
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 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 San Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 522-4435.
 Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.
 Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367.
 Glenna Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second, 366-7419.
 Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4841.
 Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A., 324-8189.
 Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
 Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 889-2038.
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 Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., city office, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

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 San Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.
 Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7180.
 Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Apple, 789-2128.
 Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 441 Center St. W., 423-4151.
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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY

Rift grows between small, large dairies

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Strength in numbers: Men sing at CSI game

TWIN FALLS — Their goal was to be the largest, barber-shop chorus to sing the national anthem in four-part harmony at a College of Southern Idaho basketball game.

Chuck Lehrman and fellow Magicdorks' members met that goal Saturday night with a 100-man chorus that began with booming voices and ended with a standing ovation.

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Idaho Power might bring energy project here

HAILEY — A community-input energy project worked so well in the Treasure Valley, Idaho Power Co. is using the same approach to develop a long-term energy plan in the Wood River Valley.

The program targets Idaho's faster-growing areas, and Magic Valley could be the next region to use the community committee planning process, said Lynette Berkebohn, an Idaho Power spokeswoman.

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Mattel plans to roll out a new line because Barbie sales have slumped against competition. The hope is that the new line will include Senator Barbie, Scientist Barbie, Barbie who gets equal pay with men and Resident Barbie. Now those dolls would be worth buying.

— Pat Marcantonio, online editor

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NATION/WORLD

Russia's Putin says U.S. causes chaos in world

MUNICH, Germany — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday blamed U.S. policy for inciting other countries to seek nuclear weapons to defend themselves from an "almost uncontainable use of military force" — a stinging attack that underscored growing tensions between Washington and Moscow.

"Unilateral, illegitimate actions have not solved a single problem, they have become a hub of further conflicts," Putin said at a security forum attracting senior officials from around the world.

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SPORTS



Golden Eagles cruise past Spartans

TWIN FALLS — Colorado Northwestern Community College team tried, but could not keep up with the No. 7 Golden Eagles men's basketball team. CSI controlled every aspect of Saturday's 131-64 win, rolling to 22-2.

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CSI softball team earns a split

NAMPA — The College of Southern Idaho softball team split a two-game set on Saturday at the Bob Welch Halle Field in Nampa, beating Northwest Nazarene 20-5 before falling 6-3 to Albertsons Community College.

Conference play heading into this Friday and Saturday's showdown at Salt Lake Community College.

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CSI women get sweep

The No. 16 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team took care of business Saturday night, dispatching the Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans 87-68 in Twin Falls. While the 20-1 Golden Eagles had their way with the 5-18 Spartans this weekend, only time will tell if the two-game scenic West Athletic Conference sweep has CSI ready for this Friday and Saturday's pivotal games at Salt Lake Community College.

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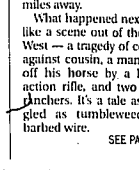
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Two die in Oregon after cattle dispute

PORTLAND, Ore. — Four cows that had gone missing from their spread in Eastern Oregon led cattlemen Dennis Beach and his son, Travis, to a cowboy ranch about eight miles away.

What happened next was like a scene out of the Old West — a tragedy of cousin against cousin, a man shot off his horse by a lever-action rifle, and two dead ranchers. It's a tale as tangled as tumbleweeds in barbed wire.

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Dairy

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In Cassia County earlier this year, a group of small-operation farmers joined forces to fight a permit application for a large dairy.

For two examples of a crack in a traditionally cohesive industry. "I think that farmers, as a rule, like to live and let live and are reluctant to complain," said Rich Carlson, an attorney with the Idaho Rural Council who often represents small-dairy operators. "But by the same token, (small-operation farmers) are experiencing problems. There's sort of a shift happening now."

In Cassia and Minidoka counties alone, there are pending or already approved applications for more than 100,000 additional cows.

About 70 percent of the state's nearly half-million cows are in Magic Valley.

Carlson said many of his

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— Mike Quesnell, Magic Valley dairyman

clients are also concerned that mega-dairies bring the industry bad publicity. It's often the largest dairies with waste-management problems that steal headlines, he said.

However, mega-dairies may be getting a bad rap. They're not the corporate-owned, industrialized farms many think they are, large-dairy operators say. Many started off as small, family owned operations in the 1960s and '70s when they grew larger in the 1980s when technological advances made it increasingly harder to compete in the market without expanding.

According to a 2002 report from the Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture,

"there is little evidence that non-family, corporate farms are numerous in milk production."

That's correct, said Mike Quesnell, Magic Valley dairyman and past president of the Idaho Dairyman's Association. He said he's aware of just one Idaho dairy that isn't family owned.

Nevertheless, the trend in the southern Idaho dairy industry is toward larger and larger operations, regardless of who owns them, Quesnell said.

The career dairyman started in the business in 1969 with 35 cows. He said he'll retire from dairying soon with an operation approaching 800 animals. Quesnell still considers

himself a small-dairy operator. Dairies 10 times the size of Quesnell's are par for the course in Magic Valley.

That's not the case nationally, where the average-size dairy was just 98 cows in 2000 — after nearly tripling from 25 cows in 1975 — according to the USDA report.

Its large dairies like the ones in southern Idaho that supply almost three-quarters of the nation's milk, according to the same report.

If you want to continue to drink milk and eat cheese, some large-dairy operators say, you'll have to accept that dairies in Magic Valley will likely continue to expand.

"The simple matter is that it's easier to make more money with more cows," Quesnell said. Dairyman need to increase the size of their operations by about 6 percent each year to stay afloat, he said.

Longview

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"We don't expect any impact on the Twin Falls container plant."

Brookfield will acquire 580,000 acres of prime, freehold timberlands in Washington and Oregon, one of the largest pulp and paper complexes in North America, and a network of 15 corrugated container plants, including the one in Twin Falls.

Brookfield manages 2 million acres of timberlands in North and South America, including 635,000 acres on the west coast of British Columbia.

Brookfield will operate the specialty paper and packaging business under the Longview Fibre name, the companies said.

Richard H. Wollenberg, president and chief executive of Longview, said selling the company was in the shareholders' best interest.

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— Willie Preacher, director of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe's DOE Program

wildlife habitat," Work wrote. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, whose aboriginal lands extend beyond the nearby Fort Hall Reservation and include the compound; also raised concerns about wildlife habitat, as well as potential damage to cultural resources.

"There are still some concerns that the large explosive test may do harm to existing culture sites not only near the testing range, but away from this area as well," wrote Willie Preacher, director of the tribe's DOE Program. "The site has been quiet for a number of years but now this activity will affect the surrounding area's ecosystem again."

The Snake River Alliance further criticized selection of the site, saying other alternatives should have been considered.

"Conventional explosives testing should not be conducted at the Idaho National Laboratory or any other nuclear, chemical, or biological warfare facility requiring high security with facilities

that, if harmed, could cause catastrophic damage to the environment and people living nearby," Maxand said.

But Macdonald said the agency intentionally chose the location to alleviate any potential for impacting facilities at INL. The proposed site lies 7 miles north of the closest laboratory facility, 11 miles from the nearest site boundary and 13 miles from any publicly inhabited building.

The department also has studied and considered impacts to the environment, potential noise, dust and ground motion, and tried to map out the 12-acre range so that there will be no disturbance to culturally significant sites, he said.

"If there do seem to be some effects, we will modify our approach to alleviate those," he said. "But we don't think there will be."

"It is basically in a fairly remote, and therefore undisturbed, area of the laboratory site," Macdonald said. "It's on a patch of undisturbed sagebrush desert."

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Under the federal law, which seeks to get all students reading and doing math on grade level by 2014, schools have to analyze the scores of groups of children. This includes special-education students and foreign-language speakers who are just learning English.

If certain groups of students fail to meet specific goals, entire schools can be labeled as needing improvements. They then might take steps such as having to replace teachers and principals. Critics say that can place enormous pressure on the lagging groups.

"In some instances, it's made them into scapegoats. You hear, 'Well if it wasn't for these children, then we would be OK.' It's criminal to treat them this way," said Carol Kula, who teaches high school students in Muscatine, Iowa, who are learning English as a second language.

The five-year-old federal law is scheduled to be rewritten this year, and the lawmakers in charge say they will try to change the rules for special-education students and recent immigrants. The aim is to inject more common sense into the law while sticking with its promise to leave no child behind.

"I think for both of these groups of students, the law was not well designed. It does not acknowledge (that) by definition these kids are not going to meet the same standards at the same pace as other students," said Michael Petrilli, who wrote a book about the law and helped oversee the first years of the program at the Education Department.

Testing

The No Child Left Behind law requires annual testing in reading and math in third grade through eighth grade and once in high school.

Boutly 10 percent of special-education students — those with the most severe disabilities — take alternative tests under the law. These are easier than the regular exams. But critics say the tests still are too hard for some children and do not reflect lessons typically taught to severely disabled students.

In addition to the 10 percent who get the special test, the Education Department is considering allowing about one-fifth of the rest of the special-education students to take alternative tests. These tests are expected to be harder than the ones given to the first group but easier than the typical tests.

There is a debate about whether that overall total — about 30 percent of special-education students — is the right proportion of students to single out and whether states should be able to set such policies on their own.

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Similarly, there is disagreement over how to test students who are learning English as a second language.

The government exempts students enrolled in U.S. schools for less than a year from taking reading tests. After that time, these students have to be tested.

The law says students can take the test in their native language for up to three years. States, however, have been slow to develop tests in other languages.

Critics say children cannot be expected to be proficient in reading until they have mastered English, which generally takes several years.

Parents, teachers and state policymakers are among those pushing for more flexibility in the testing of special-education students and immigrants. But advocates for both groups caution against loosening the rules too much.

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Delia Pompa, vice president for education at the National Council of La Raza, a Latino advocacy group, said excluding immigrants from tests could slow their learning. She says public schools have a long history of providing less than rigorous course work for students who are learning English.

An aftermath

Students learning English and those with disabilities were an aftermath when the No Child Left Behind law was being written, "according to those involved."

"We said if you're going to have an accountability system, it needs to include everybody, and then the drafters said, 'Oh yeah you're right,'" said Neas, the Easter Seals lobbyist. She said she has heard complaints from teachers, who say the law is too rigid, and from parents, who want to know why their disabled children have to take the tests.

Peggy Walker, who teaches sixth-graders with disabilities in Stoughton, Wis., says the law has brought extra attention to special-needs students.

"Everybody at our school is very focused on reducing the number of kids that aren't proficient," Walker said.

But Walker said she also worries the law further stigmatizes children with disabilities by placing schools on watch lists when those students fail.

Many educators say entire schools should not be labeled as failing in those circumstances and should only have to provide extra attention to lagging students.

Rep. Dale Kildee, who is in charge of the House subcommittee with jurisdiction over the education law, argues against making a hasty change. "I think we're very cautious in changing that, so we don't have them lose sight of the fact that they have to serve those kids

well," said Kildee, D-Mich.

The education subcommittee's top Republican, Delaware Rep. Mike Castle, recently said the law needs to be improved for special-education students and new immigrants. But he stopped short of spelling out what he wants to do.

One proposal expected to be considered would give schools credit if they students, including those with disabilities or those who are learning English, make strides but fall short of a specific goal.

"If every student moves forward, isn't that the key? Some will move faster than others because of many elements in their lives," said Brenda Dietrich, a school superintendent in the Topeka, Kan., area. She oversees a district where a school failed to meet the goal because of the scores of special-education students.

For Becky Boyles, who has adopted six children, including Tori, the idea of giving schools credit for progress makes sense. She likened it to the way she runs her home.

"Everybody's expected to help out, but Tori who uses crutches can't really get her dishes to the dishwasher," she said. "Tori can get the soap in the dish washer and get the table wiped off. She's still helping, but I'm not making her do things that she absolutely cannot do."

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Dater

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Rubenstein is a former actress who still occasionally finds work doing television commercials, the latest being an online ad for Norton, the antivirus software company. Once in a while, she receives small royalty checks for a movie in which she had a bit role.

But if you recognize her, it probably is from one of the many reality dating shows she has appeared in, including "The Bachelor," "Blind Date," "Chains of Love" and "Single in L.A.," every cheesy reality dating show known to mankind," she said, "and I'm still single."

So, how does she qualify to coach the lovelorn?

She can cite no formal credentials beyond the fact that she studied psychology in college. She is, however, always the romantic and willing to take risks on her own. Her informal credentials seem to be a finely tuned sense of empathy, and a thousand-mile journey of her own tests and failures. And she is persistent.

"Being an actress for 10 years, all the world was rejection. I don't even hear the word 'no' anymore," she said.

As an industry, her line of work is small and discreet, although anecdotally such services seem to be growing. In addition, or perhaps because of, the proliferation of online dating services like Match.com, which Rubenstein herself has used.

"I noticed there are tons of online dating services, yet everyone is still staying single," Rubenstein said. "There was no one to bridge the gap between the people and the services. I provide the education."

It is not cheap. She charges clients upward of \$2,000 to counsel them for five weeks, less if they want a one-day consultation and makeover, what she calls a "kamikaze" session. The work can be intensive and



Anna Rubenstein, owner of The Professional Dater, a full-service dating, networking, and consulting agency in downtown Seattle, looks over fashion magazine pages with Brian Ford, who hired Rubenstein to coach him to gain confidence meeting women and dating.

deeply personal. It is not uncommon for tears to be shed, and secrets revealed. Bad habits might be broken. New shoes might be purchased. Taking risks is encouraged.

Rubenstein hosts speed-dating nights, and mixers, and generally leads a life that can be described as a form of hard-line, militant, singles activism: "Always be flirt-ready. Is your car clean?... Get rid of your ugly clothes. All your clothes should be your good clothes. People

are starving to make a connection. Women want men to be direct. Don't run away from that weird feeling in your stomach, run toward it!"

Brian Ford is, in many ways, a typical client. He is 39, recently divorced, a software designer for Microsoft, where he has worked for more than 10 years, which is why money "was not an issue" in hiring Rubenstein. He didn't date much before he met his wife, to whom he was married for six years, and hasn't

dated much since. His wardrobe is very Seattle, lots of loose-fitting sweaters and T-shirts in drab colors that pose no risk of surprise or offense. Ford met Rubenstein at a singles event held in a casino called "Leap for Love." She had a booth there. He was sold within minutes.

"She talked about her own vulnerabilities," Ford said. "She seemed very down to earth and understanding."

During their second session, she dissected his personal life, sorting out the unhealthy relationships she thinks he has with his ex-wife, mother, and brother. And she nudged him to tap into his passions beyond work, which he had come to view as stifling and unfulfilling. Within a few months, he quit his job. It is a fine line between therapist and date coach.

"A therapist is not going to tell you to cut your nose hairs," she said, "or be your wing woman, or fix you up with somebody, or go shopping with you."

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Anna Nicole Smith fans skip flowers and vigils in favor of Internet messages

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Fans of Anna Nicole Smith aren't making pilgrimages to the place where she spent her final days. They're not leaving flowers. They're not gathering in crowds to express their grief.

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On Facebook, hundreds of Anna Nicole pages are buzzing with gossip and outpourings of emotion. YouTube has logged hundreds of thousands of hits on Anna Nicole videos, including some fan-produced tributes. One fan put a message on Craigslist seeking others touched by her death for a candlelight vigil in New York.

"I do almost feel like I've lost something. She was an inspiration to me," said Stan Richter, a 20-year-old office worker who has been posting messages and photos online from her London home and has been glued to E coverage of her idol's death.

"I truly believe she had a lot of love to give and just wanted to be loved back," Richter said. "Also, I looked up to her because of the background she came from. Humble roots and making it big time gave me inspiration."

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NATION

Obama makes presidential campaign official, talks of transforming nation

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Barack Obama announced his bid for president Sunday, a black man evoking Abraham Lincoln's ability to unite a nation and a Democrat portraying himself as a fresh face capable of leading a new generation.

"Let us transform this nation," he told thousands shivering in the cold at the campaign's kickoff.

Obama, 45, is the youngest candidate in the Democrats' 2008 primary field dominated by front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and filled with experienced lawmakers. In an address from the state capital where he began his elective career 10 years ago, the first-term U.S. senator sought to distinguish himself as a staunch opponent of the Iraq war and a White House hopeful whose lack of political experience is an asset.

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In his speech, Obama focused on his life in Illinois over the past two decades, beginning with a job as a community organizer with a \$13,000-a-year salary that strengthened his Christian faith. He said the struggles he saw people face inspired him to get a law degree and run for the

Legislature, where he served eight years.

He tied his announcement to the legacy of Lincoln, announcing from the building where the future 16th president served in the state Legislature.

"We can build a more hopeful America. And that is why, in the shadow of the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln once

stood on a house divided to stand together where common hopes and common dreams still live, I stand before you today to announce my candidacy for President of the United States of America," Obama said. His voice rose to a shout as he spoke over the cheers from thousands who braved temperatures in the teens.

Accident leaves highway strewn with cow intestines

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — About 40 tons of cow intestines and bones spilled onto a major highway after a truck driver became distracted by his digital music player and his semitrailer tipped over.

Officials said. Authorities closed parts of Interstate 43 for about two hours Thursday while the beef byproduct was cleaned up, said sheriff's Sgt. Blaine Spicer. The accident happened in

the town of Mosel when 25-year-old Ryan Engle's truck veered off the road as he adjusted his MP3 player, Spicer said. Engle, of Kenosha, was cited for inattentive driving.

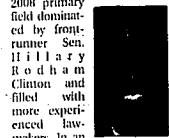
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Clinton faces Iraq questions during N.H. visit

BERLIN, N.H. (AP) — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton faced tough questions Saturday from New Hampshire voters skeptical about her stand on the Iraq war, including one who demanded that she repudiate her 2002 Senate vote to send U.S. troops into battle.

In her first presidential campaign visit to the early-voting state, Clinton sought to focus on her plans to revive struggling small-town economies, universal health care and making college more affordable. But at a crowded town hall meeting of some 350 people, Clinton was peppered with questions about Iraq.

Her toughest questioner was Roger Tilton, 46, a financial adviser from Nashua, N.H. Tilton told the New York senator that unless she recanted her vote, he was not in the mood to listen to her other policy ideas.

"I want to know if right here, right now, once and for all and without nuance, you can say that war authorization was a mistake," Tilton said. "I, and I think a lot of other primary voters — until we hear you say it, we're not going to hear all the other great things you are saying."

In response, Clinton repeated her assertion that "knowing what we know now, I would never have voted for it," and said voters would have to decide for themselves whether her position was acceptable.

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NATION

U.S. weighs how much evidence to divulge over Iran-Iraq connection

By Katherine Sitrader and Anne Geagan
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is haunted by the history of intelligence blunders about Saddam Hussein's supposed weapons of mass destruction as the United States tries to document that Iran is providing lethal help to Iraqi fighters.

After weeks of preparation and revisions, U.S. officials are preparing to detail evidence supporting administration claims of Iran's meddlesome and deadly activities. A briefing was scheduled Sunday in Baghdad.

The Iran dossier, some 200 pages thick in its classified form, was revised heavily after officials decided it was not ready for release as planned last month. What is made public probably would be short, and shorter on details than the administration recently had suggested.

No one who has seen the files has suggested the evidence is thin. But senior officials — gunshy after the drubbing the administration took for the

faulty intelligence leading to the 2003 Iraq invasion — were overwhelmed by the packaging.

Officials from several intelligence agencies scrutinized the presentation to make sure it was clear and that "we don't in any way jeopardize our sources and methods in making the presentation," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Friday.

National security adviser Stephen Hadley recently said some Iraq material was overstated. Privately, officials say they want to avoid the kind of gaffe akin to former Secretary of State Colin Powell's case for war before the United Nations in 2003.

"My colleagues, every statement I make today is backed up by sources, solid sources. These are not assertions," Powell said as he laid out unproven claims of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. "What we're giving you are facts and conclusions based on solid intelligence." It later turned out that Iraq did not have such weapons.

The evidence on Iran is intended to give backbone to the administration's claim that

an emboldened Iran is playing a dangerous game across the Middle East, meddling in conflicts and seeding terrorism beyond its borders while rushing to acquire nuclear know-how that could produce a bomb.

Government officials familiar with the dossier's documents and slides, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the materials still were classified, said they make a compelling case about Iranian ploys in Iraq.

Among the evidence the administration planned to present are weapons that were seized over time in U.S.-led raids on caches around Iraq, said one military official. Other evidence includes documents captured when U.S.-led forces raided an Iranian office Jan. 11 in Irbil, a city in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq about 220 miles north of Baghdad, this official said.

In that raid, the U.S. captured five Iranians. They included the operations chief and other members of Iran's elite Quds Force, which is accused of arming and training Iraqi militants. Tehran said it was a government

liaison office and called for the release of the five, along with compensation for damages.

The dossier also details Iran's role in providing Iraqi fighters with the "explosively formed penetrator" devices that can pierce the armor of Abrams tanks with nearly molten-hot charges. One intelligence official said the U.S. is "fairly comfortable" that it knows with some precision the origin of those Iranian-made explosives.

While traveling in Europe on Friday, Gates said that serial numbers and markings on explosives used in Iraq provide "pretty good" evidence that Iran is providing either weapons or technology for militants there. Gates did not know the U.S. knows that, and officials in Washington declined comment.

A senior U.S. government official said Saturday that members of Congress were shown proof in December. "I'm convinced from what I've seen that the Iranians are supplying and are giving assistance to the people in Iraq who are killing American soldiers," said independent Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut.

Petraeus takes charge of U.S. troops in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gen. David Petraeus took charge of U.S. forces in Iraq on Saturday, becoming the third commander in the war and declaring the American task now was to help Iraqis "gain the time they need" to save their country.

Petraeus took command under a glistening crystal chandelier that decorated a former Saddam Hussein palace at Camp Victory.

The media-savvy, Princeton-educated Petraeus, 54, spoke bluntly of the task before him that coincides with President Bush's decision to send an additional 21,500 troops to clamp off violence in Baghdad and nearby regions.

"We will have to share the burdens and move forward together. If we can do that and if we can help the people of Iraq, the prospects of success are good," he said. "Failing that, Iraq will be doomed to continued violence and civil strife."

The U.S. military reported the deaths of three more American soldiers, killed in an explosion Friday in Diyala province northeast of Baghdad. U.S. and Iraqi forces have battled Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias in Diyala for months.

The deaths raised to 36 the number of Americans killed in Iraq so far this month.

At least 3,120 service members have died since the war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

At least 51 Iraqis were killed or found dead Saturday



Petraeus

across the country.

In central Baghdad a car bomb exploded in a shopping district, killing six civilians and wounding 14.

"The driver bought some fruit and vegetables. It'll be right back." About five minutes later the car exploded and killed three of my best friends," said Ismail Mohammed, a fishmonger in the Karradah district.

Petraeus, whose appointment was announced in early January, takes command of the roughly 135,000-strong American force in Iraq after two previous tours: what was seen as a highly successful stint in the north at the head of the 101st Airborne Division in Mosul, and a second tour in charge of training Iraqi forces.

Petraeus, who was only confirmed by the Senate on Jan. 26, assumed four-star general status in conjunction with taking over command.

"The stakes are very high. The way ahead will be hard, and there undoubtedly will be many tough days. But as I recently told members of the U.S. Senate, hard is not hopeless," said Petraeus, as he took command from 58-year-old Gen. George Casey.

Lt. Gen. Richard Sanchez was Casey's predecessor and his tenure was marred by the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal. He has since retired.

Beyond vote on Iraq, Democrats seek to limit, eventually end, war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even before they cast symbolic votes against the Iraq war, newly empowered congressional Democrats are clamoring for a chance to limit and eventually end U.S. involvement in a conflict that has killed more than 3,000 troops.

"Will I vote for a nonbinding resolution? Yes, but it's insufficient," says first-term Rep. Joe Sestak of Pennsylvania, author of one of more than a dozen competing proposals that would impose a deadline for the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

"I think eventually without a question that we will have the House move to that position," the former three-star admiral added. "The country is already there."

Sestak spoke in an interview just off the House floor, which will serve as a nationally televised stage this week for a marathon debate over Bush's war policy.

A vote is expected by week's end on a nonbinding measure that expresses disapproval of the president's recent decision to dispatch an additional 21,500 military personnel to Iraq. The measure also affirms support for the troops.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and the Democratic leadership have firmed up support for the measure by repeatedly promising it will be followed by binding legislation. "Our goal is to end the war," one Democrat quoted Pelosi as saying at a recent private caucus.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada has pursued the same course, hoping to enlist a bipartisan majority behind a measure that expresses disagreement with

Bush's plans. Republicans have so far blocked consideration of the resolution.

Two Democrats have said they will oppose the resolution as too weak, even as a first step. But Reid's office has enlisted the backing of the anti-war organization MoveOn.org for the strategy and defections have been few.

At the same time, pressure has been building.

War critics have told Reid they want to use anti-terrorism legislation that is expected on the Senate floor in March as a way of forcing votes on proposals to end the war.

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Putin accuses U.S. of inciting other countries to seek nuclear arms

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday blamed U.S. policy for inciting other countries to seek nuclear weapons to defend themselves from an "almost uncontained use of military force" — a stinging attack that underscored growing tensions between Washington and Moscow.

"Unilateral, illegitimate actions have not solved a single problem, they have become a hotbed of further conflicts," Putin said at a security forum attracting senior officials from around the world.



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, looks at U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates as they sit together during the Security Conference in Munich, Germany, on Saturday.

"One state, the United States, has overstepped its national borders in every way."

The Bush administration said it was "surprised and disappointed" by Putin's remarks. "His accusations are wrong," said Gordon Johndroe, Bush's national security spokesman.

In what the Russian leader's spokesman acknowledged was his harshest criticism of the United States, Putin attacked Bush's administration for stoking a new arms race by planning to deploy a missile defense system in eastern Europe and for backing a U.N. plan that would grant virtual independence to Serbia's breakaway province of Kosovo.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was also attending the conference, described Putin's remarks as "the most aggressive

sive speech from a Russian leader since the end of the Cold War."

The United States and an increasingly assertive Russia repeatedly have butted heads during the past year, with Vice President Dick Cheney accusing Moscow of using its energy resources as "tools of intimidation or blackmail." Washington also has been angered by Russia's reluctance to impose meaningful sanctions against Iran, which is accused of seeking to develop nuclear weapons under the cover of a civilian atomic energy program.

But Putin said it was "the almost uncontained hyper use of force in international relations" that was forcing countries opposed to Washington to seek to build up nuclear arsenals.

"It is a world of one master, one sovereign... it has nothing to do with democracy," he said. "This is nourishing the wish of countries to get nuclear weapons."

"This is very dangerous, nobody feels secure anymore because nobody can hide behind international law," Putin told the gathering.

Nasdaq fails in takeover bid for London Stock Exchange

LONDON (AP) — The Nasdaq Stock Market Inc. failed for the second time in a year to win control of the London Stock Exchange PLC, revealing Saturday that its \$5.3 billion hostile bid had been spurned by the British bourse's shareholders.

Nasdaq, which abandoned its first attempt at the LSE several months ago, had extended its current offer by two weeks in an attempt to win over more

shareholders — a move that proved fruitless.

In the end the New York-based exchange received acceptances worth just 0.41 percent of the LSE's ordinary shares in return for its \$24.35 per share bid.

Even added to the 28.75 percent share holding Nasdaq built-up by buying in the market in recent months, that remained well short of the 50 percent it needed to begin tak-

ing control.

Reflecting the increasingly acrimonious battle between the two exchanges in recent months, Nasdaq stood by its claims the LSE was overvalued, while the London exchange's board said it looked forward to going about its business "without the distraction" of ill-considered approaches which fail to understand the value of the business.

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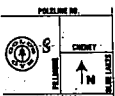
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Carrying on the Neilsen tradition

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer**TWIN FALLS** — The father and the son shared a passion for outstanding architecture.

My father was a visionary and is known for his passion for exceptional architecture,

said Ray Neilsen about his father, the late Craig Neilsen. "His legacy has been immortalized in many beautiful and iconic buildings that he developed."

Ray Neilsen
Ameristar
not for sale,
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says.

Neilsen and Co. projects include the Expo Center and the Fine Arts Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Ray Neilsen's grandfather, Ray L. Neilsen, started the company which he eventually handed down to his son.

"The young Ray Neilsen said his father taught him many important lessons in business, and in life."

"My father always taught me to continuously raise the bar, to set high standards and constantly exceed them," the constantly-ravelling Neilsen said in an e-mail to the Times-News.

Craig Neilsen died unexpectedly in his sleep last November at age 65. It is now up to the son to carry on the Neilsen legacy, and to realize his father's dream of Canyon Park, a 40-acre development that sits west and east of Blue Lakes Boulevard/Highway 93 on the Snake River Canyon Rim just south of the Perrine Bridge. Canyon Park East already includes a high-end retail center with Best Buy, Old

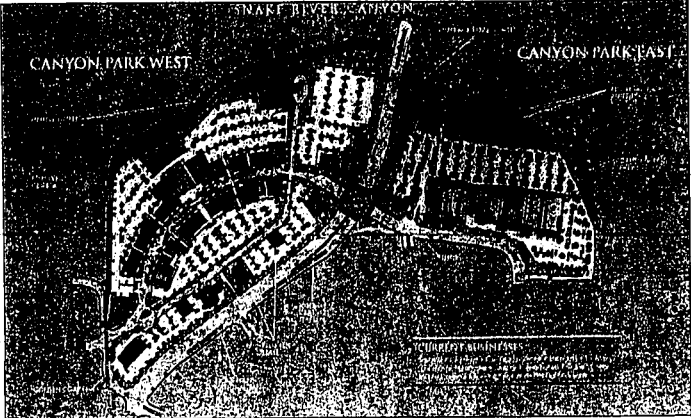
Navy, Famous Footwear, Michaels, TJ Max and Spormans Warehouse stores. There's also an International House of Pancakes on the property. It will also someday be home to a couple of office buildings.

The Canyon Park West property includes Johnny Carino's, Outback Steakhouse and Golden Corral restaurants, as well as a Zions First National Bank. Plans are in the works for a 10-story hotel and convention center and a Lifestyle Center that will feature more than 50 distinctive shops and restaurants bordering Main Street which would meander through the development. Now available for lease is about 160,000 square feet of space along Main Street. Neilsen and Co. has described this part of the development as having "old town charm."

Canyon Park is a dream years in the making. The Neilsen family purchased the land nearly four decades ago. Ray Neilsen, the third generation of Neilsens to grow up in Twin Falls, said he spent several years growing up on the property and has many fond memories of it. He said Canyon Park will "set a new standard within the region as a high-quality destination — a place where the entire family can spend time experiencing the best of Twin Falls' family-friendly lifestyle center and amenities. Trail, along the Canyon Rim Trail, watch BASE jumpers, or enjoy one of several dining options. Canyon Park will be an inviting activity center for the traveler and local alike."

Indeed, part of the Canyon Park West plan includes a new Visitors Center to replace the current one, and a new home for the agency that runs it — the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

"As we move forward with the project, we will also work



Neilsen and Co.'s 40-acre Canyon Park development sits west and east of Blue Lakes Boulevard/Highway 93 on the Snake River Canyon Rim just south of the Perrine Bridge. Canyon Park East already includes a high-end retail center and a restaurant and will eventually include a couple office buildings. The Canyon Park West property already has restaurants and a bank, and plans are in the works for a 10-story hotel and convention center, a lifestyle center, a new visitor's center and more.

with the chamber and related parties to enhance the chamber's presence on the canyon rim," Neilsen said.

Shawn Barigar, president and chief executive officer of the chamber, said the chamber has had several conversations with Neilsen and Co. representatives.

"We look forward to working with them to ensure the chamber continues to have a presence near that entrance to town," Barigar said.

Neilsen said he's also had meetings with Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clawson, Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer to express Neilsen and Co.'s commitment to the Canyon Trail system.

But not everyone is happy about development along the canyon rim.

"We used to have a gateway to Twin Falls until Canyon Park East came in," said David Mead, a member of the city's Citizen Design Review Committee, at a meeting in January. Mead was the only member of the committee to say no to Neilsen and Co.'s request for additional height on the future hotel.

Neilsen and Co. is now working on a planned utility development for the 20-story hotel and convention center. The plan will then go to city planners for their recommendation and to the City Council for its approval. Neilsen said he believes the

Canyon Park project has more supporters than opponents.

"While not everyone may agree with the development of this property, we believe there is a large support base for the project and that most people will realize how Canyon Park will benefit the local community," Neilsen said.

Neilsen said the Canyon Park hotel will set itself apart from other hotels in the area. "The Canyon Park hotel, situated on the canyon rim, will offer some of the most breathtaking views in the West," he said. "This, combined with the level of quality and its convenient and prominent location, will make the hotel fit a niche not currently

served by the market."

Neilsen said the timetable for breaking ground on the hotel and convention center is dependent on city approvals and entitlements, as well as when the market conditions are most appropriate.

Neilsen is married and has four step-children and four grandchildren. He and his wife, Nancy, who he calls "my compass and an extremely important part of my life," maintain residences in Las Vegas, Nev., and in central Mississippi.

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A fight over the fine print: Lending industry watching

By Kristin Downey
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With college costs looming for their four children, Bryan and Susan Andrews were looking to cut monthly expenses, and the sales pitch that came in the mail seemed perfect: a mortgage at 1.95 percent, funded for five years.

"It sounded like a really good program," Susan Andrews recalled.

But after the deal closed, in 2004, the couple realized to their horror that the \$191,000 loan they got from Bethesda, Md.-based Chevy Chase Bank was an adjustable-rate mortgage. The rate has climbed to 8.3 percent and, because of the way the mortgage is structured, the couple now owe more than they did when they signed for the loan.

They went to court, saying they were deceived. A federal judge sided with them and is allowing a class-action suit involving up to 7,600 borrowers against Chevy Chase. The

bank has granted a motion for an expedited appeal. The bank says the terms were clearly stated in the contract and that the family should take any grievance to the mortgage broker who sent the original sales flier and acted as an intermediary between them and the bank.

The case worries the lending industry because of the potential for hefty losses if other borrowers are allowed to rescind mortgages they claim were misleading.

It also underscores the rising uncertainty surrounding the kinds of loans that have emerged in the past five years, said Glenn Costello, managing director of Fitch Ratings Residential Mortgage Backed Securities Group. These loans include such variations as interest-only loans and what are known as option ARMs, which allow people the choice of paying less each month than the interest would be. In many of

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What a newbie needs to know about income taxes

By Eileen Ambrose
The Baltimore Sun

The financial freedom that comes with that first real job can be exhilarating.

Your own money, your own apartment, your own schedule, your own tax return.

Tax return? Yes, at some point you'll face the task of filing your first income tax return, embarking on a life-long relationship with the Internal Revenue Service.

If you're single and a newbie to taxes, here's what you need to know:

First, you must file a return if your gross income last year was \$8,450 or higher. Your employer by now should have mailed a W-2 form that states your wages and the taxes withheld from your paycheck.

If you make less than that, you still have good reason to file. You can get a refund for federal income taxes taken out of your paycheck last year. And, if you've been paying your own phone bills, you may claim a one-time \$30 refund for federal taxes paid on long-distance calls. (The IRS created a new form — 1040EZ-F — just for those who don't need to file a return but want the phone tax refund.)

The type of return you'll file depends on the complexity of your finances. The simplest is the 1040EZ for those with taxable income under \$10,000.

Once you start taking deductions or claiming investment income, you'll need to

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"You get the best thinkers in agriculture."

— Farmer Ed Winkle, about online forums



Ed Winkle, seen here at his farm on Jan. 29 in Martinsville, Ohio, is among a growing number of farmers using the Internet to get tips about his profession.

Online forums replacing coffee shops for tip-seeking farmers

By James Hannah
Associated Press writer

MARTINSVILLE, Ohio — Tucked away in the den of his 127-year-old farmhouse, Ed Winkle juggles over his computer. The screen's soft glow lights up his eyeglasses, reflecting messages about tractors, corn hybrids and crop insurance.

Winkle is checking the latest postings on his favorite Internet farm forum. Advice from fellow farmers around the country has enabled him to increase his corn and soybean production, better market his crops, learn how to rebuild engines and get good tires for his tractor.

Online message boards and chat rooms are replacing rural coffee shops and feed mills as

places for farmers to talk farming and trade tips as more of rural America goes online.

"You get the best thinkers in agriculture," Winkle said of the forums. "You're mixing such a diverse group of people — from different areas, from different backgrounds, different experiences, different ways of farming."

Fifty-one percent of U.S. farms have Internet access, according to a July 2005 report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, up from 48 percent in 2003. More than two-thirds of them, however, still use dial-up modems to connect.

The popularity of online farm forums has grown as well, said Mack Strickland, an agricultural engineer at

Purdue University and farm-computer expert. Some forums claim to have as many as 30,000 registered users.

The Internet division of Farm Journal Media, www.agweb.com, says user traffic doubled between October 2005 and October 2006, with the forums on the site enjoying similar growth. Traffic on the Des Moines, Iowa-based www.agriculture.com has increased 20 percent to 25 percent over the past year, said editor John Walter. Both are free sites supported by ads.

Enthusiasts say the forums have improved farm production and saved farmers precious dollars by helping them avoid costly mistakes in

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Bryan and Susan Andrews of Cedarburg, Wis., have sued Bethesda, Md.-based Chevy Chase Bank, saying the lender misled them into taking a high-interest mortgage. The case worries the lending industry because of the potential for hefty losses if other borrowers are allowed to rescind mortgages they claim were misleading.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Company	Fund Name	Assets	YTD Return	1-Year Return	3-Year Return	5-Year Return	10-Year Return
Putnam	Putnam Growth	\$1.2B	+12.5%	+18.2%	+45.1%	+112.3%	+215.6%
Putnam	Putnam Bond	\$980M	+4.8%	+5.2%	+15.8%	+38.9%	+78.4%
Putnam	Putnam Divd	\$850M	+11.2%	+14.5%	+38.2%	+95.1%	+188.7%
Putnam	Putnam Intl	\$720M	+8.9%	+10.1%	+28.5%	+68.3%	+135.2%
Putnam	Putnam Mid-Cap	\$680M	+13.1%	+16.8%	+42.1%	+105.4%	+218.9%
Putnam	Putnam Small-Cap	\$620M	+14.5%	+18.1%	+48.3%	+118.7%	+245.1%
Putnam	Putnam Energy	\$580M	+15.2%	+19.5%	+52.1%	+135.6%	+288.4%
Putnam	Putnam Tech	\$550M	+16.8%	+20.1%	+55.3%	+142.8%	+305.2%
Putnam	Putnam Healthcare	\$520M	+14.1%	+17.2%	+44.5%	+110.1%	+228.3%
Putnam	Putnam Real Estate	\$480M	+9.5%	+11.2%	+29.8%	+65.2%	+132.5%
Putnam	Putnam Water	\$450M	+10.8%	+12.5%	+32.1%	+72.4%	+145.8%
Putnam	Putnam Utilities	\$420M	+11.5%	+13.1%	+34.5%	+78.9%	+158.1%
Putnam	Putnam Infrastructure	\$380M	+12.2%	+14.8%	+37.2%	+85.3%	+172.6%
Putnam	Putnam Global	\$350M	+13.5%	+16.2%	+41.8%	+102.1%	+205.4%
Putnam	Putnam Emerging Mkts	\$320M	+14.8%	+18.5%	+46.1%	+115.2%	+238.7%
Putnam	Putnam Natural Resources	\$280M	+15.5%	+19.2%	+49.5%	+125.3%	+265.1%
Putnam	Putnam Environmental	\$250M	+16.2%	+20.1%	+52.8%	+135.4%	+292.5%
Putnam	Putnam Socially Responsible	\$220M	+14.5%	+17.8%	+45.2%	+112.7%	+231.8%
Putnam	Putnam Fixed Income	\$180M	+5.2%	+5.8%	+18.5%	+42.1%	+85.3%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth	\$150M	+12.8%	+15.5%	+39.8%	+98.2%	+201.5%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Income	\$120M	+6.5%	+7.1%	+22.1%	+51.4%	+105.8%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income	\$90M	+8.2%	+9.1%	+25.8%	+58.9%	+122.3%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income II	\$60M	+9.1%	+10.2%	+28.5%	+65.1%	+135.4%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income III	\$30M	+10.5%	+11.8%	+31.2%	+72.3%	+148.5%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income IV	\$15M	+11.8%	+13.1%	+34.5%	+80.1%	+165.2%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income V	\$8M	+13.1%	+14.5%	+38.2%	+90.5%	+185.1%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income VI	\$5M	+14.5%	+16.2%	+42.1%	+102.3%	+208.4%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income VII	\$3M	+15.8%	+18.1%	+46.1%	+115.2%	+238.7%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income VIII	\$2M	+16.2%	+19.5%	+49.5%	+125.3%	+265.1%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income IX	\$1M	+17.5%	+20.1%	+52.8%	+135.4%	+292.5%
Putnam	Putnam Divd Growth & Income X	\$500K	+18.1%	+21.2%	+55.3%	+142.8%	+305.2%

CAREER MOVES

Nicki Leatham and Tami Plank
BOISE — The Idaho Nursery and Landscaping Association recently elected new officers and their 2007 Board of Directors during the Idaho Horticulture Expo in Boise.
Nicki Leatham was elected as first vice president. She is employed by Pipeco in Twin Falls.
Tami Plank was elected as a Southeast-Idaho Director. She is employed by Moss Greenhouse in Jerome.

Ruth Kozelski
JEHOMIE — Ruth Kozelski, a teacher at Horizon Elementary School, was awarded Renaissance Middle Classroom re-certification by Renaissance Learning Inc., based in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. The re-certification indicates that Kozelski's efforts to adopt Renaissance's best classroom practices have resulted in measurable improvements in student performance. To receive re-certification, teachers must demonstrate that students are maintaining high-quality practice for a minimum of 12 weeks. In addition, teachers must work with individual students to meet Renaissance-recommended standards.
In addition to national recognition, she will receive a certificate in recognition of class-wide achievement, opportunities for professional development and benefits to share with the class and school.

Trevor Tarter
TWIN FALLS — Trevor Tarter, an Edward Jones investment representative, has accepted a limited partnership offering in The Jones Financial Cos., the holding company for the St. Charles-based financial services firm.
Tarter is a native of Twin Falls. He joined Edward Jones in 2001 and has worked with the firm for the past six years. He is also active in several local groups, including the University of Idaho Vandal Scholarship Fund, Twin Falls Soccer Club, Blue Lakes Country Club and the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Morales
TWIN FALLS — Canyonwide Realty announced that Barbara Morales has been licensed as an associate broker.
The advanced course work in real estate law, financial appraisal and management required is invaluable in assisting clientele with selling and purchasing property.
She works at the Twin Falls office located at 590 Addison Avenue.

Con Pete Paulos
JEHOMIE — Idaho Commerce and Labor Director, Roger B. Madsen presented Con Pete Paulos with the agency's "Friend of Idaho" award.
As a long-time board member of the Jerome and Twin Falls chambers of commerce, Paulos has received many honors for his community involvement and leadership in local economic development activities. He has played an important role in forming the Economic Development Task Force and the creation of the South Lincoln Industrial Park, where more than 20 businesses currently operate and employ more than 1,700 people.
He helped bring several major employers to Jerome, including Spears Manufacturing, WOW Logistics, Briden-Cordage, Keebler Co., Arlo G. Lett Trucking, Western Potato Processing, Rite Stuff Foods and Hilox Poly.
Paulos has served as chairman of the Idaho Economic Advisory Council and co-chaired the Governor's Rural Idaho Task Force which eventually led to the creation of the Idaho Rural.
He also served on the 2020 Blue Ribbon Committee that formed Gov. Dirk Kempthorne charged with defining the future of state government. He currently sits on the Idaho Workforce Development Council and chairs Idaho Tech Connection, which focuses on transferring technology to the private sector.

Starley-Leavitt Insurance lauded for service
Starley-Leavitt — Insurance Agency Inc. in Twin Falls has been named a Farmers Alliance Advantage Agent for 2007 by The Farmers Alliance Companies in McPherson, Kansas. To qualify, an agency must exhibit superior professionalism and profitability over five consecutive years. To reach this level of distinction is a reflection of an agency's commitment to their customers and their community.

Idaho Public Television brings home awards
Idaho Public Television brought home six awards from the annual conference of the National Educational Telecommunications Association in Norfolk,

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HELPING OUT BOYS AND GIRLS RIBBON CUTTING
Don Hall, executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, gathered with Dan, Troy and Mont Willie and their management team from the Oasis Stop 'N Go stores to present them with their 2006-2007 Booster Bars for their continuous support of the Club.

BUHL AND BPA
Five Buhl students attended and placed at the 2006-2007 Business Professionals of America Regional Conference. The event was hosted by Kimberly High School and held at the College of Southern Idaho. Stephanie Alim placed first in Desktop Publishing and third in Fundamental Word Processing; Catarina Marques placed first in Banking and Finance and received the Wynne Award; Jim Martinez placed first in Keyboarding and Advanced Word Processing Skills; and Ashley Wilson placed first in Fundamentals Accounting. All five will compete at the state conference at Boise State University March 8-10. Pictured from left are Club President Will Slomp, Ashley Wilson, Catarina Marques, Stephanie Alim and Jim Martinez.

Virginia. The awards were among 38 prizes awarded to 23 television stations.
IdahoTV took home six top awards, the most of any public television station in the country.
In the Instructional Media category, IdahoTV won an award for The Social Code, a locally produced instructional program. Dialogue for Kids won awards for both the monthly series and for its associated teacher resources.
The print design for Rosalie Steeles: Way Out in Idaho, a locally produced instructional 2006 won awards in the promotion category.
Silver Valley rising, a joint production of IdahoTV's Outdoor Idaho and Dialogue series was recognized in the program production category.
The awards are annual recognition of member-pro

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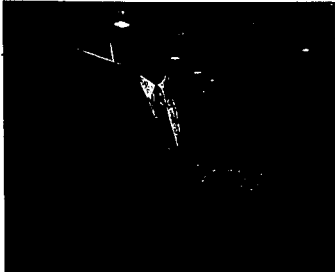
RIBBON CUTTING
The Crane Chiropractic and Pain Relief Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house to commemorate its grand opening at its new location at 2552 Overland Ave. in Burley. Pictured at center with scissors is Dr. Troy Crane. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday hours are available by special appointment. Appointments can be made by calling 677-9020. Dr. Troy Crane has been in private practice in the Burley/Rupert area for the past 17 years and specializes in helping the body heal naturally. The business offers chiropractic care, muscle balancing, level 1 nutrition deficiency balancing, Meridian Stress Assessment testing, saliva testing and hair analysis.

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SYRINGA WIRELESS
Syringa Wireless, located at 544 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls recently held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors for their grand opening. Syringa Wireless is the new choice in wireless cell phone service, offering local, regional, national and business service plans. For more information, call 736-7464. Pictured from left in front row are Mike Hanson, general manager of Syringa Wireless; John Lantz, general manager, Silver Mutual; Rossana Simon, sales associate; second row, Andreea Clark, sales associate; Diana Pragas, sales associate; Ariana Sanchez, sales associate; back row, Lorin Peterson, customer service director; Shawn McEntire, customer service director; John Ney, senior manager of customer operations; and Connie Johnson, account executive.
The 300 franchisees voted to extend their national advertising. They will be appearing in Oprah, Family Circle and kitchen remodeling magazines this year. Mr. Erickson reports that they have now expanded their Franchising Community to include the customized Legacy line, which will soon be displayed at their design studio. Besides full kitchen remodels, the Ericksons refer cabinets, recondition cabinets and other wood, and refresh floors. For more information, call 736-1036 or see the Web site at kitchenunep.com.

CONTRIBUTIONS

D. L. EVANS BANK HELPS OUT



D.L. Evans Bank recently made a donation to the addition and remodel of the Jerome Recreation District Center. Pictured from left are Jennifer Traugher, senior vice president of retail banking; John V. Evans Jr., chief executive officer; and Gary Warr, director of the Jerome Recreation District.



D.L. Evans Bank recently presented the Jerome Centennial Committee with a monetary donation in commemoration of the City of Jerome's 100th Anniversary. Pictured from left are Jennifer Traugher, senior vice president of retail banking; John V. Evans Jr., chief executive officer; and Joe Stang, representative for Jerome Centennial Committee.

ZIONS HELPS CONSERVANCY



Zions Bank recently presented the Nature Conservancy with a check for \$20,000 to help fund the restoration project of the Ernest Hemingway House in Ketchum. The Conservancy has owned the house since 1986, and the Zions Bank donation will specifically be used to maintain operations for the house and to catalog its historical and cultural artifacts. Pictured from left are Wanda Allred, Zions Bank's Wood River Valley branch manager; and Laura Hubbard, Idaho state director.

Loans

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these loans, the amount owed is deferred to keep monthly payments down. The downside is that at some point payments can rise sharply. The amount owed can rise, too.

Banking regulators have only recently begun offering new information to borrowers about these loans and warning lenders to explain them more carefully. Meanwhile, the loans have proliferated.

"Some percentage of borrowers don't understand the terms of these loans, and it is to be expected that there would be some issues emerging," Costello said.

The Andrewses — Bryan, 49, a carpenter, and Susan, 51, a nurse — live in Cedarburg, Wis., and previously had a 5.75 percent fixed-rate mortgage. They say they didn't realize what they had done until they got their first payment coupon for the new loan in the mail. They couldn't refinance into a different loan without a \$5,700 prepayment penalty. They sued two years ago.

Last month, U.S. District Court Judge Lynn Adelman, a federal judge in Milwaukee, ruled that Chevy Chase had violated the 1968 Truth in Lending Act, which requires

lenders to clearly explain loan terms to borrowers. Chevy Chase's disclosures to consumers showed a "lack of forthrightness," and "would both confuse and mislead an ordinary consumer about the cost of the loan," the judge wrote.

Adelman ruled that while the borrowers were ineligible for damages, they could turn back or "rescind" their mortgages. Rescission would permit borrowers to be released from the loans and be reimbursed for any interest paid to Chevy Chase as well as their closing costs.

In other words, the ruling may give some borrowers a refund of everything they have paid to live in their houses for years.

Chevy Chase's general counsel, Thomas McCormick, says the bank complied with the truth-in-lending law. In court filings, Chevy Chase lawyers said the Andrewses' loan was appropriate for them because it gave them more "flexibility" by letting them choose what level of payment they would make each month, and that if the family has a grievance, it should be taking it to the mortgage broker, First Mortgage, which arranged the loan.

"Simply put, to the extent that Plaintiffs have a legitimate grievance, they have sued the wrong party," Chevy Chase's lawyers wrote. First Mortgage, which was not sued, did not return calls seeking comment.

At the core of the dispute are some words that appeared on the top right corner of a document the lender must provide under the Truth in Lending Act. One line read: "WS Cashflow 5-year fixed," and the line under it said "Note Interest Rate, 1.350%."

The Andrewses said those words led them to believe the loan was a fixed-rate mortgage for five years, at 1.95 percent interest, and that they were reassured of its meaning by the broker at First Mortgage who handled the loan on behalf of Chevy Chase.

In fact, the 1.95 percent offer was a teaser rate that lasted one month, and the interest charged on the loan started rising the next month. And the "fixed" feature had nothing to do with the interest rate. Rather, it meant the lowest possible payment stayed the same — \$701 a month — over five years, although the interest rate rose, with the additional expense deferred to the end of the loan.

"This statement was confusing because although it is true that the payments on the loans were fixed for five years, the interest rate was not," the judge wrote.

Chevy Chase argued that there were many other places in the loan documents that signaled the loan was not a traditional fixed-rate product, noting that one section had a bold-faced title: ADJUSTABLE RATE NOTE and that another section was titled "Calculation of Interest rate changes."

In addition, the same federal disclosure form cited by the Andrewses included another box, labeled ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE, which noted that the interest rate was 4.047 percent, and said below that the loan had variable-rate features.

Chevy Chase's McCormick cited the WS Cashflow reference and the 1.95 percent notation were loan identifiers purposes "for internal purposes" to identify the kind of loan, and that the full phrase that was supposed to be on the document was "WS Cashflow 5-year fixed pay," but that the last word sometimes got lopped off when the documents were being photocopied.

Neilsen: Ameristar isn't up for sale

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ray Neilsen put to rest rumors that Ameristar, the Las Vegas-based company his late father built, might be on the selling block.

Peter owns Cactus Amstar Resort Casino and the Horseshoe Casino in Jackpot, Nev., as well as properties in Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi and Colorado.

Neilsen's father, Craig Neilsen, died unexpectedly in his sleep last November at age 65. Craig Neilsen was a majority owner of Ameristar, and following his death, rumors began circulating that Ameristar might be up for sale, or vulnerable to a takeover, Ray Neilsen said it just ain't so.

"To give you some background, Gordy Kanofsky, executive vice president of Ameristar, and myself are co-executors of the Craig Neilsen Estate," said Neilsen in an e-mail to the Times-News. "We are also co-chairmen of the board of Ameristar. We are both acutely aware of my father's intentions and wishes with regard to Ameristar's future. My father's clear desire was for the estate, and eventually his foundation, to retain its holding in Ameristar for the long term. We are committed to building upon the strong legacy that my father left for the company."

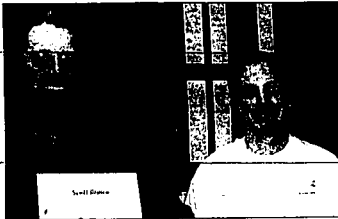
"So what about those rumors of a possible takeover?" "It is our policy to not speculate on rumors," said Neilsen, who grew up in Twin Falls,

graduated from Twin Falls High School and later earned his bachelor's degree from Albion College in Caldwell and his master's degree in business from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, Calif. "As I mentioned before, Gordy Kanofsky and I are the co-executors of the Craig Neilsen Estate which controls approximately 56 percent of Ameristar's shares. We currently believe that Ameristar has the strongest potential for growth and shareholder value creation as a stand-alone entity by executing the company's existing growth strategy. Ameristar's key strategies have allowed the company to outperform its peers according to various metrics. Gordy and I have confidence in the Ameristar management team."

Ameristar had net revenues of \$1 billion in 2006 up from \$961 million, or a 4 percent increase, from 2005, according to the company's latest financial statement. The company had operating income of \$171.5 million in 2006, up from \$168.7 million, or a 1.7 percent increase, from 2005. Ameristar ended the year with \$59.6 million in net income, down from \$66.3 million, or 10.1 percent, from 2005. Diluted earnings per share were at \$1.04 at the end of 2006, down from \$1.16, or 10.3 percent, from the previous year.

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MILESTONES
CERTIFIED PAINTERS



Specialty Painting, southern Idaho's largest industrial painting contractor, announced that two of its employees are the first in Idaho to earn specialized certification. Specialty Painting owner and operator Scott Brown and Supervisor Cory McEwen recently completed accreditation courses in Advanced Equipment and Materials to be certified by the USCC Ltd. Brown and McEwen are the only two in Idaho to receive this highly specialized certification. USCC, based in Arizona, is a pioneer in research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of polyurethane foam systems. "We're honored to be the only two in Idaho to be certified to apply USCC's Durafloam, one of the most advanced building insulation products available," Brown said. The home currently under construction for Injured Idaho State Trooper Chris Glenn will be sprayed with Durafloam in early February thanks to the product donation by the manufacturer and labor supplied by Specialty Painting. Pictured from left are Brown and McEwen.

Farmers

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planting, fertilizing, equipment buys and maintenance. And forums have enabled farmers — many of them miles from their nearest neighbor — to educate each other and build community.

"We all like to talk to folks like ourselves who have the same problems," said Stan Ernst, a marketing instructor at Ohio State University's department of agricultural economics.

"We have so much riding on many of our decisions economically that you've got to find people with experience."

A farmer can spend as much as \$160,000 on a combine, for example. If it breaks down during a critical harvest time, that could mean the difference between a profit and a loss.

Walter said the average visitor to www.agriculture.com spends 11 minutes at a time

on the site.

"It's enough time to have a cup of coffee and a conversation and learn something," he said. "It's just rearranged who their neighbors are in a sense. You can't help but think that has changed farming to some degree."

Rural America has lagged behind the cities in Internet usage — especially broadband — because wiring the population-rich cities is more profitable and wiring the countryside more expensive due to long distances and natural barriers.

Now, farmers and existing rural businesses are becoming more reliant on the Internet to be competitive, and rural communities are becoming more aggressive in seeking Internet access. They see it as a way to attract white-collar jobs, and urban dwellers who have moved to the country are demanding it.

Taxes

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year because there's no line on the tax returns for it. Congress extended this tax break after returns were printed. You can claim the deduction on line 35 of the 1040. Put a "T" to the left of your entry to show that this is for tuition.

You also may get a credit for contributing to an IRAs (individual retirement savings) if your adjusted income is \$25,000 or less. The maximum credit for an individual is \$1,000. A credit is better than a deduction because it reduces your bottom-line tax bill dollar-for-dollar.

By filing electronically, the software program will steer you toward the appropriate deductions and forms, Bergstein says. If your adjusted income is \$52,000 or less, you can file electronically for free using the IRS Free File program at www.irs.gov.

Congratulations if you get a refund. But if it's more than \$1,000, go to your human resources department to adjust the amount of taxes withheld, so Uncle Sam gets less and you take home more, Bergstein says.

"You could have probably used that money over the year," Bergstein says. "And Bergstein's last tax tip: 'Keep mom and dad's phone number close by.'"

file a Form 1040A or 1040, says David Bergstein, an analyst with CCI Inc., a provider of tax information. A deduction basically reduces the amount of income subject to tax.

"If you're doing the tax return for the first time, what you really want to have off to start is your Social Security number and all of your income information that you receive from anybody," Bergstein says.

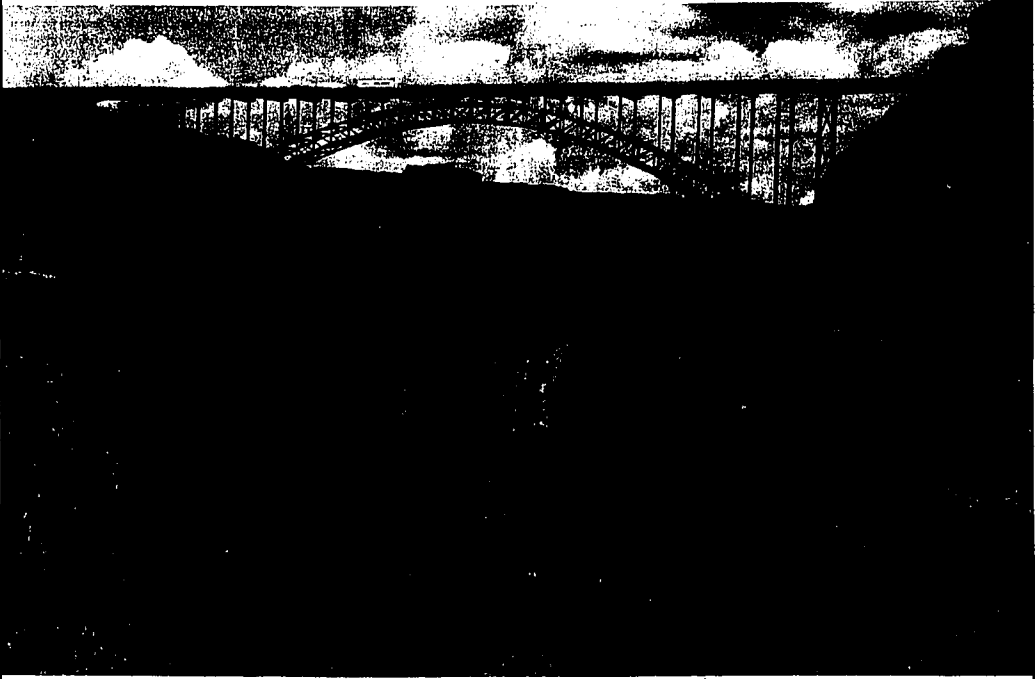
Besides a W-2, you'll get a "1099 income." College grads will get a 1098T form on tuition and fees paid last year, plus a 1098E form spelling out student loan interest paid, says Jeff Lawson, an accountant with Stoy Malone & Co. tax breaks for younger filers.

You can deduct up to \$2,500 in student loan interest if your adjusted gross income is less than \$65,000.

You may also be able to deduct up to \$4,000 college tuition and fees paid last year if your adjusted gross income is \$65,000 or less. Up to \$2,000 can be deducted if your income is higher, but not more than \$80,000.

Claiming the tuition deduction is more complicated this

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Small Kentucky town grapples with multiple deaths — again

BARDSTOWN, Ky. (AP) — Residents of this small Kentucky town are grieving over the deaths of 10 family members — including six children — in an early morning house fire.

Officials on Friday were still investigating the cause of the blaze — Kentucky's deadliest in 30 years. Investigators have finished shoveling charred remains of walls, ceiling and

furniture and turned over their findings to the state fire marshal.

The fire has deeply affected many in this close-knit community of 10,500 people, known for its historic homes and bourbon distilleries, and for some residents it has rekindled memories of the loss of five of the town's National Guardsmen during a firefight in Vietnam in June 1969.

"This fire was certainly worse than that," Mayor Richard Henton said. "We've never had a loss of human life like this before."

Some residents were left wondering how to cope.

"How do you deal with that?" asked LeAnn Babel, whose two young children played with some of the victims.

About 300 people attended a Wednesday memorial service, and even residents who didn't know the victims are looking for ways to help offer what is expected to be a large funeral bill. Businesses across the town have placed cans and jars on countertops seeking donations. The city and firefighters also are soliciting funds to help.

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Just when you thought the official end of the workweek couldn't possibly get any better, Swensen's is upping the ante with the official launch of free sample Fridays. Now, in addition to the traditional Friday joys of dressing casually, getting paid, and anticipating two blissful days of freedom, you can stop by our stores to partake of all kinds of free samples of your

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EDITORIAL

Drug courts save more than just state expenses

Idaho's statehouse is all abuzz over all the issues legislators and the new governor can't seem to agree on halfway through the 2007 session.

So maybe it's time to find an issue that's sure to get everyone on the same page: The expansion of Idaho's drug courts.

Those who work in Idaho's judicial system, as well as those who have been through the system itself, sing the praises of drug courts and its power in restoring lives.

Through drug courts, which started in Idaho in 1998 and are now located statewide, offenders are given a way to beat addiction and stay out of prisons. The program has saved the state millions of dollars in eight years. More importantly, it has helped save hundreds, if not thousands, of lives.

With that track record, state court officials say the time is ripe to expand. Last month court administrators sent a report to Gov. Butch Otter and lawmakers seeking \$4 million to increase the number of drug court participants. That funding would represent a 50 percent increase.

But the investment would be even greater in its impact with program participants. Sixth District Judge Randy Smith told the Idaho State Journal that drug courts served 888 people in any given month of 2006. With a 50 percent funding boost, the programs could handle 506 more people in the state programs.

In drug court, participants must plead guilty to a felony then follow the rigorous counsel and monitoring of a judge. Many of them choose the program as an alternative to jail. By staying clean for a period of months, attending sessions, submitting to drug tests, gaining employment and completing high school equivalency tests, the drug court graduate avoids jail, breaks addiction, and may even clean his or her record.

The program also has a far lower recidivism rate among graduates than those who don't go through drug courts. In the 5th District Court drug program, since 2002, only 40 percent of the 160 graduates have been rearrested. In Ada County the rate is 19 percent, and in Kootenai County it's 20 percent. In Smith's Pocatello court, the recidivism rate is an astounding 4 percent.

As lawmakers and correction officials continue to fight with the booming prison population — largely created by the plague of methamphetamine — drug court graduates prove the system works.

Alecia Moyes, 26, of Twin Falls, is just one of those success stories. In drug court, she described an empowering process that teaches responsibility rather than blame.

"People think in drug court they are giving you a second chance, after a second chance, after a second chance and drug addicts don't deserve a second chance," she told the *Times-News*. "But they beat it into you and they hold you accountable."

With so much good that can come from this process, state leaders and the governor should see the proposed funding as a solid investment. Linda Wright Hartgen, chief court administrator in the 5th District, told the *Times-News* the 75 slots available in Magic Valley drug courts could easily be doubled.

It so, it's time for legislators and the governor to act. Drug court programs cost about a third of the cost of prison for each participant. The end result is a better life and one less inmate in a cell.

The success of this program proves its merit for expansion.

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LETTER

Idaho can clear obstacles for experienced teachers

The proposal to allow retired teachers and administrators to return to work in Idaho districts is a particularly welcome one. Several states across the country have started allowing this and are able to fill their open positions from their own group of retired teachers and administrators. It only makes sense for Idaho to follow the pattern.

However, another solution is available. Allow Idaho teachers to teach year-age 62 or the rule of 90. Many teachers feel that the early 60s is far too young to retire and wish to work longer. With increasing life spans and a

rising age to collect Social Security and Medicare, many teachers would be willing to continue teaching for a longer period of time.

My 93-year-old father still works as a chaplain in a nursing home; my 104-year-old aunt is writing a book. I am 50 and have no interest in retiring at 62. By eliminating current age restrictions, the Legislature can keep experienced teachers who want to work with young people contributing their knowledge and wisdom to younger generations.

MAREN OPELLET
Rupert
(Editor's note: Maren Opellet has a master's in education degree and is a teacher at Minico High School.)

War of words escalates over Iraq

National Intelligence Estimates are not supposed to be amusing. And the latest NIE on the situation in Iraq was uniformly grim.

But the document's determined effort to split the difference on the use of the phrase "civil war" did verge on the comical. One can only imagine the interagency wrangling that produced the classic bureaucratic compromise:

"The Intelligence Community judges that the term 'civil war' does not adequately capture the complexity of the conflict" but "nonetheless, the term 'civil war' accurately describes key elements of the Iraqi conflict." In other words, it's a maybe. Multiple civil strife, but way too messy to rank with the classics such as America in the 1860s or Spain in the 1930s.

I don't deny that this is a fair application of "civil war" to the current situation. What I note with dismay, however, is how important — and absurdly irrelevant — the application of certain loaded words to the current situation has become.

What is striking is how much of the debate in Washington about Iraq has to do with not the war but the words. Who owns them, who deploys them, who uses them as a bludgeon. NIH's announcement last November that it would henceforth use the term civil war — a statement far more political than analytical, invoking the same false authority with which the networks regularly "declare" election winners (e.g., Florida to Al Gore, Nov. 7, 2000) — set the tone of definitional self-importance.

None here, anyway. The debates were not about real fighting in a real place. They were about how the various senators would position themselves in relation to that real fighting in that real place. An issue! With what tone and nuance.

But they were going nowhere. The debates were not about real fighting in a real place. They were about how the various senators would position themselves in relation to that real fighting in that real place. An issue! With what tone and nuance.

BID efforts are paying off with new profits

Stop the rumors and accusations and find out the facts. I would like to address the letters to the editor submitted by Jack Cooper.

Financials were indeed submitted at the last board meeting, showing a considerable profit. The majority of our board of directors are new and the change from them this year was to turn this organization around and begin to show a profit. We had a great board retreat to determine what our goals are and what steps we need to take to accomplish them. We are still awaiting any details from the police regarding the break-in, but in the meantime, we have worked to do and plan to move forward rather than dwell on it.

The Historic Downtown Twin Falls, aka BID (Business Improvement District) Board of Directors, have signed on to what we knew would be a challenge. This board had committed themselves not because they have nothing better to do but rather for a belief that they can make a difference in downtown. So rather than criticize and accuse them, thank and encourage them. That also goes for our countless number of volunteers and staff.

If you have questions, concerns or just want to get involved, then stop by the office or come to a meeting. The reason that I got involved years ago was to make a positive difference and not just be a naysayer complaining that there is nothing being done. I would welcome anyone who has questions to come to the



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

addenda to express disapproval of a troop surge that the president was going to order anyway.

When it came to doing something serious about the surge, the Senate ducked. It unanimously (81-0) approved sending Gen. David H. Petraeus to Baghdad to do the surge — precisely what a majority of the senators said they did not want done.

If you really oppose the surge, how could you not oppose the appointment of the man whose very mission is to carry it out? Yet not one senator did so. Instead, they spent days fine-tuning the wording of a nonbinding, i.e. entirely toothless, expression of disapproval.

A serious legislative body would not be arguing over degrees of disapproval anyway, but about the elements of three or four alternate plans that might actually

change our course in Iraq, something they all say they desire. But instead of making a contribution to thinking through how the war should be either prosecuted or liquidated, they negotiate language that provides precisely the amount of distancing a senator might need as political insulation should the surge either succeed or fail.

Words. The Democrats are all in favor of "redeployment" and pretend that this is an alternative plan. But the word "redeployment" is meaningless. It simply means changing the position of our soldiers and, implicitly, changing their mission. But unless you're saying where you're redeploying to, and with what mission, you've said nothing. It's a statement of opposition, yet another expression of disapproval of the current strategy — much like an empty, non-binding congressional resolution — until you say whether you want to redeploy to Kansas or Kurdistan.

Words. Consider "surge." It carries an air of energy, aggression and even hope. That, in fact, is a fairly good reflection of Petraeus' view of it — not just more troops but a change in the rules of

engagement, with more latitude to fight, less political interference by the Iraq government and a much tougher attitude toward foreign, especially Iranian, agents in Iraq.

The opposition prefers "escalation," as featured, for example, in the anti-surge controversy that aired in certain markets during the Super Bowl.

The main reason for using escalation, of course, is that it is a Vietnam word. And the more Vietnam words you can use in discussing Iraq, the more you've won the debate without having to make an argument.

The problem with this battle over words is that it is entirely irrelevant to what is happening in Iraq. There will be real troops on real missions regardless of what label they are given.

The country is engaged in a serious debate about exactly what strategy to pursue to either prosecute the war or withdraw in an orderly fashion. The Senate might consider putting such a debate on its agenda.

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LETTERS

source and ask questions rather than listen to the rumor mill. We are all on the same team and are working toward the same goal.

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(Editor's note: Ryan Horsley is the president of the Historic Downtown Twin Falls Board.)

Energy plan fell short of conservation mandate

Cheers to the *Times-News* for a recent editorial suggesting the Legislature should repeal the state's environmental stringency rules. Your editorial offered that opinion while generally supporting the Interim Committee on Energy, Environment and Technology's draft energy plan. While the stringency rules should certainly be undone, I believe that support for the draft energy plan is misplaced — for several reasons.

First, the draft plan avoids any attempt to integrate Idaho's energy planning with the two defining energy issues of our time: global warming and peak oil. These two issues have now attained the status of objective fact, and no realistic assessment of future energy needs or strategies can be undertaken independent of them. California and other West Coast states, the New England states, and a number of others are taking the initiative to incorporate these issues into their energy planning — but not Idaho.

Designing a future energy plan that doesn't consider global warming and peak oil is sort of like re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Second, the draft energy

plan suggests little in the way of mechanisms for successful implementation. In fact, any action that would regulate or set benchmarks for energy generation has been overtly avoided by the committee. In its place, the plan promotes the usual litany of alternatives one comes to expect of Republican apparatchiks: economic determinism, voluntary compliance, reliance upon "the market," tax incentives, etc. No one (not even liberals) likes regulations.

However, in a nation where burgeoning population growth is promoted, massive consumption is considered a "divine right," and scarce resources are wasted and rapidly dwindling, it should be obvious we face a future of far greater regulation of our activities rather than less. Idaho could use a lot more realistic science-based planning and a lot less philosophical "governing from the gut."

PETER REMMEN
Hagerman

'Reasonable' ideas should determine our policies

In my college business law classes, we used to talk about what was known as the "Reasonable Man Rule," what I might call the common sense rule. The reasonable man rule was a simple yardstick for measuring the validity of an action or agreement.

Though it is not specifically codified, it is often mentioned in both criminal and business law cases. I raised the rule in a case before the Idaho Supreme Court about adding more cows to an area where there were already some 96,000 permitted animals, but

who is counting? Would a reasonable man put more straws on the camel's swaying back? In Idaho, there doesn't seem to be too many reasonable men, especially in high office or high on the bench.

Speaking of reasonable men, with the Climate Change Report out, would reasonable men and women continue to exacerbate an already serious problem by living too high, consuming too much, adding to the problem? Would a reasonable person heed the warning sign? "Dangerous speeds ahead!" or keep on speeding on their merry way?

Would a reasonable person send more troops into a losing battle or go to war with yet another country without due cause to waste even more lives, ours and theirs?

The cards are on the table. Now is time for reasonable people to step forward. We each have a role to play.

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OPINION

Yellowcake and yellow journalism

To see how liberal history is created, you need to tune into the nutcase stations and watch their coverage of the Scooter Libby trial. On MSNBC they're covering the trial like it's the Normandy Invasion, stirring Elvis Presley, as told by Joseph Goebbels.



ANN COULTER

MSNBC's "reporting" consists of endless repetition of arbitrary assertions, half-truths and thoroughly debunked canards. No one else cares about the trial — except presumably Scooter Libby — so the passionate left is allowed to invent a liberal fable without correction.

Night after night, it is blithely asserted on "Hardball" that Wilson's trip to Niger debunked the claim that Saddam Hussein had been seeking enriched uranium from Niger.

As David Shuster reported last week: "Wilson goes and finds out that the claim that Iraq was seeking uranium from Niger is not accurate." There have been massive investigations into this particular claim of "Ambassador Joe Wilson, both here and in Britain. Nearly three years ago, a bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee concluded that this was not merely untrue, it was the opposite of the truth: Wilson's report actually bolstered the belief that Saddam was seeking uranium from Niger.

The panel found, as The Washington Post reported on July 10, "that Wilson's report, rather than debunking intelligence about purported uranium sales to Iraq, as he has said, bolstered the case for most intelligence analysts." So you can see how a seasoned newsmen like David Shuster might come to the exact opposite conclusion and then repeat this false conclusion on TV every night.

Wilson's unwritten "report" to a few CIA agents supported the suspicion that Saddam was seeking enriched uranium from Niger because, according to Wilson, the former prime minister of Niger told him that in 1999 Saddam had sent a delegation to discuss "expanding commercial relations" with Niger. The only thing Niger has to trade is yellowcake. If Saddam was seeking to expand commercial relations with Niger, we can be fairly certain he wasn't trying to buy designer jeans, ready-to-assemble furniture or commemorative plates. He was seeking enriched uranium.

But Wilson simply accepted the assurances of the former prime minister of Niger that selling yellowcake to Saddam was the farthest thing from his mind. I give you my word as an African head of state.

Chris Matthews also repeatedly says that Bush's famous "16 words" in his 2003 State of the Union address — which liberals say was a LIE! a LIE! a despicable LIE! — consisted of the claim that British intelligence said

there was a "deal" for Saddam Hussein to buy enriched uranium from Niger.

Matthews huffily wonders aloud why Wilson's incorrect report didn't get into Bush's State of the Union address: "rather than the president's claim of British intelligence that said there was a deal to buy uranium, which of course became one of the underpinnings of this administration's argument that we had to go to war with Iraq."

Considering how hysterical liberals were about Bush's "16 words," you'd think they'd have a vague recollection of what those words were and that they did not include the word "deal." What Bush said was: "The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa."

Even if the British had been wrong, what Bush said was factually correct. In 2003, the British government believed that Saddam sought yellowcake from Niger. (Not MSNBC factual," mind you, I mean "real factual.") But in fact, the British were right and Wilson was wrong. By now, everyone believes Saddam was seeking yellowcake from Niger — the CIA, the bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee, Lord Butler's report in Britain, even the French believe it.

But at MSNBC, it's not even about the question. That network alone has determined that Saddam Hussein was *not* trying to acquire enriched uranium from Niger. Actually one other person may still agree with MSNBC, a discredited, washed-up State Department hack who used his CIA flunky wife's petty influence to scrape up pity assignments. But even he won't say it on TV anymore.

Shuster excitedly reported: "We've already gotten testimony that, in fact, that Joe Wilson's trip to Niger was based on forgeries that were so obvious that they were forged so that officials said it would have taken a few days for anybody to realize they were forgeries."

This is so wrong it's not even wrong. It's not 100 degrees off the truth — it's more like 3 times 8, carry the 2, 540 degrees from the truth. Shuster has twisted Wilson's original lie into some Frankenstein monster lie you'd need Hossler Perot with a handful of flow charts to map out in full.

During Wilson's massive media tour, he began telling reporters that he knew Saddam was not seeking yellowcake from Niger because the documents allegedly

proving a deal were obvious forgeries.

Again, thanks to endless investigations, we now know that Wilson was lying. He never saw the forged documents. (Not only that, but Bush's statement was not based on the forged documents because no one ever believed them.)

The bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee report notes that Wilson was asked how he "could have come to the conclusion that the dates were wrong and the names were wrong" when he had never seen the CIA reports and had no knowledge of what names and dates were in the reports. "Indeed, the United States didn't even receive the 'obviously forged' documents until eight months after Wilson's trip to Niger!"

Wilson admitted to the committee that he had "mis-spoken" to reporters about having seen the forged documents. Similarly, Cain "mis-spoke" when God inquired as to the whereabouts of his dead brother, Abel.

But on "Hardball," the forged documents that no one in the U.S. government saw until eight months after Wilson's trip now form the very impetus for the trip. A perfectly plausible theory provided you have a working time machine at your disposal.

If you wonder how it came to be generally acknowledged "Fact," accepted by all men of good will, that Joe McCarthy was a monster, that Alger Hiss was innocent, that mankind is causing global warming and that we're losing the war in Iraq, try watching the rewriting of history nightly on MSNBC. Don't forget to bring your time machine.

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Shielding kids from porn

While America was riveted on a murderous love triangle featuring a female astronaut driving 900 miles wearing a diaper, another significant story received little notice.



KATHLEEN PARKER

A new study reports that 42 percent of Internet users between the ages of 10 and 17 have viewed online porn.

Another day. Another blip. America shrugs. Porn has gone so mainstream that we hardly flinch at its mention anymore. No longer the dirty purview of the sleazy fringe, it's everywhere — in hotel rooms, on the Internet, in America's federal cabinet. But 10-year-olds?

I don't much care what adults do on their own time in their own space. But everyone — especially children — has a right not to see. Not to know. These recent findings, published in February's *Pediatrics*, are the result of telephone interviews with 1,500 Internet users. The University of New Hampshire researchers found that two-thirds of those exposed to porn didn't want to see the images and didn't seek them out. Most of these were ages 13 to 17, though a disturbing number were 10 and 11-year-olds.

Such research is relatively new because online porn is relatively new. Most adults over age 30 didn't grow up in a world where porn was so readily accessible. For a much younger world, forces a new question: Are children harmed by watching porn? Once upon a time when grown-ups roamed Planet Earth, no one had to ask that question. Of course viewing porn is harmful to children, who by definition are emotionally and psychologically unformed.

Images of (two or three or four) over-endowed adults consorting like a troop of deformed baboons is frightful to a child — at least until he gets used to it — and that's putting it mildly. Most of

what's available online, some of which is pathological, makes jungle romance seem dignified.

Filters help, but not much. Researchers found that unwanted porn exposure occurred despite the use of filtering and blocking software in more than half the homes with Internet access.

Even the most innocent query produces porn. Googling "adult diapers" for a possible column about astronaut Lisa Marie Nowak. I found myself in the midst of diaper fetishists and paraphilia fanatics.

We're not talking about incontinence here, but adults who like to dress and act like babies, including wearing diapers. Not all are sexual — babies don't have sex after all — but one thing leads to another on the Net.

Some of these folks, by the way, are offended by diaper jokes now circulating thanks to NASA's femme fatale. Here's a bet: We'll see hate-loke legislation to protect the cerberically fragile psyches of "adult babies," as they call themselves, before we see anything aimed at protecting real children from Internet porn.

The multibillion-dollar mainstreaming of porn has distorted, among other things, our judgment. Other recent research shows that the more porn people watch, the lower their standards for protecting children.

Dr. Mary Ann Layden, co-director of the Sexual Trauma

and Psychopathology Program at the University of Pennsylvania, tells of one study in which people were asked various questions before and after watching quantities of porn. One question was whether we should restrict children's access to XXX-rated material. Post-porn, the number of people answering "yes" was reduced by half.

Assessing children's responses to porn is more difficult. You can't just herd kids into a room, subject them to pornography and then study their responses. But we can make reasonable assumptions based on research, a growing body of which suggests that porn is addictive and can be psychologically and emotionally damaging.

Like any stimulant, the effects of porn diminish with use. More is needed to achieve the same result, the details of which we happily leave to the imagination.

Research also indicates that porn consumption is related to dysfunctional relationships. Men are dissatisfied with real women who fall short of porn standards, while women feel inadequate and betrayed by their partners' attention to virtual mistresses.

Children can't fare better. Porn's general inventories, but which are children to glean about grown-up relationships from watching men and women reduce each other to objects and orifices?

Not much that will be useful to them as they try to navigate intimacy with a real human being someday. What a shame. And if we had any sense, what a crime.

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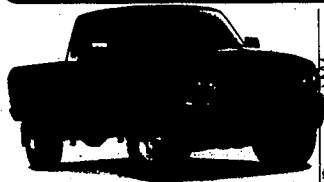
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What stays in Las Vegas shouldn't happen there

I'm the only person in the civilized world who doesn't want to go to Las Vegas. I've been there. It was a scary experience. Fifteen years ago, my first wife and I stopped in Vegas with our two young sons on our way home from Southern California. We checked into one of the hotels attached to big casinos along the Strip, and walked into our room. The first thing we saw was a safe in the wall. "Dad," my oldest son said, "I don't think this place is especially safe." Just so: The safe was broken. Then we went downstairs



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump.

for one of those all-you-cant-eat-for-\$1.25 buffets. The lobby was basically a confederacy of lounge lizards. I've never seen such a collection of oily characters outside a Texaco ad. "Dad," my youngest said, looking around warily and clutching my hand tighter. "I

want to go home now." The hostess in the restaurant, a young woman who seemed older than she looked, was wearing 4-inch heels and chewing gum, blowing bubbles when no one was looking. I didn't realize it was possible for a dress to be cut that low. She sat us down at a table, gave us menus, and walked away. Next came a drunk, who wanted to know if we'd seen his girlfriend. We hadn't, but fortunately for us the fellow got into an argument with a passing older runner and was escorted elsewhere by a couple of security guards.

After we paid our check, we walked over to the arcade — an area that the casino had set aside to entertain kids while their parents gambled. The place made the carnival midway at the fair look like a monastery. There was lots of entertaining stuff going on, presided over by folks with whom you wouldn't leave your children for a minute. The guy in the knock-over-the-milk-bottles-with-a-baseball booth looked like he would cheerfully hit you over the head with one. And the person in the pop-the-balloons-with-a-dart booth obviously took it per-

sonally whenever someone did. It happened to be a weekend when the University of Nevada at Las Vegas was playing for the NCAA basketball championship, so everything and everyone was festooned in the school's colors — scarlet and gray — including the slot-machine tokens. Then a guy on stilts dressed in a shark costume — UNLV's coach at the time, Jerry Turkkanin, was known as The Shark — walked through the arcade, roaring at the kids. "Dad," my youngest said, "I really want to go home now." We did, and none of us ever

had a hankering to return. But years later, the TV character who is the chief of the Las Vegas police forensics lab on "CSI" — played by actor William B. Davis — became my hero. "How do you tell the good guys from the bad guys in this town?" he asked his associates in one episode. "This is a city based on the principle that you don't need to feel guilty about anything." Except, I think, going back. Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3233 or scump@magicvalley.com.



Members of several Magic Valley choral groups, including the Magichords and a group from Burley, belt out the national anthem Saturday night in the 100-man choir before the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball game in Twin Falls.

100-man chorus silences college basketball audience

Want to sing?
The Magichords meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, 360 Spohnone St. E. To join, call Burt Hulsh at 733-8874.

TWIN FALLS — Their goal was to be the largest barbershop chorus to sing the national anthem in four-part harmony at a College of Southern Idaho basketball game. Chuck Lehrman and fellow

Magichords members met that goal Saturday night with a 100-man chorus that began with booming voices and ended with a standing ovation. "The enthusiasm has been very high," Lehrman said earlier in the day. "The guys that have come in have had a great time. Singing is the cappella version

of the anthem in lead, tenor, baritone and bass certainly caught the ears of many as the gymnasium was silent for the song. As the men lined up on the gymnasium floor, audience members removed their hats and placed hands to their hearts as the group began.

"Our goal was to sing the national anthem very well in front of an indoor basketball crowd and to have the largest chorus that's ever done this," Lehrman said. Singers were asked to devote two evenings of one hour each to practice, but some came to rehearsals three or four times.

Members of the Burley Rupert Barbershop Quartet said they would even participate in the event. "Lehrman sent out letters to high school choral teachers throughout the Magic Valley, other youth music programs

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Democrats' bid for more seats on the finance committee fails

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer
BOISE — It has been nearly two months since House Democrats walked out of the chambers in protest of not receiving an additional seat on the legislative finance committee. And while Republicans seem to have begun the second month of the 2007 session with the episode behind them, the Democrats — who are outnumbered 51 to 19 in the House — tried Friday to amend state law in hopes of avoiding future problems. House Minority Leader

Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, introduced legislation to a rules committee that would have enabled debate over whether the Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee should be re-structured to give minority parties more representation. And in 15 minutes, the Republican-dominated House Judicial, Rules, and Administration Committee killed Jaquet's proposal along party lines. The finance committee is a 20-member panel evenly split between the House and Senate. The legislation would have allowed that the House

delegation be formed on a proportional basis and rounded up. There are now two House Democrats on the finance committee. In December, the party, which added six members to its caucus, said it was entitled to a third seat. Rep. Janice McCaughin, R-Idaho Falls, a finance committee member, opposed the measure and called Jaquet's attempt to single out the finance committee from other committees "labeled logic." Jaquet said that the size of those committees changes every few years and is based on a legislator's makeup.

"The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee is a different type of committee," Jaquet told the committee. "The seat numbers are fixed and it's easy to apply this formula to this committee and it would be harder to apply this formula to other committees." McCaughin, who was the only GOP committee member to speak against the legislation, said afterward that there were no instructions from House leadership for how to vote. Such action would not violate any laws anyway.

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Idaho Power takes community approach

By Matt Christensen
Times-News-writer
HAILEY — A community-input energy project worked so well in the Treasure Valley, Idaho Power Co. is using the same approach to develop a long-term energy plan in the Wood River Valley. The program targets Idaho's faster-growing areas, and Magic Valley could be the next region to use the community committee planning process, said Lynette Berriochoa, an Idaho Power spokeswoman. A 19-person committee of Wood River Valley lawmakers, business owners and residents is working with power company advisors to develop an energy plan the company will refer to before building transmission lines, substations and the like.

with was extremely helpful for us as we look ahead at serving the valley's long-term needs." So far, the program has had real affects. The power company changed the location of a proposed transmission line after the Treasure Valley committee expressed concerns over its location, Berriochoa said. The committees were formed, she said, to help the company meet energy demands in Idaho's highest growth areas. The Wood River committee, which was formed in January and will meet once a month until a plan is drafted in June, is focusing on several energy options for the area, including a high-voltage transmission line into the valley from the south, an additional high-voltage line from Hailey to Ketchum and Sun Valley, and a cluster of smaller substations and transmission lines. The committee has also toured several of Idaho Power's energy-production facilities. McCaughin said the committee will soon "begin talking about design issues and some opinions they can look at," and then they'll start helping with make decisions — how we're going to lay out the system for the Wood River Valley." Berriochoa said a Magic Valley committee could be formed as early as next year.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg. peak**	% of peak***
Salmon	74%	49%
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Little Wood	61%	41%
Little Lost	60%	39%
Henry's Fork/Teton	59%	43%
Upper Snake Basin	70%	47%
Oakley	75%	52%
Salmon Falls	68%	47%

As of Feb. 10.

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snowpack season.

Twin Falls man left lasting impression through his canine business ventures

By Jami Whitte
Times-News correspondent
TWIN FALLS — Even as a kid Robin Golay knew he wanted to work with dogs. It was only fitting that years later he would breed, train and even feed them professionally. Golay, 46, died of cancer Jan. 16. "He was stern and sometimes people got a little hesitant," said his sister, Rosemarie Griffiths. "But after they realized what he was doing they accepted all of his

practices. He just had an amazing passion for loving animals. He bred and trained purebred retrievers at G o l a y R e t r i e v e r Kennels. He was so good that when he trained a dog for a Sun Valley owner with Hollywood connections he

aLife remembered
Robin E. Golay
Born: Dec. 22, 1958
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Survivors: Father, Gary Golay of Eagle River, Alaska; mother and stepfather, Naomi and Doyle Hansen of Eagle River, Alaska; two sisters, Rosemarie Griffiths of Bakerfield, Calif., and Tina Kelsey of Eagle River, Alaska; and his grandmother, Virginia Muse of Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

William L. Newman

BOISE — William L. Newman, 72, of Boise and formerly of Burley, passed away Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, at his home in Boise. He served honorably in the United States Air Force and retired from the Government Services Administration. He was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins. William loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. He spent a lot of time traveling to and collecting lighthouses. He was a member of the Stroke Club of Virginia. Retired Federal Employees of Boise and participated in the Northgate social gatherings. He is survived by a daughter, Gina Warren of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and two sons,

Lyman Clark Caughey

BUILT — Lyman Clark Caughey, 86, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates, with his loving wife at his side. Lyman was born in Lenora, Kan., on Aug. 12, 1920, to Dewey G. and Gladys M. Tutuma Caughey. Lyman and his brother, Bruce, moved with their parents to Filer, Idaho, in 1924. Lyman graduated from Filer High School. While in school, he was active in numerous sports, including football, baseball and basketball. During the early years of World War II, he worked for Dokes Aircraft, building plane components for the military. It was during this time he met the love of his life, Josephine "Jo" A. Bachman. They were married on April 15, 1944, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Torrance, Calif. Later that same year, Lyman enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Japan. After the war, Lyman and Jo moved to Filer, Idaho. He worked for Beau Brothers Warehouse in Filer and Buil until 1977 and then as a field rep for Green Giant until 1990, when he retired at age 70. Lyman was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 50 years. He

Joshua Keith Barnes

TWIN FALLS — Joshua Keith Barnes, 18, of Twin Falls, passed away Feb. 7, 2007. Josh was born Aug. 30, 1988, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born and raised in Twin Falls. He was employed at Jayco Manufacturing and often talked about his co-workers. Josh grew up playing baseball, whether it was a backyard game with his brother, cousins or his Morningside buddies. He played all levels of baseball including T-ball, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth, Twin Falls All-stars, Twin Falls High School Baseball and American Legion. Lifelong friends were made through the years of playing baseball. Friends that were "family" to Josh and his parents. Josh was a natural all-around ball player, avid hunter and fisherman. He could beat anyone in a backyard home-run derby contest. Somewhere found a patience to sit out fishy antics, cousins and friends. His parents were always amazed that he would wake up at the crack of dawn when involved hunting. He would find his brother, uncle and friends and, most always, he was lucky. His favorite places to hang out were the ranch in Malad and the family cabin in the South Hills. Josh loved to snowmobile with his dad, cousins and all the other snowmobile guys. He loved hanging out with those "snowmobile guys," Doug (Dip), Pat, Ruhter, Elam and Byron. Outdoor recreation with friends and family was a priority in his life. He spent many hours working on his truck and figuring out what to

Scott (Jolene) Newman of Boise, Idaho; and Blaine (Jodi) Newman of Pocatello, Idaho; and eight grandchildren, Ashley, Alex, Aubrey, Mackenzie, Ted, Sierra, Zakary and Dexter. He also survived by three stepchildren and their spouses, Charlene (Dan) Laino, Charles (Roseanne) Coupe and Steven (Michelle) Coupe. He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Newman Crouch; his father, Guy Newman; his stepfather, Mack Crouch; his ex-wife, Helen Newman; and his wife, Lillian Coupe Newman. The funeral will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery, with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral Tuesday at Payne Mortuary.

enjoyed spending time in the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and camping with his family. He spent many hours playing cards and crossword puzzles. His greatest joy was his family, and he cherished the time shared with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lyman is survived by his wife of 63 years, Josephine of Buil; four sons, James (Leann) Caughey of Buil, William Caughey of Elko, Nev., Robert (Brenda) Caughey of Troutdale, Ore., and Joseph Caughey of Huntington Beach, Calif.; six grandchildren, Tobias, Sadie, Kelsey, Jason, Jennifer and Jessica; and six great-grandchildren. Lyman was preceded in death by his parents; and only brother, Bruce of Buil. Peace be with you. Love, hope and faith. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buil. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buil. Visitation will be from 1 to 6:45 p.m. Monday, with a rosary service beginning at 7 p.m., at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buil, Idaho.

do to next. Josh always had to have a kind of pet. Once it was frogs he brought home from Stanley Lake, then salamanders from Malad. Next it was rats, a pet mouse, a rabbit and even birds he was known to capture-somewhat and, at present, his two cats and three dogs. He is survived by his parents, Don and Kathy Barnes; and older brother, Rocky Barnes and Melissa of Twin Falls; grandparents, Bob and Jackie Barnes of Twin Falls and Dale Thomas of Malad; uncles and aunts, Brent (Pam) Thomas, Gordon (Kathy) Thomas and Jack (Robyn) Barnes, all of Twin Falls, Dave (Lynne) Barnes of Boise, Denise Thomas of Twin Falls; and numerous cousins, all of whom loved him very much. He was preceded in death by his Grandpa Sam Thomas, his No. 1 buddy in life. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the First Christian Church on Shoshone Street in Twin Falls, with Pastor Tubbs officiating. A burial service will follow in Malad, Idaho. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made in memory of Josh Barnes at First Federal Bank. The funds will be used for adolescents with a mental health care. Contributions may also be made to Twin Falls High School Baseball in memory of Josh Barnes.

Nancy Mae McCoy

HEYBURN — Nancy Mae McCoy, 89-year-old Heyburn resident, entered into God's presence on Feb. 9, 2007, at a Sierra County-side Care Center in Rupert. She was born in Rock Creek, Idaho, on May 14, 1917, to John and Charlotte Walters Rose. She was the sixth child in a family of 12. She spent her childhood days in the Rock Creek area and attended school in Hansen, Eden and Rupert. She met the love of her life, Tim McCoy, at a dance in Burley, and they were married July 5, 1937. To this union, three children were born, Donna, Chuck and Karl. Nancy always enjoyed life and spent many good times with Chuck and Krinn, building the vacation home at Murphy Hot Springs. Many laughs were there when spending time with friends and grandchildren, children, riding motorcycles, swimming and inner-tubing on the river. Nancy and Timmy loved to dance and were the first ones on the dance floor and the last to leave a party. Timmy passed away in April 2001. We now think they are dancing with the angels. They spent the first nine years of their marriage in Sacramento, Calif., where Timmy, Donna and Chuck were born. They returned to Idaho, where Karl was born. She started working at the J.L. Simplot plant when it opened in Heyburn in 1960. She was employed there for 20 years, retiring in 1980. She enjoyed her job and met many lifelong friends there. Nancy had a very colorful personality and many talents. In 1985, she began making porcelain dolls and soon it became her dearest hobby. She was a meticulous seamstress and made beautiful costumes for each and every doll. She entered her dolls in fairs and was very proud of the many blue ribbons they won. She also loved the game of bowling. She bowled for more than 30 years, winning many trophies on various leagues. She spent many hours at the thrift store with her daughters searching for treasures. She also loved watching baseball and basketball, the Utah Jazz being her favorite. She enjoyed her hobbies and kept busy at all times. She lived life to the fullest and loved her family most of all. She will be deeply missed. She is survived by her children, Donna (Gary) Ennis of Rupert, Idaho, Chuck (Krinna) McCoy of Jarblum, Nev., and Karl (Rick) Brown of Richfield, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and her brother, Merlin Rose of Heyburn, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; five brothers; a daughter-in-law; and two grandchildren, Terry Shelby and Lisa Urquien. The family wishes to express its sincere thanks to the staff at CountrySide Care Center for the loving care extended during her stay. Special thanks to Dr. Boetcher for his concern and to Diane for the darling doll she made for Mom at Christmas. It made her very happy. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Bishop Todd Wheeler officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be 5 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the mortuary.

William Woodson "Woody" Estes

BURLEY — William Woodson Estes was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Yellville, Ark., the son of James Murphy and Jessie Marten Prichard Estes. Woody passed away Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Shirley, Burley, Benjamin, Dennis, Lake and Clyde Estes; one sister, Mary Helen Estes Houghton; a niece, Joy Estes Houghton; one nephew, Hank Estes; and a great-grandson, William Wyatt Rodgers. He married Cora Erma Allen on Dec. 24, 1938. They had two sons, William Allen "Bill" Estes, born in 1939, and Jack Clifford Estes, born in 1942. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Cora Estes; his sons, Bill (Dixie) Estes and Jack (Kathy) Estes; a grandson, Jack Estes Jr.; granddaughters, Charlene Estes, Tamara McCray and Melody Davis; great-grandchildren, Blake and Tara Rodgers and Trent, Kenny and Dee Hunsacker; and two great-grandchildren, Justin Peterson and Brooklyn Rodgers. In the mid 1930s, Woody and his family migrated from Arkansas to the Burley area. As a young man, he was a farmer and rancher, later working in construction at the Hell's Canyon dams and interstate highway systems in Idaho and Nevada. In 1968, he went to work for the Skaggs family at the 68 Ranch in Declo. This was a special time in Woody and Cora's life. He retired as ranch manager in 1982. After retirement, Woody and Cora built their own home east of Declo, where they enjoyed hosting and entertaining their many family and friends. Early in their marriage, Woody and Cora were square dance callers and participated in many dances in the Burley and Rupert area. Woody enjoyed traveling, hunting, camping and was an avid golfer all his life. After retirement, Woody and Cora enjoyed fishing at Salmon Falls with side trips to Jackpot. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff at Highland Estates for their kindness and care while Woody was a resident there. Thanks also to Rasmussen Funeral Home for their consideration and professionalism during this time. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1525 S. Main St. in Burley. The Rev. Darcey Gritzmacher officiating will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

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Gerardine L. Bateman of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Adalene Amalia Emily Dohse of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Park's Magic Viewing Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Howard Glenn Arrington of Twin Falls, funeral at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the LDS

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SERVICES

Church on Elizabeth Street; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Monday at the church. Margo Ellis Sears of Wendell, funeral at noon Monday at the Wendell LDS Church on North Idaho Street; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Demazary's Funeral Chapel in Wendell and from 10 to 1:30 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Margo Sears Memorial Scholarship Fund at U.S. Bank.

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Hal J. Amidan

ALMO — Hal J. Amidan, 47, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, in Burley, Idaho, of pancreatic cancer. He was born June 24, 1959, in Ogden, Utah, a son of Don and Lilla D. O. J. B. Amidan. He graduated from Weber High School in 1977. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He worked for Humphreys Construction until 1980, when he moved to Challis, Idaho, to begin his lifelong career of cattle ranching on the Dobbs Family Ranch. In 1986, Hal purchased a ranch in Northern Box Elder County located just south of Almo, Idaho, where he lived for the remainder of his life doing what he loved. Hal was a well-loved and respected member of the com-



munity, a willing supporter of church and scouting activities, and volunteered his time to help build the Almo Volunteer Fire House. He was also a member and president of the Bridge Grazing Association. Surviving are his father, Don; brothers, Larry Amidan, Michael Amidan, Garry Amidan and Ronald Amidan; and sisters, Judy Christofferson, Linda Farney and Lori Payne. Hal was preceded in death by his mother; nephew, Eric Christofferson; and his grandparents. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lindquist's North Ogden Mortuary, 2140 N. Washington Blvd. in North Ogden, Utah. Friends may call from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the mortuary. Interment will be in the Millville City Cemetery in Millville, Utah. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Cancer Research Fund of your choice. Condolences to the family may be sent to lom@lindquist-mortuary.com.

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Respite — Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Bluff, Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell and Jerome areas. Call Edith at 734-4761.

Walker — A local resident needs a walker with a seat and hand brakes. Call Roberta at 544-7720.

Volunteers — The Twin Falls County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloging artifacts and greeting visitors at the museum. Call Darleen at 734-4675.

Drivers — The Jerome Senior Center needs volunteer drivers to transport senior citizens to the center for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers will receive free lunch and mileage reimbursement. Call Kris at 321-5642.

Drivers — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is looking for volunteers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Call Karen at 734-5084.

Tutors — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors for adult students (age 16 and older) in reading, English, math, citizenship and English as a second language. The program also needs volunteer tutors in outreach towns. Call 732-6536 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6536.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice has openings for volunteers who can help in the home, visiting with patients or relieving the caregivers. The volunteers can help run errands or be available for the families. Office assistance is also welcome. Volunteers are also needed to help with the ninth annual golf scramble. For information about the volunteer program and training, call

Want to help?

The public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 320, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Call weekly to retain your request.

Susan or Grace at 734-4064 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley is in need of volunteers in the Wendell, Gooding, Bluff and Kimberly areas. The volunteers are needed for providing transportation, visiting in homes, relieving the caregivers or running errands. Office assistance is needed in Twin Falls for planning and conducting fundraising activities. For information, stop by the new office at 252 Deere St., Suite A, Twin Falls, or call 733-6333.

Gowns/shoes — Cinderella House at Rock Creek Community Church is in need of formal gowns, cosmetics, shoes and jewelry to accommodate the 16 area high school schools. To donate items, bring them to the Twin Falls Senior Center at 530 Shoshone St. W., with the notation "For Cinderella House Project." For information, call Doree at 733-8118 or Dayle at 734-3955.

Food items/cleaning supplies — Hospice Visions is in need of nonperishable food items, paper products or cleaning items to be used at Visions of Home hospice home, east of Jerome. The group provides hospice care for anyone in the community regardless of ability to pay. To donate items, bring them to the office at 209 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls or call Flo Slatter at 735-0121 to arrange a pickup time.

N. Idaho animal shelter to close following violations

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Officials in this northern Idaho city have decided to close the Coeur d'Alene Animal Shelter, which had been criticized by the state Department of Agriculture for various violations.

City Administrator Wendy Gabriel said officials decided the money used to operate the shelter could be better spent elsewhere, and the city is considering starting its own shelter or beginning a partnership with Kootenai County and the Humane Society.

About 30 dogs and 50 cats are at the shelter. Any dogs not adopted by Feb. 28 will be moved to the Post Falls Animal Shelter. But the Post Falls facility does not take cats, and it is unclear where they will go.

The closing of the Coeur d'Alene facility was announced Friday.

"We just kind of got hit with all of this kind of quick," Rochelle Potter, the shelter's office manager, told the Spokesman-Review. "Hopefully we can have them all adopted in a week. But the doors are going to be closing by the 28th."

The city had a contract with the Watson Agency to run the shelter. Last month, 10 violations were found at the shelter, including poor drainage and ventilation that left sewage on the floor and odor in the air.

"While I think Watson was doing the best they could with the resources they had, it wasn't enough to adequately manage the animals they had coming in," said Phil Morgan, executive director of the Kootenai Humane Society.

He said it was a good decision by the city to end the contract and called it "the first step

In moving forward to bettering the conditions for the animals.

The Watson Agency was planning to ask the city for \$50,000 to make improvements to the shelter and an additional \$7,500 a month to operate it.

Gabriel said the contract was ended because of financial reasons, and the violations were not a factor.

"The city thanks the Watson Agency for their service and for their care of our animals over the years," Gabriel said.

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N. Idaho pulp mill opts against burning tire-derived fuel

LEWISTON (AP) — A pulp and paper mill in northern Idaho has withdrawn its request for permission to burn fuel derived from tires or a byproduct of the petroleum refining process called petcoke, a company official said.

Some people had feared could have increased the amount of sulfur dioxide released from the mill, but Potlatch Corp. spokesman Matt Van Vleet said the decision was financial.

Emissions at the mill would have been within the limits of the company's air quality permit, Van Vleet said.

The company is still seeking permission from the Idaho Department of Environmental

Quality to burn other alternative fuels, such as trash, yard waste, construction debris and pulping byproducts.

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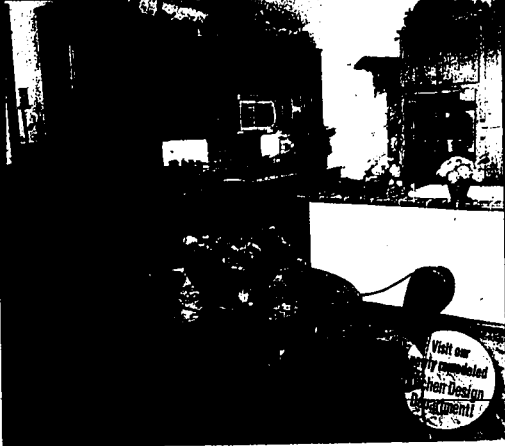
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Shades of the Old West

Two Oregon ranchers dead in cattle dispute

By Terence Petty
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Four cows that had gone missing from their spread in Eastern Oregon led cattlemen Dennis Beach and his son, Travis, to a cousin's ranch about eight miles away.

What happened next was like a scene out of the Old West — a tragedy of cousins against cousins, a man shot off his horse by a lever-action rifle, and two dead ranchers. It's a tale as tangled as tumbleweeds in barbed wire.

The ranch owner, Tom Beach, wasn't there when Dennis and Travis Beach arrived to fetch their cows. But the ranch caretakers were: Shane Huntsman and Donna Carol Beach Dunning, who is Tom Beach's sister.

An argument over ownership of the cattle ensued. "This ends now," Huntsman told Dennis and Travis Beach, according to an affidavit filed in court by a Wallawa County deputy sheriff.

Huntsman killed Dennis Beach, shooting him off his horse with a .30-30 caliber rifle. Travis scuffled with Huntsman, who hit Travis in the head with a rock. Travis wrestled the rifle from Huntsman and shot him, according to the affidavit.

The Wallawa County district attorney has decided not to press charges against Travis Beach for Huntsman's death, saying he acted in self-defense. But the case isn't over. Dennis Dunning later been charged with trying to kill 28-year-old Travis Beach. According to court papers, she gave Huntsman the rock he used to hit Travis Beach while urging Huntsman to "finish him off," she has pleaded not guilty.

Dennis, Travis and Tom Beach and Dorothy Dunning are descended from a pair of brothers who ranched together for decades and a family that traces its roots in Wallawa County back a century.

The confrontation occurred



Dennis Beach



Shane Huntsman



Dorothy Dunning

on Jan. 10 on ranchland about 10 miles north of Enterprise, an area where the Beach brothers had originally settled.

Tom Beach was out of state at the time of the shooting and his wife Laura was in town, said Sheriff Fred Steen.

"This ends now."

— Shane Huntsman to Dennis and Travis Beach, according to an affidavit

Dennis and Travis Beach went to Tom Beach's spread, perhaps eight miles away, to retrieve four cows.

More than a month earlier, Laura Beach contacted the brand inspector to inform him that four cows that belonged to someone else were on the ranch.

"Which is what you're supposed to do, when you discover you have cows that don't belong to you," Steen told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his office in Enterprise.

The sheriff said he's still investigating how Dennis Beach's cows wound up there.

"But it's not unusual for cows to wander off the range and end up at someone else's place," he said. Laura Beach was aware that Dennis and Travis Beach would come and get their cows, "maybe not that day but at some point," Steen said. On the day of the shooting, three of the cows were already penned in a corral, as if they were waiting to be picked up.

The affidavit filed by Deputy Sheriff Eric J. Kozwinski lays out what happened after Dennis Beach and his son arrived. It is based on interviews with Travis Beach and Donna Carol Beach Dunning.

Dennis Beach and Huntsman argued about ownership of the cows, the affidavit says. But Steen said the argument may have gone beyond

the ownership of cattle. He wouldn't elaborate.

Huntsman went into the house and returned with Donna Dunning, and with a .30-30 lever-action

rifle. Huntsman ordered father and son to get down in the snow. Travis did, but Dennis wouldn't. Huntsman then shot Dennis Beach in the chest, knocking him off his horse, the document states.

Travis tackled Huntsman and struggled for the rifle. Dunning yelled at Huntsman to "finish him off" and "save his skull in," the affidavit says. According to the document, she gave Huntsman a rock and he hit Travis Beach in the head with it.

"Travis Beach managed to grab the rifle but was unable to aim it because the scope was

filled with snow, so "he pointed it as best he could at Shane" and fired, the affidavit says. Beach was unsure if he had struck Huntsman, and recalled seeing him run behind a barn, the affidavit says.

Beach drove to an Oregon Department of Transportation shop and called 911. His head cut and bloodied, Travis Beach wept when he told a deputy what happened at Tom Beach's ranch.

Deputies found Dennis Beach and Huntsman dead near a barn. They also found four spent .30-30 casings and a bloody rock.

Donna Dunning was inside the house with some relatives including a sister, said Steen, "which was a little puzzling."

"People in Eastern Oregon have been rattled by the shooting. Even though spaces are vast and the population is sparse, it's a close-knit part of Oregon."

"The impact is severe," said Sheriff Steen, "It's been very traumatic."

Pregnant mom and two children killed in collision with teen driver

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police on Saturday released the names of a pregnant woman and two of her children killed in a collision with a teenage driver.

Michelle Williams, 41, Ben Williams, 11, and Anna Williams, 9, were pronounced dead at the scene of the Friday night crash, Salt Lake City police Lt. Michael Tuttle said.

The woman's husband, Christopher Williams, 42, and a third child, Sam, 6, suffered serious-to-critical injuries and were taken by helicopter to area hospitals.

Both remained hospitalized Saturday but no condition updates were available.

Tuttle said. Police believe the family was headed home from a high school basketball game when their car collided with an SUV under an Interstate 80 overpass near 2700 South and 2100 East.

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Deputy charged in theft of \$400 from courthouse

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake County deputy has been charged with theft for allegedly stealing \$400 from a courthouse office to pay his utility bill.

James Coleman, 40, has been charged in 3rd District Court with a class A misdemeanor for the alleged theft which occurred on Jan. 3, court documents state. A class A misdemeanor is punishable by a one year sentence in the county jail and/or fines.

A Matheson Courthouse surveillance video shows Coleman in a security office removing a folder from a filing cabinet, court documents state. It also shows Coleman repeated going to the security office door and looking out.

Prosecutors say Coleman told another officer he needed to use the office phone because his cell phone had died and he needed to call his girlfriend to get a ride home from work.

Later that day, Coleman is seen on a surveillance tape from a check cashing business talking on his "dead" cell phone and paying his \$150 power bill with cash.

Court documents show Coleman said the power at his home had been shut off. Coleman also told detectives he used the rest of the money to buy food.

Coleman has been a corrections officer with Salt Lake County for seven years, sheriff's office Lt. Paul Jarosack said. He was transferred from the jail to court security just prior to the alleged theft.

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Burley man a farmer for life

By Tress Tegan
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Max Burton was a farmer for life.

He died Jan. 12 at the age of 84.

Burton was born in Burley on Dec. 11, 1922, one of three children born to Joseph E. and Selma Danielson Burton. His father was a farmer and he grew up working on the family farm in Springdale. He attended Springdale School until eighth grade when he began attending Burley High School. He would later tell his children he graduated from Springdale as its eighth grade "valedictorian."

He graduated from Burley High School in 1940 and moved to Portland, Ore., where he lived with his aunt and uncle, Fred and Latta Danielson. While there he worked in the shipping yards and drove a logging truck.

He returned to Burley in 1942, where he met Dorothy Coffman of Rupert. The two were married a few months later on Jan. 8, 1943.

After the wedding, he worked at a wrecking yard until spring when farming began again. They rented a 60-acre farm with only \$500 in the bank to start their own farming business. They worked that ground and his father's 30 acres using his father's equipment. They borrowed money to purchase six cows and used the milking checks to repay the loan. It was then they purchased their first piece of machinery, a side-delivery rake and a team of horses.

In 1944, Burton enlisted in the Navy. He was stationed in San Diego, so he and Dorothy sold their cattle, but kept what little machinery they had. He was a medical corpsman in the service, working in the Navy hospital in San Diego.

Burton was discharged in 1946, and moved his family back to Burley where they rented a farm and helped his brother farm his father's land as well. It was then that he bought his first tractor and cultivator and built his own bean cutter.

In 1947 he rented an 80-acre farm west of Burley and bought three horses. The following year, however, the land was sold and they had to move to Burton's father's land. He gave them some land and they built a small two-bedroom house. They rented another piece of ground and purchased a hay rack. He began doing custom farming and Dorothy and the children helped out on their own land.

They continued to purchase additional machinery and rent more farm land. In 1953 Burton rented 320 acres of land north of Rupert. Together, he and his brothers worked 500 acres, in addition to raising cattle. In 1955, Burton decided to rent some land closer to home and found some land south of Burley. They increased the number of cattle they were raising and some time later began raising sheep as well.

His children remember driving the cattle and sheep between Raft River and Burley. The say that tourists would sometimes stop along the Interstate and take photos of the "rock life cowboys."

They also raised thoroughbred and quarter horses for both flat and chariot racing. They traveled to tracks in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Nevada and their children all looked forward to their turn to travel with their parents to the races. Their excitement was in part because the ones who stayed home had to take care of the chores and animals

until they came home, but they loved the outings as well.

Their children learned to work at an early age. They were driving tractors as soon as they could see over the steering wheel, much to the amazement (and fright) of some of the neighbors. He and Dorothy taught their children how to work, to be honest and to be respectful of others, especially adults.

Although farming kept him busy, Burton still found time to take part in civic activities.

a life remembered

D. Max Burton

Born: Dec. 11, 1922
Died: Jan. 12, 2007

Survivors: His children, Richard (Lynda) Burton of Declo, Carol (K.) Wells of Oakley, Don (Vicki) Burton of Burley and Dennis (Cindy) Burton of Rupert; 17 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.



Max Burton was part of the Cassia County Mounted Posse for many years, serving as captain in 1957.



Max Burton was a farmer for life, raising beets, hay and grain in addition to livestock. He farmed 500 to 800 acres with the help of his family.



Max Burton served in the United States Navy from 1944-46. He is shown here with his son Dick.



Max and Dorothy Burton were both awarded honorary FFA degrees while supporting their four sons in their FFA activities. From left are sons Richard and Don, Max, with Dorothy, and sons Dennis and Gary.

He was a member of the Claremont Grange, the Magic Valley Catter Association, the Burley Elks and the Sugar Beet Growers. He was chairman of the North Cassia Fire District board, president of the Good Sams Club and captain of the Cassia County Mounted Posse. He and Dorothy were both awarded honorary FFA degrees while supporting their four sons in their FFA activities.

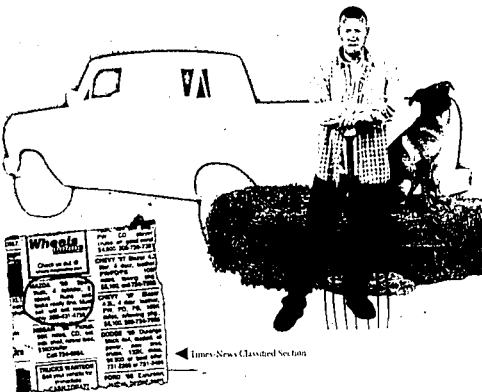
In 1994, after 52 years of marriage, Dorothy died. Burton married Bessie Wagonman and they were together for 10 years before they divorced.

Even after retiring Burton stayed active. He volunteered as a senior companion through the Office on Aging for a time, taking people who were no longer able to drive to appointments, to the store or

to the senior center. He enjoyed meeting friends for coffee each morning and pool every week.

Burton led an active life. From farming to volunteering, he stayed busy and productive.

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About 20 members of the school's Future Business Leaders of America club are certified income tax preparers. The group is offering free help with basic 2007 tax forms to other students and low-income families.

a head start on a career as an accountant.

"When you first start it is difficult, but after a couple of returns it gets easier," Mijic said. "This helps prepare you for the future."

"They definitely know what they're doing."

— Candice Hawkins, who had her taxes done by the students last week

"They definitely know what they're doing," said Candice Hawkins, a Layton resident who had her taxes done by the students last week. Hawkins said she was nervous about the idea at first but was pleased with the results.

Northridge students were trained and authorized to prepare basic tax forms through an Internal Revenue Service program, accounting teacher Christy Barnard said.

The IRS approached the Davis County School District about developing an IRS Income Tax Assistance site and district leaders suggested Northridge as the site, Barnard said.

Students have set up service hours during lunch, free periods and after school. In return for their work, students get volunteer credit and boost on scholarship and college applications, Barnard said.

This is an awesome chance for them to get some experience in the field... and they've now learned to prepare their own taxes," she said.

Students filed more than 40 returns during the first two days, services were offered. Barnard estimates students will complete at least 200 returns before the site closes April 13.

Student Nikola Mijic, 16, said the training is giving him

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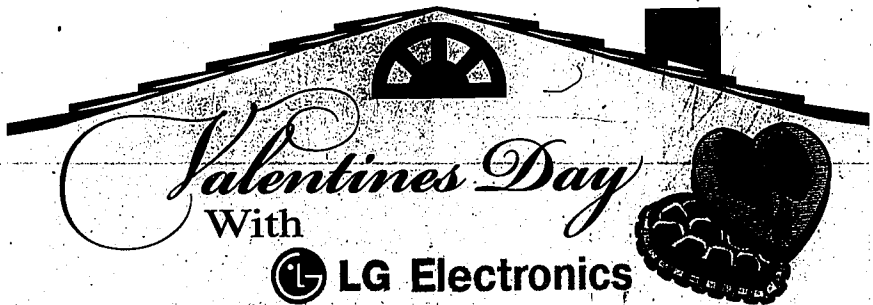
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Akey works to build trust, enthusiasm

Idaho coach stops in Twin Falls to greet Magic Valley boosters

By Mike Christensen
Times-News

TWIN FALLS — During the off-season, most college football programs focus on building strength and conditioning among their players. Certainly that is part of the plan for new University of Idaho head coach Robb Akey. But for Akey and his staff, one other aspect reigns supreme.

"We're trust-building," said Akey, who met with Vandal boosters Saturday at Jade Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Akey is the fourth head coach at the University of Idaho since 2003, following Tom Cable, Nick Holt and



New Idaho Vandals head football coach Robb Akey, center, signs a hat for football fan Scott Huetting Saturday before Akey's speech to Idaho Vandals boosters in Twin Falls.

Dennis Erickson in the position. When Erickson returned for a second stint with the Vandals' last year and signed a five-year deal, enthusiasm began growing among Idaho players and fans. With a

resume that included two national titles at the University of Miami and time with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers, Erickson wanted to make the Vandals dominant once again. But after just one 4-8 season, Erickson left for Arizona State where he was named head coach Dec. 12.

Enter the charismatic Akey, 40, who takes his first head-coaching job after being the defensive coordinator at Washington State. The minute the Dec. 20 press conference to announce his hiring ended, Akey headed to his office to tackle his first priority on the job.

With many of the players away for Christmas break, Akey picked up the phone and started calling each of them one-by-one.

"We've got to build trust with them and I completely understand that," he said. "They've had three

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College of Southern Idaho guard Maria Moore takes the ball to the hoop Saturday night during CSI's victory over Colorado Northwestern Community College in Twin Falls.

CSI women get sweep

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The big question now: Are they any better?

The No. 16 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team took care of business Saturday night, dispatching the Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans 87-68 in Twin Falls. While the 20-4 Golden Eagles led their way with the 5-10 Spartans this weekend, only time will tell if the two-game scenic West Athletic Conference sweep has CSI ready for this Friday and Saturday's pivotal games at Salt Lake Community College.

At 11-3, the SWAC record got better, but did CSI as a whole?

"We did yesterday. We did not today," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "I didn't want to come out and run it up on this team. I tried to run some things and we looked out of synch all night."

CSI was in control early and ended the first half with a 34-4 run to take a 52-31 lead going into the break. The Golden Eagles made a concerted effort to get the ball inside off their half-court sets, feeding freshman post Anita Burdick for 19 first-half points on 7-of-7 shooting from the field and 5-of-6 from the stripe. Burdick played only 10 minutes in the first half, but those 19 points were a team high. Fellow freshman post Eva Ivanova took over the low-post duties in the second half, scoring 10 off of CSI's half-court sets.

"We haven't had that the last couple years and Eva, Anita and them did a good job once they caught it tonight," Rogers said.

Maria Moore helped pace CSI with 15 points, while Brittany Moore added nine. Rogers wasn't pleased that CNCC out-rebounded his team 45-33, but CSI did force the Spartans into 32 turnovers. CSI

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Golden Eagles cruise past Spartans

CSI saves the drama for trip to Salt Lake

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

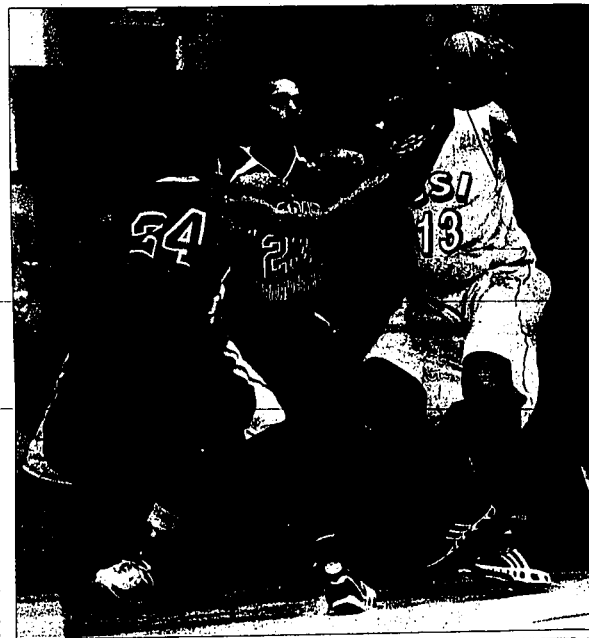
TWIN FALLS — Halftime took a heavy toll Saturday night.

Sleepy referees, sleeper fans and a worn-down Colorado Northwestern Community College team tried to keep pace, but after 20 minutes of run-and-gun basketball and the midgame respite, nobody in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium could keep up with the No. 7 Golden Eagles men's basketball team. CSI controlled every aspect of Saturday's 131-84 win, rolling to a 22-2 and 12-2 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play heading into this Friday and Saturday's showdown at Salt Lake Community College.

"I thought we played harder," CSI head coach Barret Peery said. "We didn't get a few bounces and they hit some shots. They hit shots all night long, but we played harder."

The Golden Eagles led 57-34 at the half, thrilling a modest crowd with six first-half dunks and a flurry of steals. With CSI firmly in control after the break, the Golden Eagles fans steadily evacuated the gymnasium as their team pulled away. It quickly became the Kelvin Davis show with eight minutes left as the sophomore guard pumped in back-to-back 3-pointers before converting a gliding transition layup off his own steal to put CSI up 100-66 after CNCC previously cut the Golden Eagles' lead into the teens. Davis finished with a game-high 27 points to go with three steals and helped CSI run out to a 52-point advantage with 2:41 left in the game.

Freshman Terry Fields backed up Friday's career-high 24 points with 16 points in the win. With Travis Bunker out with a foot fracture, Fields has filled in nicely and will need to continue to do so against



Colorado Northwestern Community College defenders foul College of Southern Idaho center Brandon Stores Saturday night at CSI.

SLCC and Snow College in two weeks.

"Terry's just maturing and getting better and better," Peery said. "Terry's a good player and he's going

to win a lot of games at CSI." Fellow freshman Art Farakhouiski also gave CSI a boost with a 13-point, 11-rebound double-double. Juan Fattille added 20 points, while

Derek Lorenzen, DeCarlos Riley and Kevin Ford all finished in double digits.

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Elder Zillner wins battle between siblings as CSI splits

Golden Eagles hammer NNU, lose to Albertson

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News contributor

NAMPA — You win some, you lose some, especially in a first-year program; but that is never the whole story.

College of Southern Idaho head softball coach Nick Baumer is attempting something incredibly daunting. He intends to make a winner out of his program in its first year. Saturday at the Bob Welch Halle Field in Nampa, the team showed exactly what it is capable of in terms of success and failure, beating Northwest Nazarene 20-5 before falling 6-3 to Albertson College.

CSI 20, NNU 5

The Golden Eagles lambasted Northwest Nazarene University in this exhibition match on the Crusaders' home field.

Both teams went three-and-out in the first inning, but CSI erupted in the second to score five runs on five hits, an error, a walk and a wild pitch.

Anna Sorrell hit an RBI double which plated Jalena Williams to open the scoring. Katelyn Warren, Belinda Turley and Desirae Thomson



College of Southern Idaho freshman pitcher Jody Zillner, left, pitched against her elder sister Katie Zillner Saturday during an exhibition game between the Eagles and Albertson College in Nampa Saturday.

each also drove in a run in the rally. Crusaders pitcher Dana Shipley could do nothing to stop them.

CSI starting pitcher Stephanie Holmes held her own in the second, striking out cleanup hit-



ter Shawnta Juarez looking and then got Amanda Phillips to chase a rising ball. CSI continued to assault Shipley, but more patiently in the third inning. The team added another three runs as Rochelle Noren scored

from third base on an overthrow. Thomson hit a sacrifice fly, which scored Sorrell and Warren scored on a ground-ball single. That gave CSI an 8-0 lead going into the bottom of the third.

In that half-inning Holmes struck out the side and her day was done. Lacey Bowman would finish the game for the Golden Eagles in the circle. Holmes finished the day with five strikeouts, no walks, no runs and only one hit.

The fourth inning was the runaway. The Eagles drew four walks against new pitcher Jessica Boyce and had RBI hits from Brett Montgomery, Holmes and Turley. Boyce also walked in two consecutive runs. CSI scored seven runs in the fourth to extend its lead to 15-0.

"I think we came out and swung it well against NNU," Baumer said.

Indeed.

The pitching for NNU did struggle as some balls actually rolled to home plate. Late in the game the Crusaders rallied, scoring a run in the fourth on a walk-in by Bowman. They added a four-run rally in the fifth, to no avail. They went down 15-5. That inning did bring the fans back to life and gave the Crusaders some fighting spirit for the final innings. Phillips hit an RBI double in that inning, two other Crusaders hit RBI infield singles, just bunting the ball around.

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SPORTS

Lions, Red Devils advance in Southside

By Diane Phibbin Times-News writer
MURTAUGH — The Murtaugh Red Devils defeated the Hansen Huskies 72-55 and the Lighthouse Christian Lions eliminated the Raft River Trojans 58-42 in Northside games at the Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament Saturday in Murtaugh.

Lighthouse Christian 58, Raft River 42
MURTAUGH — Playing what Lighthouse Christian coach Sam Fowler felt was the best the Lions played all year lifted Lighthouse Christian past Raft River 58-42.
"Who we saved it until now, I don't know," said Fowler. "We boxed-out, shot and played defense. Raft River had a hard late game last night and they may have had legs."

game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer Saturday. The 31-29 win puts the Indians into a 6 p.m. loser-out game Monday against Bliss in Shoshone.
Shoshone coach Larry Messick said neither team managed more than a four-point lead in the game. Both teams hit 12 field goals, including three threes, but the Indians hit two more free throws. Still, Shoshone missed the front end of three 1-and-1 situations in the final two minutes that set up the close finish. Dietrich's Tyrrell Porter got a good look at a 3-pointer before the horn, but it hit the back rim.

Wrestling
Bruins sweep tri-meet
JEROME — Twin Falls earned a 75-6 win over Ellers and a 47-26 win over Jerome in a tri-meet Saturday. The host Tigers blanked Ellers 71-0 in the other match.
For the Bruins, Tyler Hill (125 pounds), Tyler Hlasek (130), Chance Bequa (145), Grayton Stone (160), Brent Martinez (171) and Chris Knauer (205) all earned a pair of pins on the day.
Jerome standouts Keenan Allen (112), Mike Cummins (135) and James Swensen (215) earned two pins apiece. Tigers scored 11 points, all from a pair of pins on the day.

Kimberly grad honored
TWIN FALLS — Kimberly TWIN FALLS graduate Sydney Silva, a sophomore at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn., was named North Central Conference Wrestler of the Week on Feb. 6. The 133-pounder went 4-0 last week, winning during a dual against Upper Iowa and then going 3-0 to win his weight class at the Moco Mercer Tournament.

Murtaugh 72, Hansen 55
MURTAUGH — Trailing 19-15 after the first quarter, Murtaugh matched Hansen with 17 points in the second leaving the Red Devils only four points behind the Huskies at the break, 36-32.
"We made a run right before the half so we had some momentum coming out after the break," said Murtaugh coach Adam Johnson. "We wanted to pick up the defender intensity and fight for better shots instead of just taking jump shots. The third quarter was, big. We played great defense and hit some shots, giving them only one shot."

Lighthouse Christian held a 22-4 lead after the first quarter and held a 23 point margin at the half, 37-14.
"Who we seemed to come together at the right time," said senior Corey Paulson.
The Trojans did outscore the Lions in the second half, 28-21 after Raft River coach Jeff Greenwood issued a challenge to his players in the locker room.
"The late game last night may have contributed to our play but Lighthouse Christian played well," said Greenwood.
Senior Corey Paulson scored 18 points for the Trojans who finished their season at 8-13.
"Cody Fowler is a class act," said Fowler. "He is every coach's dream to coach."

Bliss 59, Community School 29
SHOSHONE A split effort on both ends of the floor fueled Bliss to a 59-29 win in a loser-out game at the Magic Valley Northside tournament. Adam Burk pulled up in 17 points, while El Gough and Leon Holton each added 12.
The win by the Bears sets up a rematch with Shoshone Monday at 6 p.m. The Indians upset Bliss in the first round on Thursday.
The Community School got 14 points from Mac Whitigton, but the Indians' Cartwrights didn't shoot a single free throw in the loss.

Late Thursday
Magic Valley Southside
Hagerman 63, R.River 46
MURTAUGH — A four-point game through three quarters turned into a Hagerman runaway late Friday as the Pirates beat Raft River 63-46 to earn a spot in Monday's Magic Valley Southside Conference title game opposite Castleford.
Hagerman's constant full-court pressure wore down the Trojans, according to Pirates coach Kevin Cato. The Pirates got 23 points from Jason Brown, who hit four 3-pointers. Hagerman also hit an impressive 23-of-25 free throws, including a 10-for-11 showing the pivotal fourth period in which the Pirates held a 19-6 scoring edge.
Raft River was led by Cody Powers and Hurst, who each scored nine.

Game 1
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Magic Valley Northside
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Shoshone 31, Dietrich 29
SHOSHONE — A tight game from start to finish went Shoshone's way when Dietrich missed a potential

Shoshone 31, Dietrich 29
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Vandals

coaches leave them in the last little while. So they need to know that somebody's here who wants to be here and who cares about them. So we've got to prove to them."

That's what got a passion about it," he said. "That's what gets me fired up."

He'll continue that effort March 31 when spring practice begins. On April 27, the Vandals will hold their final scrimmage of spring ball. Then comes summer strength and conditioning in preparation for August when fall practice begins and the class of 2007 arrives in Moscow.

fourth inning when game-one winner Stephen Holmes drove a 3-run homer that left centerfielder for the only home-run of the game. The two-out, two-run shot also reached on a dropped fly ball, which should have ended the inning.

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Softball

Albertson College 6, CSI 3
The Golden Eagles faced much tougher pitching in Game 2 thanks to the powerful arm of Albertson Community Junior Katie Zillner.

twice being clocked at 63 mph.
The sisters played high school softball together and helped dominate the Class AA ranks in the Southern Idaho Conference at Emmett, but Saturday, only one could win.

in the first inning, a runner reached on an error. Zillner gave up two hits in a pair of consecutive runs before getting out of the inning. Her speeds were excellent; her location fine, but the Coyotes hit her pitches.

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CS1 splits against Scottsdale

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The College of Southern Idaho basketball team split a pair of games with Scottsdale Community College Saturday, winning the opener 4-2 before falling 6-4 in the nightcap. The results put CSI at 3-2 on the season.

CSI coach Boomer Walker was pleased with Chaps's day. "His going to be a good one, so we're excited about the way he threw today," said Walker.

The Golden Eagles scored all four of their runs in the third. After loading the bases on a hit, a walk and a fielder's choice, CSI scored two runs when Grant Keeler and Brad Mady drew walks. Jeff Hutton's two-run double pushed the lead to 4-0.

In Game 2, the Golden Eagles belted 11 hits while Scottsdale had 12. Walker said the game was the Eagles' best of their five in Arizona in terms of offense and intensity. Unfortunately, CSI knocked a number of pitches right at defenders or the number of hits and runs would have been larger.

"We couldn't have swung the bats any better and we only got four runs," said Walker. "That's the way the ball bounces."

The Golden Eagles travel to Henderson, Nev., for the Community College of Southern Nevada Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

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SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING NASCAR Nextel Cup Bud Shootout at Daytona. Race results table with columns for Rank, Driver, Team, and Time.

BASKETBALL NBA All-Star Game. Results table showing scores for various teams and individual player statistics.

BASKETBALL NBA All-Star Game (continued). Further results and statistics for the All-Star game.

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GAME PLAN TV SCHEDULE

TV SCHEDULE. List of television programs including FOX, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN3, and various sports events with their respective times and networks.

HOCKEY NHL All-Star Game. Results table showing scores for various teams and individual player statistics.

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SKI REPORT

SKI REPORT. Table listing ski resorts, their locations, and various statistics such as lift tickets and snow conditions.

SKI REPORT (continued). Further details on ski resorts, including weather forecasts and trail reports.

Bryan brothers give U.S. 2-1 lead over Czech Republic in Davis Cup

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic — The U.S. Davis Cup team is one win from leaving the decimated city of Ostrava in triumph and returning to the familiar hard courts of home. Bob and Mike Bryan led Lukas Dlouhy and Pavel Vizner 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 Saturday in doubles, giving the United States a 2-1 lead over the Czech Republic in the first round of the Davis Cup. The Americans need one more win in Sunday's two reverse singles matches to reach the quarterfinals. The top-ranked Bryan twins never lost their serve, improving their Davis Cup record to 10-1 and remaining unbeaten on clay at 5-0. "The Bryan brothers proved they were No. 1 in the world," Czech Republic captain Jaroslav Drobny said. Andy Roddick, ranked No. 4, will play No. 12 Tomas Berdych in Sunday's first singles. If Roddick loses, it will come down to a match between No. 6 James Blake and No. 10 American, who is ranked 154 places behind the American.

annual St. Patrick's Day Fun Run/Walk on March 17. The event will be held at the Malaga State Park off Interstate 84 at the Tulle Creek. There will be prizes for the top runner about 4 1/2 miles and live music by Third Lake from Mountain. Organizers hope to better the 300-450 runners the event averages each year. The run starts at 11 a.m. with race-day registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$25 through March 13 and \$30 after that and includes lunch, a race T-shirt and a chance at door prizes. "The lunch can also be purchased by family members the day of the race for \$5 per person. Registration forms can be found online at http://www.spondora.com or downloaded from http://www.hagermanmagicsports.com. For more information, contact Kris at 837-6613 or for Suzanne at 837-6116. MTA holds singles tournament TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Tennis Association will hold its 12th Indoor Singles Tournament on Feb. 21-24 at the Twin Falls Center. The tournament is open to all MTA members. The entry fee is \$30, with entry forms available at the YMCA or at Elevations Sports. Alternatively, entry forms are available at http://www.magicvalleytennis.com. The entry deadline is Feb. 14. For more information, call Bill Fowler at 312-3925 or Mike Sato at 741-1633.

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AFC 31, NFC 28

AFC holds off late charge by NFC in Pro Bowl

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — Even while the star-studded AFC cruised to a comfortable lead in the Pro Bowl, Carson Palmer could sense a wacky finish lurking just beyond everybody's control.

"With this much talent, anybody could change the game at any time," the Cincinnati quarterback said. "You've got to expect something crazy to happen, because it will."

Palmer's hunch proved correct in the improbable final minutes — but thanks to Palmer's poise and a costly NFC penalty, the AFC's Hawaiian vacation ended with another win.

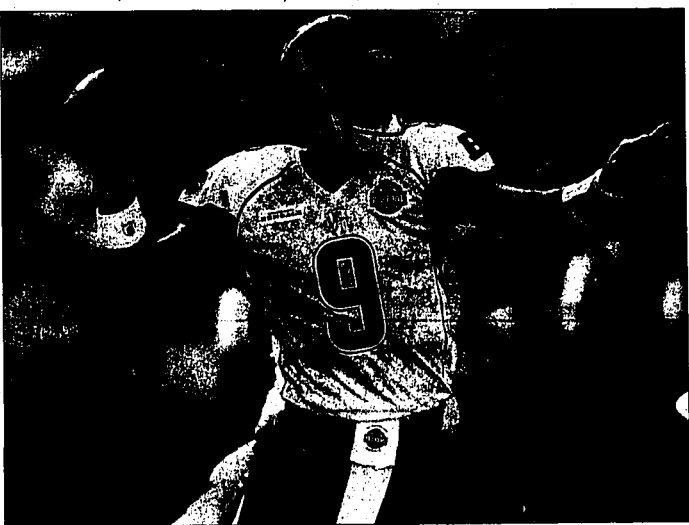
Nate Kaeding kicked a 21-yard field goal as time expired to cap another strong drive led by Palmer, the MVP of the AFC's 31-28 victory Saturday in the 57th edition of the NFL's all-star game.

The NFC trailed 20-14 with 3 minutes to play before injecting a little drama into this normally mellow exhibition. Steven Jackson scored on a fourth-down TD run, and Romo Barber recovered an onside kick to set up Anquan Boldin's 47-yard TD catch from Tony Romo with 1:30 left — followed by a tying 2-point conversion catch by Carolina's Steve Smith.

Suddenly, the AFC's \$40,000 bonuses for winning the game were in doubt. But just as quickly as the NFC's playmakers got back in the game, the AFC got it together again.

"I had a feeling they were going to have one more shot," Jackson said. "These games are all about who lands the last punch, and Carson is a great player."

Palmer, who passed for 190 yards and two touchdowns, calmly got the AFC across mid-



Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer looks to throw the ball during the Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Saturday.

field — and then Arizona's Adrian Wilson, mistakenly believing Palmer's long pass had been tipped, leveled Chad Johnson at the goal line before the throw reached them.

"The 39-yard pass-interference penalty put the ball near the goal line. San Diego's Kaeding easily made his field goal, setting off fireworks at sold-out Aloha Stadium for the talent-rich AFC's eighth win in the last 11 Pro Bowls.

Palmer threw a 42-yard TD pass to Johnson and a 72-yarder to Reggie Wayne, and

Baltimore's Ed Reed intercepted two passes before the frantic finish. Palmer, who took over for Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning after just two series, went 8-for-17 in his first Pro Bowl appearance after missing last season's game with a knee injury.

"This is all just a fun game," said Reed, who tied the Pro Bowl record for interceptions. "Carson made two great throws, and those guys made great catches. We needed those points." — **League MVP LaDainian**

Tomlinson also ran for a score as AFC underlined its regular-season superiority — but until things got tight, neither side cared much about the result in the league's annual postseason showcase.

Instead, they welcomed new stars such as Vince Young — the first rookie quarterback here since Dan Marino in 1984 — and said goodbye to older pros who won't be back.

Tiki Barber, the New York Giants' running back, who's retiring after a 10-year career, scored on a 1-yard run in the

second quarter. Kansas City guard Will Shields, who appeared in his record-tying 12th Pro Bowl, also is contemplating retirement.

Baltimore's Adalton Thomas returned Baltimore's fumble 70 yards for a confusing score in the first half, but there was no confusion about the game's best play: Sean Taylor, the maverick Washington safety, broke the unwritten rule about hard hits in an exhibition when he viciously leveled Buffalo punter Brian Moorman on an attempted

fake in the third quarter. "Believe it or not, it wasn't as bad as it looked," Moorman said. "It was just hard. It took me a second to realize that it didn't hurt so bad, so I got right back up."

Tiki Barber threw an interception and rushed for just 4 yards on seven carries, but the veteran scored the game's first touchdown. He got a standing ovation from the crowd and his fellow players when a video tribute to his career was shown on the scoreboard with 1:58 to play.

"I've been ready for this for a while, and I've been expecting it," Barber said. "I'm excited. I'm not sad and upset that it's over. I'm just real happy that it happened the way that it did, and I achieved all that I had, and get to go out on my terms."

Romo passed for 156 yards in the second half, and San Francisco's Frank Gore made an early TD run. The crowd actually booed Romo in the second half as the NFC's early comeback attempt stalled, but the Dallas quarterback led three strong final drives.

He was stopped on a fourth-down quarterback keeper on the first drive, but after Young fumbled, Jackson made a gutsy scoring run on another fourth down with 2:54 to play. The AFC tried a fake on the conversion attempt, but Romo — who had no trouble holding for kicks after his infamous fumble in a playoff loss to Seattle — couldn't find an open receiver.

Manning capped his week of NFL's best play with 67 yards passing in just two series as the AFC's starting quarterback. NFC starter Drew Brees also played just two series before dislocating his left elbow — a scary moment for both the Saints and the NFC squad, but one that unlikely to affect next season.

PEBBLE BEACH NATIONAL PRO AM Mickelson, Sutherland share lead and survive the weather

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The conditions were the toughest Phil Mickelson has faced in eight months, a day of survival when it was important to keep the ball in play and keep big numbers off the scorecard.

That's the kind of language often used at the U.S. Open. This was only the wet, cold, windy and miserable Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, where patience is tested not because of 6-inch rough but six-hour rounds. The similarity was Mickelson's lead going into the final round, the first time he's been in that position since last summer at Winged Foot.

All he has to do now is write a better ending, although redemption didn't even cross his mind.

"I don't really think in those terms," Mickelson said. "I would like to get off to a good start this year, and I love playing this tournament, having won it a couple of times. It would be nice to get momentum on the West Coast."

Mickelson only two small errors at Spyglass Hill



Kevin Sutherland tees off on the 15th tee during the third round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am at the Poppy Hills golf course in Pebble Beach, Calif., Saturday.

and shot a 2-under 70, putting him at 14-under 202. He was tied with Kevin Sutherland, who birdied the last hole at Poppy Hills and also found himself in a familiar spot.

It was the second time in three weeks he birdied the last hole to get into the final round. And it was the second time all the focus was on somebody else. He had Tiger Woods in the group ahead of

him at Torrey Pines. Now he gets Mickelson at his side at Pebble Beach.

"That's to be expected," Sutherland said. "I'm playing well right now. I'm shooting scores that I should be shooting given the way I'm playing, so I feel good about tomorrow."

John Mallingier, a 27-year-old rookie, had a 68 at Poppy and was one shot behind.

Mickelson is perfecting his swing by the day, and what helped this week was the perfect rotation of courses. He played Pebble Beach on Friday, the only day the wind didn't howl much, and shot 67.

Sutherland opened with a 72 at Pebble Beach on Thursday and rallied at Spyglass and Poppy.

Jim Furyk had to take an rain that fell sideways in 20 mph gusts at Pebble Beach on Saturday, and it was costly. He hit a fairway metal for his second shot on the par-4 10th over the cliffs and took double bogey, and wound up with a 76, six shots behind.

"A tough day to be at Pebble," he said. "I could have done a lot better job. I have a lot of work to do tomorrow."

GOLF ROUNDUP

Webb first at Ladies Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia — Five-time winner Karrie Webb shot a course-record, 10-under 62 for a share of the third-round lead in the ANZ Australian Ladies Masters.

Webb, coming off a victory last week in the Women's Australian Open, matched fellow Australian Michelle Ellis (69) at 15-under 201 on the Royal Pines course.

join Haas and James (69) at 11-under 133 on The Old Course at Broken Sound. Morris Hutasky (67) was a stroke back, and Dana Quigley (65), Brad Bryant (67) and Andy Bean (69) were 9 under.

Nick Price, making his Champions Tour debut after turning 50 on Jan. 28, was 2 under after his second straight 71.

Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Argentina's Ricardo Gonzalez shot a 3-under 69 to tie Englishman Marcus Hiley for the third-round lead in the Malaysian Open. Hiley had a 70 to match Gonzalez at 7-under 205, two strokes ahead of Angelo Que (68), Edward Loar (72) and Tom Messawot (70).

NASCAR Stewart wins Shootout to solidify contender status for Daytona 500

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Tony Stewart again drove his way into Victory Lane at Daytona.

It just wasn't the race that really counts.

Stewart won the exhibition Budweiser Shootout on Saturday night, setting himself up as a top contender to win the season-opening Daytona 500. That's the last of the NASCAR crown jewels that Stewart wants, and he reported to Speedweeks intent on adding it to his resume this year.

"We've definitely figured out how to win Saturday night races here at Daytona," Stewart said. "We've just got to figure out how to win a Sunday race."

The Shootout win was his 10th victory at Daytona in various series, but none have come in the "Super Bowl of stock car racing," as he has called it. He's best finish was second in 2004, when he pushed Dale Earnhardt Jr. to the win.

"I'm still just happy every time I get a chance to come to Victory Lane here at Daytona," he said. "Obviously, I'd trade all three of these Shootouts and both Pepsi 400s to win one Daytona, the 500 on Sunday."

He's off to a very good start. Stewart nudged Kyle Busch out of the lead with eight laps to go, then calmly drove to his third victory in the all-star event when runner-up David Gilliland never challenged.

"I don't think we touched him. It looked really close, obviously, but I don't think we touched him," Stewart said. "If we could have touched him, it would have sent him up the race track and he would have crashed."

Busch, who needed a huge shove to keep his car off the wall, finished seventh and seemed certain that Stewart made at least slight contact. "It wasn't on my hand. It was just that little bit enough



NASCAR driver Tony Stewart celebrates after winning the Budweiser Shootout auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Saturday.

Cup champion, has been on a tremendous roll since missing out on NASCAR's title hunt last September. Despite being out of the Chase, he won three of the final 10 races in an outstanding close to an otherwise mediocre season.

Then he took a brief December break before jumping into a sprint car — his first love — and dominating at the grassroots level. He won two January events, including the prestigious Chili Bowl, a sprint race that Stewart treasures as much as he does his NASCAR titles.

It has given Stewart momentum at the start of the season, and he'll try to carry it for one more week and into the 500.

"I think Tony's worked extremely hard to get ready for this year, and we always think we have a chance in any race that Tony's in," car owner Joe Gibbs said. "It's so tough to win the 500. Winning that race is a big deal for us, but winning the 500 is a very hard thing to do."

Busch led six times for a race-high 42 laps and had the race in command when a caution spooked him with a two-tire stop. He was able to get up a quick round of pit stops. Busch went onto the service road as the leader and held the position after Kasey Kahne picked up.

But Kasey Kahne's two-tire stop that put him in second, followed by Kurt Busch and Stewart.

Earnhardt, who overshot his stall as he entered the pits, came out in 11th place. Busch's race resumed with 13 laps to go, and Stewart wasted little time motorizing into second place. Then he worked his way onto Kyle Busch's bumper — and with a subtle push at 185 mph, knocked Busch out of the way as he slid into the lead.

Kurt Busch finished third and was followed by Nextel Cup champion Jimmie Johnson and Kevin Harvick.

Your Scores and Stats

BOWLING

SUNSET BOWL CLUB... BOYS GAMES: Mandi Olson 556, Claudine Strickland 513, Lena Hauby 508, Darla McCallister 499.

MON. YABA... BOYS GAMES: Anik Wagner 430, Darren Butler 358, Braden Tadlock 333, Dylon Sparks 218.

SUNSET SENIORS... MEN'S GAMES: Charlie Hill 214, Ed Davis 208, Ed Hanna 591.

STARLINE... MEN'S GAMES: Chuck Hicks 27, Matt Olson 21, Todd Dickenson 213.

SPARE PAIRS... MEN'S SERIES: Tom Rhodes 584, Mitch Olsen 580, TC-Tomlinson 579.

MEN'S GAMES: Charlie Hill 226, Pat Russell 225, TC Tomlinson 224, Mitch Olsen 224.

LADIES GAMES: Kay Miller 615, Darla McCallister 522, Mary Peterson 491, Debbie Franklin 473.

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PIKESTERS... MEN'S SERIES: Charlie Hill 619, A. Koolman 599, Ed Davis 591, Cody Hicks 571.

GAMES: Ed Davis 244, Dirk McCallister 232, Al Koolman 229, Ken Burns 227.

MASON TROUBLE... MEN'S GAMES: Connie Bomier 511, Katie Oswley 496, Nancy Bright 453, Lynnette Butler 427.

BOWLDROME TWIN FALLS NFL SUPER BOWL... MEN'S SERIES: Mike Trammell 411, Ryan Lucht 401, Paul Dorat 383.

GIRLS SERIES: Teri Myers 241, Samantha Chua 266, Tiffany Greer 241, Almee Myers 219.

EARLY MIXED... MEN'S SERIES: Rick Fredrickson 718, Dennis Seckel 693, Ron Marshall 655, Dale Black 653.

MON. MAJORS... BOYS GAMES: Anthony Vest 533, BOYS GAMES: Anthony Vest 212, GIRLS SERIES: Danielle Allen 502.

MON. MIXED FOLLIES... MEN'S SERIES: John Bonnett 662, Rocky Bennett 620, Rocky Reece 576, Duke Stimpson 563.

SPECIAL FORCES II... MEN'S SERIES: Trevor McLean 367, Terry Kissinger 317, Norman Archer 299, Chris Fay 295.

SH-BOOM... MEN'S SERIES: Darrell Reynolds 687, Byron A. Hager 671, Lee Crump 620, Kelly Jewrow 566.

MID MORN. MIXED... MEN'S SERIES: Maury Miller 692, Eddie Chappell 641, Chelece Eager 584, Gerald Leis 583.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS... LINDA VIRING 520, GUNDO SCHEER 489, LAURA BROCK 487.

LATECOMERS... SERIES: Barb Aslett 620, Linda Vining 544, Lisa Allen 511, Diane Newton 510.

CITY MIXED... MEN'S SERIES: Rod Sorenson 646, Mike Watchford 637, Ryan Shul 534, Lloyd Cirincino 517.

CONSOLIDATED... MEN'S SERIES: Rod Sorenson 683, Rick Morrow 676, John Bonnett 674, Denny O'Brien 670.

M.V. SENIORS... MEN'S SERIES: Ed Detry 596, Clayne Williams 588, Myron Schroeder 571, Ray LaPointe 563.

LADIES SERIES: Joan Sorenson 487, Jean McGuire 582, Carolyn Beaver 481, Linda Cline 481.

LADIES CLASSIC... BOYS GAMES: Chris Samson 157, Garrett Peterson 139, Nick Overton 136, Ryan Overton 131.

SPECIAL FORCES I... MEN'S SERIES: Marcus Henkelman 255, Rickie Rogers 196, Steven Henbest 188.

BOYS GAMES: Patrick Correl 239, Zack Black 234, Kyle Mason 209, Dominic Curtis 196.

Coming Monday

See Monday's Times-News for coverage of Saturday's opening ceremonies for the Twin Falls Women's City Tournament at Magic Bowl.

MAGIC BOWL TWIN FALLS... MEN'S SERIES: Keith Kelly 692, Marc Owens 645, Darwin Dudley 582, Rod Adema 579.

COMMERCIAL... SERIES: Leon Kilmes 627, Ryan Worden 625, Robert Watkins 617, Bruce Major 612.

PIIONEER... SERIES: Tom Champlin 635, Brenda Aftin 590, Barb Rochelle 578, Julie Shaffer 575.

WALLEY... SERIES: Scott Stowe 693, Robbie Maxfield 672, Mike Tackett 659, Byron Hager Jr. 656.

THURS. MIXED... MEN'S SERIES: Jack Boyd 590, Chelsea Eager 588, Blaine Ross 586, Gerald Leis 564.

FIFTY PLUS... MEN'S SERIES: Bob Lezer 713, Ray Turpin 674, Chad Kepner 663, Corey Magee 641.

PEEWEE & BUMPER... BOYS SERIES: Nathaniel Bybee 106, Jaymond Dry 188, Alex Peterson 169, Jacob Hildreth 153.

THURS. MIXED... MEN'S SERIES: Jody Bryant 678, Charles Lewis 669, Robbie Maxfield 644, Joel Johnston 602.

EARLY P.M. MIXED... MEN'S SERIES: Robb Maxfield 596, Dave Florke 587, Ted Wasko 575.

SAT. YABA... BOYS SERIES: Patrick Correl 625, Zack Black 609, Kyle Mason 529, Dominic Curtis 516.

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BURLEY HIGH SCHOOL... SERIES: Andrew Morgan 564, Michael Boehmer 490, Ed Christian 486, Amanda Rowley 423, Cassie Lindsay 410, Breanna Pace 376.

DECLO HIGH-SCHOOL... SERIES: Brody Osterhout 181, Jordan Moon 153, Cody Kruse 150.

MINICO HIGH SCHOOL... SERIES: John Hamilton 539, Todd Renz 562, Chad Steube 519, Francis Fowler 477, Amanda Studer 450, Katie Kinsey 419.

PIKESTERS... MEN'S SERIES: Quenten Roberts 288, Joe Fisher 267, Nichole Williams 435, Chancy Knopp 407.

LOONEY KIDS... SERIES: Fred Fowler 488, Steven Fogor 346, Jim Lidell 157, Megan Hall 156, Ashley Hill 230, Kari Beaver 37.

TUESDAY MIXED... SERIES: Bob Bywater 630, Gary Pawluty 615, Jordan Parish 586, Theresa Knowlton 496.

RAILROADERS... SERIES: Kris Rodriguez 569, Lisa Hutchison 522, Deon Fasset 478, Katie Hamblin 478.

WED. MIXED... SERIES: Marty Holland 643, Tyson Hirsch 539, Matt Blauer 537, Annette Hirsch 559, Verna Hoyt 447, Susan Fowler 443.

THURS. MIXED... SERIES: Jody Bryant 678, Charles Lewis 669, Robbie Maxfield 644, Joel Johnston 602.

FRIDAY MIXED... SERIES: Danin Carter 672, Shannon Carter 610, Joan Parish 573, Norma Carter 496.

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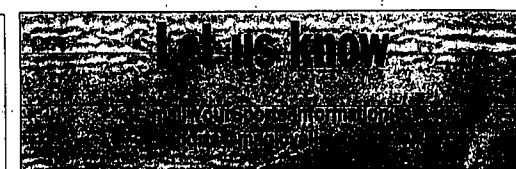
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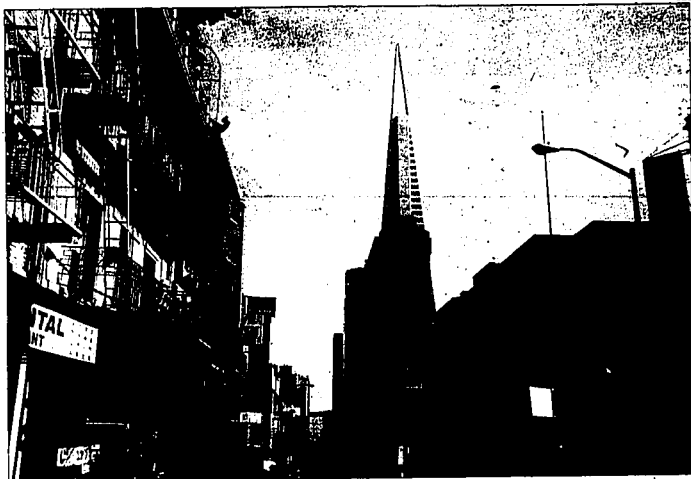
City men's bowling tournament nears

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Men's City Tournament will be March 10-11 and 17-18 at Bowladrome. Entry forms for both tournaments are available at Bowladrome and Magic Bowl.



San Francisco's Chinatown

When locals give tours, Chinatown visitors get an insider's take on storied neighborhood



The Transamerica building towers over Chinese storefronts in San Francisco's Chinatown on Jan. 20.

By Juliana Barbassa
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Behind Chinatown's gilded storefronts, dim sum joints and souvenir shops are stories — often unpleasant ones — of civil rights violations, racism and

public housing struggles. These are some of the tales Wendell Lin spun on a recent Saturday.

The 20-year-old guide is one of the high-school and college students who lead Chinatown Alleyway Tours, a two-hour glimpse of the otherwise clamorous neighborhood's quieter corners.

The program is sponsored by a local nonprofit that works to improve residents' quality of life. For \$10 a head, you get to wander the labyrinth of back alleys with an expert guide providing some of the fare you'd expect — tales of long-gone opium dens, for example — and some you wouldn't, like the barber shop where Frank Sinatra and Clint Eastwood once got their hair cut. And it's all delivered with the personal, often edgy perspectives of an insider.

"This is about community, by people from the community who want to show Chinatown for what it is, not just profit from it," Lin said. "Chinatown has always been my

home, my headquarters."

The stories the guides tell are drawn in equal parts from history books, community lore and firsthand research done by the students themselves. Their casual chatter, sprinkled with the "bums" and "likes" typical of their generation, cuts through stereotypes, taps into difficult topics, and offers rare moments of levity during those awkward moments when a name or date is forgotten.

The small lapses don't matter — it's their connection to the place, the fact they care, that makes a difference, visitors said.

"I'd written Chinatown off as touristy stuff," said Robert Solomon, visiting with his wife from Princeton, N.J., to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. "I didn't realize what a strong community it was."

The walk starts in Portsmouth Square — "Chinatown's living room" — where residents of one of America's densest neighborhoods come to socialize, play and take in the sunshine.

Dozens of women drop their grocery bags to take a quick break, kids crawl over a play structure, and cid-

erly men gather for games of Chinese chess or cards.

This, the city's oldest plaza, and the narrow alleys that slice through the surrounding blocks are the only open spaces available to many Chinatown residents. The neighborhood's dozen or so square blocks include approximately 140 single-room occupancy hotels with about 50 units each, where entire families cram into an 8-foot by 10-foot space, Lin said, indignation in his voice.

Many of these hotels were built following the 1906 earthquake that leveled San Francisco. The occupants deal with the cracked ceilings, pest control problems and poor lighting typical of older, hastily constructed buildings.

But some residents, particularly the elderly, find it hard to leave the neighborhood, Lin said.

They have the comfort of clothes ties and a common language.

Also, housing in Chinatown is still affordable, though it's hemmed in by some of San Francisco's most expensive districts, in a city that tops the nation's housing market.

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Tour guide Alan Tan, right, takes visitors through Spofford alleyway in Chinatown.



Women engage in conversation on Portsmouth Square in San Francisco's Chinatown.



Barber Jun Hu, left, cuts a customer's hair on Ross alleyway in San Francisco's Chinatown.

If you go ...

CHINATOWN ALLEYWAY TOURS: <http://www.chinatownalleywaytours.org> or 415-984-1478. Tours offered Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. during the school year and most days in summer. (Most guides attend school.) Reservations must be made at least five days in advance. Adults, \$18. Students, 10-17, \$12. Children 6-9, \$5, and 5 years old or younger, free. Tours start on the upper level of Portsmouth Square (corner of Clay and Kearny), across from the Hilton Hotel's bridge and near the elevators to the Portsmouth Square Garage.

Amy Tan's San Francisco: Dim sum and then some

By Cindy Loose
The Washington Post

San Francisco's Chinatown is too full of tourists, so passe.

This, according to best-selling author Amy Tan. But Chinatown is the setting for so many of her novels, practically a character. A place of intrigue. Exotic, colorful, dreamy.

Chinatown can be fun, Tan concedes. It's just that now, there's a cooler, lesser-known part of town where the newest immigrants from China, Vietnam and Russia have settled: In the Richmond District, around Clement Street.

That's just one of Tan's favorite haunts in the city that has been her home for 30 years, and the place of her dreams during the years she spent growing up on the fringes. In a series of Bay area towns including Oakland and Hayward. To a suburban teen-ager in the late 1960s, San

Francisco emitted a siren's call.

"My vision of the city was formed during that time," Tan says. "It was the city of love: Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, the Fillmore, Haight-Ashbury. That was the city to me. I dreamed of living there — literally dreamed of it." Thing is, even after decades of living the dream, Tan is as in love with San Francisco as she was then.

"This city is like an opera — very dramatic, historical, tragic, funny, lyrical, beautiful, over-the-top," says Tan, who hit the literary scene in 1989 with "The Joy Luck Club" and has since published four more novels, two children's books and a book of essays. Tan knows San Francisco like she knows the quirky characters of her books, and best of all, she's willing to share.

In a one-day whirlwind tour, she reveals her favorite places to eat, play, walk and be entertained in the City by the Bay.

The guilt, the guilt

"I feel like such a traitor," Tan says from her new home atop a Sausalito hillside, even though her husband constantly assures her that the waterfront community within view of downtown is really just another San Francisco neighborhood. "Their move over the summer was prompted by the fact that the three flights of stairs in their San Francisco home were becoming a bit much for older family members and friends.

Still, from her yard, porch, living room and dining room, Tan has a panoramic view that includes many of San Francisco's iconic images. The view provides a backdrop for her first set of observations and suggestions.

First off, tons of tourists visit the park beneath the Golden Gate Bridge, but the nearby Presidio is bigger, better and less crowded, she says. The

views from the park that for 218 years had been a military base — first for Spain and Mexico and until 1994 for the United States — are glorious, and she wants to take me there later to visit a cemetery overlooking the San Francisco Bay.

The Presidio, part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, also has beaches, tidal marshes and 200 species of birds on nearly 1,500 acres. There are 11 miles of hiking trails and 14 miles of paved bike trails, a pier for fishing and crabbing, a golf course and an area where locals wind surf.

For the adventurer, Tan suggests hiking through the Presidio, across the Golden Gate Bridge and into the wild and scenic headlands of Sausalito.

In the distance, Alcatraz Island, home to the infamous prison, now a museum.

Although it's the city's No. 1 tourist attraction,

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WINDY & WET FORECASTS

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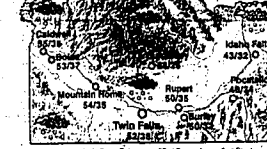
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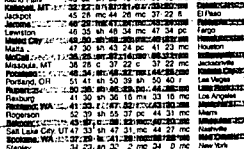
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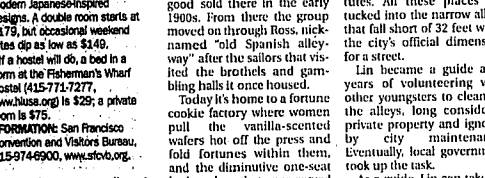
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Amy Tan

Continued from page C7. Tan says, she had never been there until recently, when visiting friends wanted to take a look. It was worth the trip, she says.

Straight out her living room window, you see Angel Island, the green one with no obvious buildings. Hidden from view are the historic buildings that once served as the West Coast's entry point for immigrants. Now it's parkland open to visitors and accessible by ferry. Trails lead to the 790-foot summit of Mount Diabolo, miles of bike paths and campsites.

"It's rare to find a beautiful city where you can go hiking and within minutes and downtown watching opera," Tan says. Paris and New York are fabulous, and you can walk everywhere, but you can't walk 20 minutes and be hiking in the wild, with nobody else there.

Below her windows is San Francisco's greatest asset: the water. "It's what people love, and it's constantly changing, from glassy to choppy, gray, blue, sometimes with hints of gold, or the pink and orange reflections of a sunset."

As he head down the hills of Sausalito to catch a ferry into the city, Tan points out two restaurants worth the journey downtown. If the ferry ride and its views of the skyline, water, bridges and islands aren't enough: Poggio, a moderately priced Italian trattoria, and Caffe Trieste, a coffee shop with sandwiches, pastries and live jazz on weekends.

First stop: Tan's favorite bookstore, Book Passage, where she is greeted with a hug by owner Elaine Petrocelli. In the best tradition of independent booksellers, Petrocelli in the past 30 years has hosted more than 6,000 authors at this and another location in nearby Corte Madera.

"One section features books signed by the authors, a major display with novels by, among others, Isabel Allende, Dashiell Hammett, John LeCarrot, Armistead Maupin and, of course, Amy Tan.

Amy Tan's San Francisco

WHERE TO EAT:

- The Fish Grill (324 Hayes St., 415-863-5545) specializes in seafood. Dinner entrees are \$17.50 to \$24. On weekends, the restaurant sets up a stall at the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market with oyster po' boys, crab cakes and other sandwiches.
• Ton (Hayes 424, Cozy Blvd., 415-752-4440) has a wide menu of classic Chinese dishes, including Haka specialties, and great dim sum. Most entrees are \$10 to \$16, with lobster and crab dishes around \$25. Dim sum is a few dollars per dish, or \$16 (\$8+ is intended to be shared by two for \$35).

• Yank Sing (101 Spear St., 415-957-9300, and 49 Stevenson St., 415-541-4949) serves traditional dim sum and small, dim-sum-style portions of entrees such as Peking duck. A plate of dim sum starts at about \$5, or buy some as single portions so you can try more things for about \$1 each.
• Quince (1701 Octavia St., 415-765-4265) has the best meals I've eaten and the best Vietnamese fusion food I've had. No wonder that the arts, theater, artists, authors and thinkers often talks and tours, among other events, many of them, free, Tan says. The city's best regular free entertainment on Sundays in summer at Stern Grove, where music and dance are offered in an outdoor amphitheater.

"Once a performer got sick, and he was replaced last-minute by Placido Domingo," Tan recalls. The San Francisco Symphony, she adds, is terrific, and she recommends eating beforehand at Hayes Street Grill. Be sure to order a cone of incredible fries, she says.

3,000 kinds of tea

After lunch, we stroll through the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market, which is my newest reason for visiting and living in San Francisco. The Ferry Building that houses the market opened in 1899 but eventually languished for many years because city planners decided to build a highway around it. After damage from the 1989 earthquake forced the highway to be torn down, someone recognized the potential of this old building along the water, with a clock tower modeled after the bell tower of the 12th-century Seville Cathedral in Spain.

On Saturdays and Tuesdays, farmers practicing sustainable agriculture display their wares in stalls outside, and anyone who doesn't like crowds might want to avoid it. Other days, visit for the restaurants or the gourmet food shops that inspire the wish to picnic or cook.

Chinatown

Continued from page C7. "With seniors, this is honestly where they can afford to live," said Lin. "We're sitting in the middle of very expensive land."

Once questions about living conditions were exhausted, and the conversation moved to the exclusionary laws that once kept Chinese women from immigrating, the group remembered into Wentworth Alley, the first on the tour.

Like other alleyways, it also has a Chinese name — in this case meaning "Peace and Harmony Alley" — and a nickname — Sally Fish Alley, after the dried and salted gold sold there in the early 1900s. From there the group moved on through Ross, nicknamed "old Spanish alleyway" after the sailors that visited the brothels and gambling halls it once housed.

Today it's home to a fortune cookie factory where women pull the vanilla-scented wafers hot off the press and fold fortunes within them, and the diminutive one-seat barber shop that once served O! Blue Eyes and Dirty Harry. The barber wifes away time between customers by playing the violin alongside smiling sighs of his famous clients.

A few doors down, Lin points out a building housing three, family associations, which once helped recent immigrants with loans and tips on jobs, but now serve as gathering places where the elderly can play mah jong and arrange shared bus trips to far away cemeteries to honor their ancestors.

A big band marches down the neighboring street, the horns and drums echoing in the narrow alleys, and Lin explains that it's a funeral service meandering through the neighborhood to give the deceased one last look at Chinatown.

Walking on, the group passes the first Buddhist temple in North America: an elementary school whose Chinese students were originally barred from attending other schools in San Francisco; and a house where a Presbyterian minister once hid young Chinese women brought here to work as servants or prostitutes. All these places are tucked into the narrow alleys that fall short of 32 feet wide, the city's official dimension for a street.

Lin became a guide after years of volunteering with other youngsters to clean up the alleys, long considered private property and ignored by city maintenance. Eventually, local government took up the task.
As a guide, Lin can take his work a step further, explaining "the neighborhood's rich history, the significance of these alleys, so people won't litter in the first place."

San Francisco residents Gil Carmel, 30, and his wife Deborah Solomon, 31, took the tour with her visiting parents.
"We're always walking around, discovering new spots, but this felt a lot more personal," he said. "There's a lot of emotion there in some parts."

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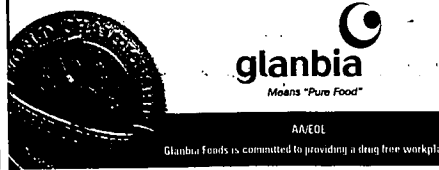
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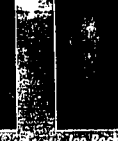
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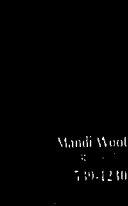
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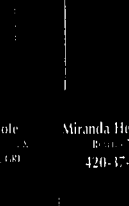
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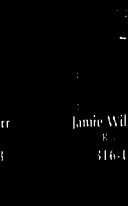
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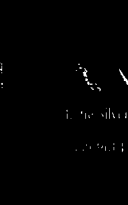
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Tensions usually come to a boil before Shawn and Camille Barigar realize that the only thing they really need is each other.

When that time comes, the Twin Falls couple sets up a date for just the two of them.

Time as a couple — away from responsibilities of family and home and their high-profile jobs (Shawn leads the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Camille coordinates the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Events Campus Center) — is important for them both.

"Real life," said Camille, 34, "gets in the way of romance. We have to make time to get it down to just the two of us."

That can be challenging for any parents, especially when both spouses' careers require attending social events. "Frequently the barigars attend these together, but both agree that those nights out don't count."

"They have two children who need time as well: Brock, 10, and Xander, 5. "We love our kids and do a lot with them. But when we don't take the kids you find out how romantic even camping can be," Camille said.

The Barigars strive to make a date at least every two weeks. They made it out, barely, on a recent Friday evening following a hectic week; inevitably the kids got sick, and the family is still settling into a new home.

Shawn was on business in Boise, and while they could have scrapped the night and sat in front of the television, stepping out on the town proved to be the baln

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— Camille Barigar

both needed.

"Women spend so much time in their motherly role," Camille said. "I know that after the kids being sick and having to deal with the meltdowns that I feel like an amorphous maternal blob. Life doesn't just orbit around the children. I am also a sensual, sexual being, a wife and woman."

Husbands, too, feel the need to break the monotony of the day-to-day shuffle to spend time with the women they married.

"You find yourself falling asleep at 9 p.m. because you're just so beat," Shawn said, "when that isn't what you want to do at all. Getting away for a while gives us the chance for the reconnecting we need."

It is a mantra more couples need. All too often couples fail to recognize the importance of making their relationship a priority, said Evelyn Mallea, a licensed clinical social worker with Magic Valley Counseling Services in Twin Falls.

Mallea suggests that all two-somes, even those without children at home, should take some one-on-one time to connect — or before their marriages are on the rocks.

"Couples need to talk to each other and engage in activities where they can



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Shawn and Camille Barigar, parents of two, enjoy each other's company at O'Dunkers's Draught House in Twin Falls.

interact," Mallea said. "Find out how life is going, and enjoy the other person's company."

She said couples who wait until problems arise before they work on their marriages have a harder time just being friends and having fun together.

"People need to make time for their marriage before problems come," Mallea said. "I suggest time at least once a week, even if it's just a half-hour walk around the block where you can talk."

When date night finally arrives, Mallea advised, leave the problems at home.

"It's OK to talk about the kids and work when you're out, but absolutely should you not bring up your problems," she said. "It's not productive to just argue about the same old thing."

Mallea said that while children left with a sitter might mope that they are missing out, their parents' going is actually good for them.

"Kids are more secure when mom and dad like each other," Mallea said. "So just explain to them that you need the time alone and they will grow to appreciate it."

The Barigars agree. "What kid is going to enjoy two parents just being grouchy all the time?" Shawn said. "People shouldn't worry about the time they take with their spouse that isn't spent with the kids. We need to get out, and the kids will benefit because when we're happier, they're happier."

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Plans for the Area abounds with great dates

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Nothing is inherently wrong with taking a date to the movies. But Evelyn Mallea, a licensed clinical social worker with Magic Valley Counseling Services in Twin Falls, contends that married souls should engage in activities that encourage interaction.

"You can't talk at the movies, and that is what couples need to do," Mallea said. "Take up a shared hobby or talk about something that interests you both — sports, gardening."

With Valentine's Day approaching, you may be wondering what your loved one wants more than anything. Chances are it's some quality time.

We've rounded up a few samples of local activities that you and your sweetie are sure to enjoy on this holiday. Plenty of other options abound, of course, but this list will start you on your search.

Table for two

The Turf Club in Twin Falls is preparing for an Epicurean event, with seating from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$40 and includes entrees, appetizers, carving stations, seafood display, dessert and champagne. Reservations are recommended but not required; call 733-2417 or 734-2000. Meanwhile, Blue Rock



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BOOK REVIEW

Fairfield woman's book tells tale of midlife loss, romance

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HAILEY — As 2002 began, Pamela Smith, then 54, counted herself a contented wife and community volunteer — sorting family snapshots, planning a spring trip to Italy with her accountant husband, resting up for another tax season.

And wondering a little about the lack of sacrifice required of her life. Then Steve Smith, 57, the senior partner in a regional CVA firm and a longtime farmworker, died of heart failure on Jan. 31 of that year. Pamela had just 10 days in an intensive-care unit to face the prospect of losing her husband.

"Every so often in the 34 years of our marriage I commented to Steve that the only thing I really feared was my emotional dependence on him," Pamela, now a Fairfield resident, writes in her newly published memoir. "In the first few months following his death there were many, many times when I honestly felt I might die of a broken heart."

Her overwhelming grief, her sleeplessness, her frequent tears will sound

"... What if Dick and I are honestly meant to be God's gift to each other? How long should we wait to admit to connection, to talk one heart to another ..."



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Walking with their dogs was important in the development of Dick and Pamela Tucker's romance.

familiar to many who have lost spouses. But it was the next rapid developments in Pamela's life that inspired the writing of her first book, "Tender Waters: The Story."

Activities at her church — Emmanuel Episcopal in Hailey — had introduced her to the artistic and athletic widower Dick Tucker, 61, who had lost his wife to a prolonged battle with liver cancer in Washington in 2000. To escape his old life and his community, Dick had traveled for months with his grief and his dog.

Like many others in Pamela's Hailey circle, Dick comforted the new widow. Dick comforted the new widow. But he also took walks with her and their dogs. And gave hugs that provoked responses. And, by early May of 2002, figured prominently in her journal. One journal entry concluded with: "But what if Dick and I are honestly meant to be God's gift to each other? How long should we wait to admit to connection, to talk one heart to another ..."

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Book basics

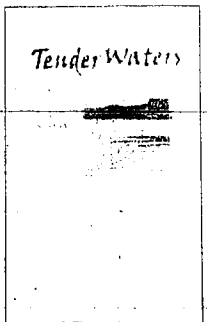
Idaho native Pamela Tucker self-published "Tender Waters: The Story" through her Fairfield company Polished Apple Publishing in November.

Her first book, it's a paperback of about 185 pages.

Availability: "Tender Waters," which sells for \$13.50, is available at Iconoclast Books in Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley; Vintage Gypsy in Hailey; Sally's Office Solutions in Gooding; Rosebud's Christian in Twin Falls and Jerome; Prairie Kitchen in Fairfield; Living Word Christian Bookstore in Twin Falls; and online at polishedapplepublishing.com.

The author: Tucker (formerly Pamela Smith) is an eastern Idaho native who met her first husband at the University of Idaho. She was a tutor, schoolteacher and Jerome County commissioner.

Her volunteer and leadership highlights include the St. Benedict's hospital auxiliary and foundation, College of Southern Idaho foundation, Jerome County GOP League of Women Voters, Wood River Land Trust, Jerome County Idaho Centennial Committee, Camas County Public Library and — in various capacities — the Episcopal Church in Idaho.



Dates

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 Vineyard & Winery, at 4060 N. 1200 E. in Buhl, is taking reservations for a Valentine dinner. Cost is \$85 per couple. "It's going to be a romantic evening with great food and live music," said Claudia Snyder, owner. Call 543-6938.

Dinner and a show

Boise-born Tami Tillotson, now living in New York City, has played with some of the top names in music over his 28 years at the piano. On Valentine's Day he will play the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. Doors open at 6 p.m., with center chef LuAnn Sittes-Kraft preparing a meal you won't soon forget.

The menu unfolds with Roasted Beef and Orange Salad, Argentina Style tri-tip, roasted root veggies and potatoes. For dessert: chocolate mousse and raspberry sauce. "There will be candles, wine and music," said Kelly Hart.

executive director of the Buhl Arts Council. "Very special." Cost is \$50 per person; for reservations, call 543-2888.

All fun and games

Nazz Kart is the only place in Idaho where you can legally beat your spouse, says manager Homer Joyner. "We have so much to do here. From the brand-new bounce house, mechanical bull, rock climbing wall, go-karts and free pool, you can't help but have fun." On Valentine's Day, couples ride for \$17 (per couple) on the go-karts. Nazz Kart will repeat the offer again on Sunday. Weekend hours are 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Call 734-7223.

Out of the gutter

Nothing breaks the ice like having to wear two-toned flip-flops

py bowling shoes. In Twin Falls the Bowlingdromer will, have open bowling from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday. If you decide to celebrate this weekend instead, don't despair.

On Friday and Saturday night the alley breaks out with Cosmic Bowling. For \$10 per person you can bowl as many games as you want — all to strobe lighting and music. Knock down the right pins and you may win a prize, as well. "To save a few bucks, pay just \$1 a game from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday."

Romancing after hours

Soak away the stress in all-natural hot springs water, at Miracle Hot Springs in Buhl. "This is very fun and very romantic," said Miracle employee Britany Jones. "We pull out all the stops — you get a basket filled with towels and goodies like lavender oil, jewelry, bottled water and chocolate nuts."

From 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Valentine's Day, this "couples only" time is lighted with candles surrounding your private tub. VIP rooms are equipped with music. Top cost is \$32 per couple for a regular room and

\$37 for the VIP room. Weekend hours and rates start at \$8 per person for admission to the public pool (\$5 for seniors) with an additional \$2 per couple for the first hour in a private tub. Friday and Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Reservations can be made at 543-6002.

A keeper

Don't let cold weather keep you inside. Fishing can be a great way to see the outdoors and enjoy time with your Valentine.

Throughout Magic Valley, in many places offer accessible areas for casting your line. Go to www.fish-idaho.gov for regulations on harvesting fish, or call the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Magic Valley Region office at 324-4359.

A 6-foot rose called the ultimate romantic expression

By Adrian Higgins
 The Washington Post

If love were an arms race, the winner would now have the floral equivalent of a ballistic missile: a six-foot rose from Ecuador.

Delivered in a 78-inch box emblazoned "The World's Tallest Rose," the ultimate long-stemmed rose is up to 72 inches long and capped with a furled and individually wrapped crimson bud three inches high and almost as wide. Regular long-stemmed roses, by contrast, are about 28 inches long with a bud an inch and a half wide.

As with true love, the price of these "atomic roses" is not for the faint of heart. Expect to pay \$249.95 for a dozen, plus \$59.95 for priority shipping. A conventional bouquet will typically cost between \$70 and \$90 in advance of Valentine's Day, the peak period for cut-rose sales and prices.

"People who are giving flowers want to make an impression, and this is the ultimate impression you



The 'World's Tallest Rose' dwarfs General Proflame, of Organic Bouquet in San Rafael, Calif. The price of a dozen: \$249.95. The roses were developed as a niche crop in rich soil.

are "a grand romantic gesture."

The roses are grown naturally and are neither genetically modified nor infused with hormones. But that may not make them exactly natural in the eyes of some observers.

"They look like something from outer space," said Sherri Almiranti, a florist in Sherman Oaks, Calif., whose clients include Hollywood celebrities. "The magnitude is pretty awesome."

She said "men like them because they're massive and romantic." It also telegraphs their wealth, she said. Proflame's wholesale division makes them available to Almiranti and others last year, and the florist used them to adorn the Beverly Hills home of a pop star she wouldn't name except to say that "she's beyond famous," and "she loved them."

Florist Cherie Silverman of Westminster, Colo., used them on two floats in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. "People were flipping out," she said. "I was actually amazed by it."

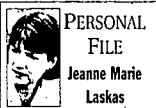
Several florists interviewed had no aesthetic objection to them but said they would be difficult for any sweetheart to use, and that the roses may be better employed in hotel lobbies, at museum events and at wedding receptions. Even large vases would look too small and the impulse would be to shorten the stems, they said, defeating the point of the roses. Proflame sells a 24-inch galvanized metal vase to go with them (\$79.95, plus shipping).

Committing a fowl with pets

A few years ago, I entered a duck stage, enthusiastically determining that there was no reason most suburban yards couldn't accommodate a pair. (I had also just given in to my kids' request for ducklings, which I could find available only by the dozen, so I was desperate to unload a few.) Getting a nudge or two — any backyard could make for an easy, no-fuss duck habitat. I presented the gift of ducklings to four of my friends, all of whom had young, applauding children, and we sat on patios cradling the tiny creatures and adorning them, and dreaming of sunny afternoons tossing bread crumbs.

Within a week, six of the ducklings were returned by their non-adoring owners. The birds were either too stinky or too tempting for the cat or just plain unwanted. By turns, my friends began outlining a provision of our friendship on more surprise animals for their kids. It was one thing if I chose to live on a farm with creatures running around; that they chose not to was, they said, to be duly noted.

Moreover, you can't convert everybody. Success in this case was limited to Wanda and David, owners of ducklings numbers 7 and 8. Duffy and Donald, who grew into two fat ducks splashing in a little creek that ran on the edge of the family's fenced-in yard. David built a nice duck house, read everything he could find on ducks. The chil-



PERSONAL FILE
 Jeanne Marie Laskas

dren fed the ducks and taught them how to bowl with tennis balls and gave them the opportunity to watch TV ("SpongeBob," of course) through the patio door. The ducks became legendary around the neighborhood and made it, finally, onto the family Christmas card. So imagine how it was for Wanda when she got the call's just recently, from the neighbor who saw the owl that swooped down and grabbed the duck and flew off into the night before losing its grip, depositing the duck two backyards away.

"Owls?" Wanda said. "We have owls?" Neighbors flocked to the scene, where Donald by a violated and quite dead, a violent death. A horror by anyone's reckoning, Wanda and David were so distraught they called off work. They found the duck, down by the creek, and when the kids came home from school, they tried to explain.

Wanda called me a she during those days, and she cried openly, feeling stupid. I told her I understood, because I did. Then, just yesterday, she called to say, "We have to do something." She said Duffy, the remaining duck, was visibly distraught. That duck

would stand for hours in front of the basement window, staring at its reflection. "I think she thinks I'm Donald," Wanda said. She said Duffy had stopped eating and quacking. Knowledge as much as the next person does of ducks, I said, "Duffy needs another duck."

And so this brings us, finally, to the present, and to the reason I am here in my yard with a pink butterfly net, chasing ducks. I probably should have waited for my husband and kids to get home from basketball practice, when we might together corner a duck, but I feel a keen duty not to involve another single person in my misguided attempt to convert the world to the wonders of ducks. I'll just catch one of ours, take it over to Wanda's, and the world will more or less be back in order.

It's raining. Ducks famously love rain, and ducks love mud, and I am beginning to think that the nine ducks I'm chasing are laughing at me. "Walk, walk, walk, walk," they shout, darning this way and that, while I slide my way around the backyard, this is impossible. I need to outsmart them. I get out a bag of feed. I make a trail of corn leading from the yard to the empty chicken coop. Ha! "Three of them gobble the feed and walk right into my trap. I follow and they just shut the door, and in that confined space, I am able to tackle one of the ducks and hold it tight. The duck sur-

renders, hangs its head as if to say, "Damn."

"You're going to a better place," I say, "you're going to the suburbs."

When I stand, duck in arms, I realize: Wait a second, the chicken coop does not open from the inside. No, that door is locked, and I am on the wrong side of freedom. At times like this, ym dream of a colophone.

Or at least a watch to deter mine how long it will be before your family returns from basketball practice. I guess an hour. I am trapped in this sticky trap with three ducks for an hour. I sit on the bench and pet the trapped duck, which was too hard to catch to let go now. I speak to him of empathy.

—Laskas about friendship, and companionship and loneliness — and the human need to rescue.

When they get home, my family begs like a mourning bird of ducks. Everything I see is now duck-related. I need a shower.

I take the duck to Wanda's. He joins Duffy squating by the basement window. The two ducks just sit there, spend the entire afternoon staring at the now doubled duck reflection. Wanda wonders whether we should help, somehow. "I don't think they realize that they have each other now," she says.

"Enough," I tell her. "We have done enough."

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Jazz up your business deals with hard-nosed strategies, Aquarius

IF FEB. 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Take care to get annual vacations out of the way in the spring, while your capacity for entertainment is at a high level. During the summer months you must be conscientious and avoid criticism at all costs. Extra responsibilities that you are unable to avoid may be placed on your shoulders — but at all times the circumvent additional debt load or commitments in June, July or August. September is your month to shine and you can count on the universe to bring an easing of certain restrictions.

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Jeraldine Saunders

blurring out just what you think, perhaps you should wait a few days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Learn to love those with open hands. Overprotective, possessive attitudes won't sit well with loved ones. Loosen up the grasp. Look forward to better business conditions as the week unfolds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your enthusiasm can spill over — and brighter someone's day. Don't forget to be forgiving if there is a brief conflict over

usual by midweek after some kissing and make-up occurs.

SAURICORN (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your enthusiasm can spill over — and brighter someone's day. Don't forget to be forgiving if there is a brief conflict over

facts and fiction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Break down business barriers. Get out of a slump. Apply some elbow grease and show some initiative with job or career matters. By midweek things will be looking up on numerous fronts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Jazz up your business deals with hard-nosed strategies later in the week. Don't forget that a certain someone will expect a

romance Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Anything worth having is worth effort. Even if your energies are

low early in the week, you can follow through methodically and eventually attain your dream.

"Real Estate Corner" LEGAL PITFALLS

by Laura Fitzgerald
 Real Estate American Dream Realty

Your real estate broker must be familiar with real estate law. While brokers do not practice law as such, they must know the procedures that assure your interests are protected when you sell property, and the language of the law as it pertains to real estate.

must prove they are knowledgeable before being licensed. Much of the complexity is written into law, and in a language typically obscure to the untrained. While it is up to you to "read the fine print," your broker can serve also as your interpreter. Wise buyers and sellers protect themselves by using experienced real estate professionals. ☐

Bon Appetit!
 An Epicurean Event, Valentine's Day
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FAMILY LIFE

STORK REPORT

QUIGLEY-HIRSCHI



Jason Hirschi and Lorisa Quigley

GOODING — Randy and Lori Quigley of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorisa Quigley, to Jason Matthew Hirschi, son of Milo and Laura Hirschi of Twin Falls. Quigley is a graduate of Gooding High School and attended Brigham Young University-Idaho for one year. She is employed at Tomato's Italian Grill in Twin Falls. Hirschi is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Brazil. He attends the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by Tomato's Italian Grill.

ROBSON-MITCHELL



Brandon Mitchell and Courtney Robson

DECLIO — Brent and Linda Robson of Teton announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Robson, to Brandon Dell Mitchell, son of Dell and Susan Mitchell of Declo. Robson graduated from Teton High School and received an associate's degree from Ricks College in general studies and a bachelor's degree from Utah State University in communication sciences and deaf education. She attends the University of Utah, where she will receive a doctorate in audiology in May 2008. She will be employed at the Idaho Lakes Health Hospital in Boise beginning in March to complete her clinical practice work for her doctorate. She served in the California San Bernardino Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mitchell graduated from Declo High School and

received an associate's degree in agricultural business from Ricks College and a bachelor's degree in agricultural systems technology from USU. He owns and operates Spud Thumper Inc., Rocky Mountain Enterprises, and Grass Bar Cattle Ranch, all in Declo. He served in the Iowa Des Moines Mission for the LDS Church. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 17, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. No formal reception will be held.

STALLINGS-HOFMAN



Jordon Stallings and Cornelius Hofman

KIMBERLY — Griff Stallings of Jerome and Rhonda Miller of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Jordon Kori Stallings, to Cornelius Adrian Hofman III, son of John Butting and Kathleen Hofman of Pocatello. Stallings is a 2003 graduate of Murraugh High School and is a junior at Idaho State University. She will graduate in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in visual communication/photography. She is a cashier and receptionist at Cash Chevrolet in Pocatello. Hofman is a 2003 graduate of Pocatello High School and is studying computer programming and business at ISU. He returned in August from serving a two-year mission in the Italy Rome Mission for The

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed by Barries Ski and Sport in Pocatello. The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 10, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m. March 10 at the Caldwell Park-LDS Church on Seventh Avenue in Pocatello.

MELONE-VANDENBOSCH



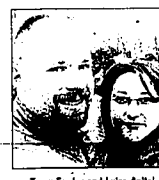
Peter VandenBosch and Krista Melone

TWIN FALLS — Krista Melone and Peter Vandenbosch announce their engagement. Melone is the daughter of Jon and Tina Melone of Twin Falls. Vandenbosch is the son of Darwin and Linda Vandenbosch of Jerome. The wedding is planned for May.



Brandon Watson and Kamree Franks

BURLEY — Kral Franks and Lorry Nickel of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kamree Ann Franks, to Brandon Scott Watson, son of Gene and Janlene Watson of Burley. Franks attended Burley High School and is employed at Ryan's Window Welder in Burley. Watson is employed at McCain Foods in Burley. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 24, at Cameo Special Events Center in Burley.



Tracy Fowler and Luiza Antei

HEYBURN — Elena and Spiridon Antei of Iasi, Romania, announce the engagement of their daughter, Luiza Antei, to Tracy Fowler, son of Ron and Judy Fowler of Heyburn. Fowler is a graduate of Minico High School and spent four years in the U.S. Air Force. He resides in Wasilla, Alaska, and holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix. The wedding is planned for Sunday, March 25, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. A

Romanian Orthodox Church wedding will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, in Iasi. The couple will reside in Wasilla.

WHITMIRE-DONG



Zachary Dong and Jessica Whitmire

TWIN FALLS — Jessica Marie Whitmire and Zachary Wayne Dong, both of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, announce their engagement. Whitmire is the daughter of Ron and Sharon Vergine of Meridian and Jeff Whitmire of Wenatchee, Wash. She is a 2004 graduate of Magic Valley Christian High School in Twin Falls and is employed full time as a nanny in Boise. Dong is the son of Kelly (Peterson) and Jim Black of Twin Falls and David Dong of Apache Junction, Ariz. He is a

BROWN-MCCONNELL-SOONG



Chas McConnell-Soong and Lindsey Brown

BUHL — Pam and Steve Brown of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Michelle Brown, to Chas Kapono McConnell-Soong, son of Laura McConnell and Lew Soong of Orofino. Brown is a 2001 graduate of Filer High School and a 2005 graduate of Albion College of Idaho. She attends Northwest Nazarene University for a master's degree in counseling and is employed at White of the Vine Wine Shop in Caldwell. McConnell-Soong is a 1999 graduate of Orofino High School, a 2003 graduate of Albion College and a 2006 graduate of the University of Hawaii at Hilo with a bachelor's

degree in nursing. He is a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Meridian. The couple recently returned to Idaho after living in Hawaii and is residing in Nampa. The wedding and reception will be Saturday, June 9, at the Brown residence in Buhl.

NEIBAUR-BLACK



Jay Black and LeAnn Neibaur

PAUL — LeAnn Neibaur of Paul and Jay L. Black of Almo announce their engagement. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 17, in Malta. A reception will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Cattle Country Steakhouse in Malta. The couple requests no gifts.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE PARROTTS



Anita and Pat Parrott

KIMBERLY — Pat and Anita Parrott of Kimberly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 3 at their home. Pat M. Parrott and Anita Rose Malberg were married Feb. 3, 1957, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. They lived in Twin Falls until 1971. They worked at the Kimberly area. He worked at Pepsi-Cola and was a commanding officer at the National Guard Army in Twin Falls. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Army. She worked at the telephone company, at the Skateland family business and as a housewife. They are active in St. Edward's Catholic Church and enjoy fishing trips. She is active in the archives club at

the St. Edward's church and school. Their children are Lina McCoy (Ben Nelson) of Houser, Scott Parrott of Twin Falls, Lisa Parrott (Ryan Hinton) of Kimberly, Anita Jo Parrott of Kimberly and Eric Parrott of Los Angeles. Cards can be sent to the couple at 2100 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.



Phyllis and Ron Taylor

THE TAYLORS

TWIN FALLS — Ron and Phyllis Taylor of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 26. They were married Jan. 26, 1957, at the Baptist Church in Twin Falls. They lived in Kimberly, where he farmed, was a real estate broker and later was the Twin Falls County assessor for two terms. They moved from Kimberly to Twin Falls in 1977 and opened Taylor Appraisal Agency. She worked for Twin Falls Bank & Trust for seven years and was the bookkeeper for Taylor Appraisal until their retirement in 2005. They have one son, Kevan Taylor of Kimberly, and three grandsons. Their son and family surprised them with a dinner celebration.

To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by e-mail to rannon@magivale.com.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Cameron Leo Gorrell, son of Stacy and Kristy Gorrell of Buhl, was born Jan. 24, 2007. **Dacri Marne Nelson**, daughter of DaCharlie Fitzgerald of Jerome, was born Jan. 26, 2007. **Destiny Andrea Hidalgo**, daughter of Victor Hidalgo and Lisa Jimenez of Wendell, was born Jan. 31, 2007. **Betty Clarize Nava Muro**, daughter of Benjamin Nava Madera and Elizabeth Muro Sanchez of Jerome, was born Feb. 1, 2007. **Leslie Ann Tarbet**, daughter of Steven and Autumn Tarbet of Jerome, was born Feb. 2, 2007. **Tristin John Kemp**, son of Nicole Kemp of Jerome, was born Feb. 2, 2007.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Mia Regalado, daughter of Yuliana Regalado-Tellez and Gaspar Torres of Hailley, was born Jan. 24, 2007. **Angel Gabriel Andrade Torres**, son of Karla Torres-Olguin and Niqued Andrade of Hailley, was born Jan. 25, 2007. **Kaelin Marie Bauerle**, daughter of Julie and Michael Bauerle of Fairfield, was born Jan. 25, 2007. **Taylor David Likes**, son of Elizabeth and John Likes of Hailley, was born Jan. 30, 2007.

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Niyah Lydia Leigh Hoeklander, daughter of Calandra Rene deNoume of Gooding, was born Jan. 21, 2007. **Harmony Jade Kennedy**, daughter of Danielle Lee Collins of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 22, 2007. **Cheryl Jean Mabe**, son of Jeffrey Jean Mabe of Jerome, was born Jan. 25, 2007. **Palya Bryce Boris**, son of Melanie Faye Boris and Jared Bryce Boris of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 26, 2007. **Angel Eduardo Sandoval Trujillo**, son of Brenda Daniela Trujillo Ocampo of Wendell, was born Jan. 26, 2007. **David Emmanuel Cordova**, son of Veronica Cordova and Rudy Alfred Cordova of Jerome, was born Jan. 27, 2007. **Riley James Watson**, son of Michele Watson and Benjamin Ross Watson of Kimberly, was born Jan. 28, 2007. **Colton Josiah Treasure**, son of Jessica Jane Treasure and Nicholas Josiah Treasure of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 28, 2007. **Nayeli Elizabeth Tapia Bravo**, daughter of Maria De Lutz Bravo-Tapia and Juan Tapia Calderon of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 29, 2007.

Aiden Wayne Farino, son of

Barbara Ann Farino and **Anthony Paul Farino** of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 30, 2007. **Aden Michael Futrell**, son of Amber Marie Futrell and Michael Brian Futrell of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 30, 2007. **Alyssa Mad Pham**, daughter of Kristie Lee Pham and Delong Van Pham of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 30, 2007. **Katrina Rolin Chernoh**, daughter of Lisa Leanne Chernoh and Darren Jeffrey Chernoh of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 30, 2007. **Mistueka Kay Marie Shelder**, daughter of Marsha Ann Shelder and Jacob Wayne Shelder of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 31, 2007. **Isaac Dean Manning**, son of Britany Manning and Scott-Dean Manning of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 31, 2007. **Lincoln Aaron Pincock**, son of Christine Therese Pincock and Aaron I. Pincock of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 31, 2007. **Katherine Grace Gaylord**, daughter of Wendy Michele Sealey and Thomas Gibson Gaylord of Buhl, was born Jan. 31, 2007. **Alee Dakota Anderson**, daughter of Julie Joy Anderson and Justyn Daniel Anderson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 1, 2007. **Frank Ray Dickson**, son of Nancy Hernandez Dickson and Kasey Ray Dickson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 1, 2007. **Sarah Rance Spellerberg**, daughter of Kayla Rance Spellerberg and Alan John Spellerberg of Jerome, was born Feb. 1, 2007. **Ayden Willie Luper**, son of Kimberly Louise Luper and Aaron Lee Luper of Jerome, was born Feb. 2, 2007. **Alysa Workman**, daughter of Aloys Workman and Brady Neil Workman of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 2, 2007. **Alexis Serenity Herrera**, daughter of Jennifer Herrera and Ryan Mykal Christensen of Buhl, was born Feb. 2, 2007. **Alden Reuel Stallones**, son of Jennifer Marie Stallones and Justin Alan Stallones of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 3, 2007. **Emma Morgan Christensen**, daughter of Kimberlee Dawn Christensen and Ryan Mykal Christensen of Buhl, was born Feb. 3, 2007. **Alec Jared Walker**, son of Cara Lee Walker and Jared Paul Walker of Kimberly, was born Feb. 5, 2007. **Gil Adrian Watson**, son of Cindy Ann Watson and Kit Vernum Watson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 5, 2007. **Treyson Jayce Burk**, son of Jessica Tara Burk and Matthew Luke Burk of Jerome, was born Feb. 5, 2007. **Emilie Laris-Alonso**, daughter of Ana Maria Laris and Jess Effen Laris-Morales of Wendell, was born Feb. 5, 2007.

Dad and daughter

Photo essay explores life of stay-at-home father.

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The original Potter:

Beatrix

By Scott Moore
The Washington Post

Her name was Beatrix Potter. From the time she was 15, Miss Potter recorded her everyday life in journals written in a secret code. She also made detailed drawings of plants, fungi and insects, and she later painted landscapes of the countryside.

Clearly she was talented. And Miss Potter had many friends. But they didn't look like you and me. She and her younger brother, Bertram, had lots of pets, including lizards, water news, a frog, a bat and a snake.

But probably her favorites were her rabbits. The first one, named Benjamin Bouncer, liked to eat hot, buttered toast. Peter Piper, her Belgian buck rabbit, liked to lie on the rug in front of the fireplace, like a cat. She taught him to do tricks.

Miss Potter spent many hours studying her animals, and even at a young age she sketched and painted pictures of them.

When you spend that long on something, wonderful things can happen: These animals were such a big part of Miss Potter's life that her pictures of them came to life. Not really, you might say, but Miss Potter seemed to think so.

She gave her characters fanciful names and dressed them in fanciful clothes and talked with them about their adventures.

She told some of these tales in letters to human friends.

Later, she introduced her animal friends to a wider audience, putting them on greeting cards sold in London.

Miss Potter's illustrations were published for the first time in an 1896 booklet of verse called "A Happy Pair." (The poet, Frederick Weatherly, would later become known for writing the Irish ballad "Danny Boy," but that's a story for another day.)



Photo courtesy of the Beatrix and Cecil Potter Trust
British author Beatrix Potter, shown here in 1913, wrote 23 books about her animal friends. She spent many hours studying her animals, and even at a young age she sketched and painted pictures of them. When you spend that long on something, wonderful things happen. Below is a study of one of her pet rabbits.

Photo courtesy of the Beatrix and Cecil Potter Trust
Peter Rabbit first hopped into Mr. McGregor's garden in 1902.

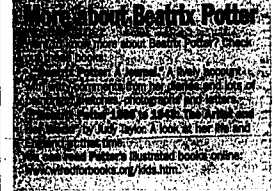


Photo courtesy of the Beatrix and Cecil Potter Trust
Mrs. Rabbit warns Peter: 'Now run along, and don't get into mischief.'

Twelve years later she published her own book, a simple but beautiful edition that featured her watercolors of a family of rabbits. You might remember them: Their names were Peter Rabbit, Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-tail, and the book was "The Tale of Peter Rabbit."

That Miss Potter, who was then 36, was able to publish this book at all was no small feat in early-1900s England. Women then were expected to marry at a young age and raise families.

But Miss Potter's tale was far from over. She published 22 more children's books. The last one, "The Tale of Little Pig Robinson," came out in 1930.

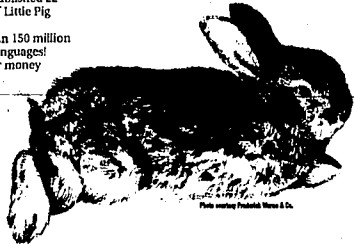
In all, her little adventures have sold more than 150 million copies and been translated into more than 30 languages!

Miss Potter became wealthy, and she used her money to help preserve the countryside she loved.

When she died in 1943, she left 14 farms, flocks of sheep and 4,000 acres to a charity that protects land and historic buildings in Britain.

She also left a treasure of stories and paintings, so Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny, Jeremy Puddle-Duck and Tabitha Twitchit, Mr. Jeremy Fisher and Mrs. Tiggywinkle continue to come alive for young children and their parents.

The End.



How was your day? The Census Bureau thinks it knows

By Elies Edwards
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Are your parents stricter than most about what television shows you watch and when?

Do your friends have family dinners as often as you do?

Do you sometimes have the feeling your parents favor your younger brother or sister?

If you have wondered about these things, you're not alone.

The U.S. Census Bureau has wondered, too. And it has some answers.

The Census Bureau is the part of the government that counts how many people live in the U.S. and collects information about how and where they live.

Census-takers also interview parents about their children and then issue special reports called "A Child's Day."

There have been three such surveys since 1994. Information from the most recent survey, in 2003, was made public recently. We used it to put together this snapshot of what life is like for American kids ages 6 to 11.

You might be surprised at some of what you see here about yourself and other kids your age.

SHARED MEALS	PARENTAL ATTENTION	TELEVISION HABITS
Percentage of kids and parents who eat breakfast or dinner together each day:	How often parents praise kids:	Households that have rules about...
Breakfast: 37%	3 or more times a day: 50.5%	TV shows kids may watch:
Dinner: 73%	Once or twice a day: 20.0%	1994 85%
	A few times a week: 17.2%	2003 []
	Never or once a week: 2.2%	Number of hours watched:
	(Younger kids do get more positive attention: 72% are praised three or more times a day, their parents say. For kids 12 and older, it's about half that: 37%.)	1994 65%
	How frequently parents talk to or play with their kids for fun for at least five minutes:	2003 []
	3 or more times a day: 49.3%	Time of day they may watch
	Once or twice a day: 31.0%	1994 91%
	A few times a week: 16.8%	2003 []
	Never to once a week: 2.9%	(As you get older, the rules get fewer: 50% of 12-to-17-year-olds had limits on how much TV they may watch.)

ACTIVITIES	Percentage of kids...
... playing sports:	... in clubs such as scouting or 4-H:
BOYS: 20% (1994), 25% (2003)	41% (1994), 38% (2003)
GIRLS: 28% (1994), 29% (2003)	31% (1994), 37% (2003)
BOYS: 49% (1994), 45% (2003)	17% (1994), 27% (2003)
GIRLS: 59% (1994), 55% (2003)	

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BOOK REVIEW 'Galileo's Journal'

The Washington Post
By Jeanne K. Pettinati, for ages 7 and older

If you do experiments in science class, you have Galileo Galilei to thank.

Galileo conducted experiments to see whether ideas could be proven to be true. That probably sounds pretty basic now, but in Galileo's day it was unheard of — and it got him in a lot of trouble.

This book, by Jeanne K. Pettinati, mixes facts about the famous scientist (such as building the first telescope) with fiction (there's no evidence he had a pet dog named Luna, as he does in the book). Pettinati imagines what Galileo might have written in his journal during a year in which he made remarkable discoveries, including four moons of Jupiter. The beautiful illustrations in the book (by Paolo Rull) and the lively writing style make this famous scientist from another time come to life in a way that will make you want to explore the world around you just as Galileo did.



About you and the Internet

The Washington Post
According to a recent GfK NOP market research survey, what do kids ages 9 to 12 use the Internet for?

- Help on homework, 61 percent
- Playing online games, 47 percent
- E-mail, 34 percent
- Chat, 16 percent