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Republicans celebrate victorious year in Idaho.

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Do you still wear a watch?

Watches losing ground to multitasking devices, but escaping the stress of time not so easy

By Martha Irvine Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Allison Elliott occasionally wears the delicate gold windup watch that belonged to her grandmother.



More Americans understand basic science, but also believe in E.T., astrology, where she works.

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Dryden is much the same. "To be honest, I can't remember the last time I wore a watch — I'm guessing early in high school," says the 21-year-old senior at Connecticut College.

In other words, the way we track time is changing with the times.

Market researchers say more people are carrying electronic devices that also tell time, whether a phone, an iPod or a BlackBerry.

In a survey last fall, investment bank Piper Haffey & Co. found that nearly two-thirds of teens never wear a watch — and only about one in 10 wears one every day.

Expatriate Simmons Research also discovered that, while Americans spent more than \$5.9 billion on watches in 2006, that figure was down 17 percent when compared with five years earlier.

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TWO TITLES!

CLASS 4A CHAMPION BURLEY BOBCCATS



Burley players rush the court after defeating Hillcrest in the 4A championship basketball game Saturday in Nampa. Burley won 48-44.

CLASS 1A CHAMPION RICHFIELD TIGERS

Richfield's route to the state 1A title

ROUND 1 Richfield 56, Nampa 34

ROUND 2 Richfield 32, Shoshone 18

CHAMPIONSHIP Richfield 53, Garden Valley 44



Richfield freshman Victoria Hettenbach hugs teammate Malli Nelson after the Tigers beat Garden Valley for the Class 1A state title Saturday in Nampa.

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Burley's route to the state 4A title

ROUND 1 Burley 39, Skyview 38

ROUND 2 Burley 42, Middleton 39

CHAMPIONSHIP Burley 48, Nampa 44

IRAQ



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid lowers his head during a press conference at the U.S. Capitol Saturday after the Republicans blocked a Democratic effort to pass a non-binding resolution rebuking President Bush's deployment of additional combat troops to Iraq.

Anti-surge resolution falls short in Senate

By David Espo Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate gridlocked on the Iraq war in a sharply worded showdown Saturday as Republicans foiled a Democratic bid to repudiate President Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat troops.

The 56-34 vote fell four short of the 60 needed to advance a nonbinding measure identical to one the House passed Friday.

Democrats swiftly claimed victory. "A majority of the United States Senate is against the escalation in Iraq," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Republicans blasted the Democratic leadership for refusing to allow a vote on an alternative that ruled out any reductions in troop levels.

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The Picasso of DUCK CALLING

The world's next duck calling champ might just be a youngster from Filer

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

FILER — Twelve-year-old Jed Oyer is a duck whisperer. Well, maybe whisperer isn't the right word. Squawker? Shriekert? Screecher? Squawker!

national duck-calling circuit (yes, such a thing exists), and his prowess with a tiny plastic duck caller puts the skills of old men to shame.

He manipulates the device like Yo-Yo Ma plays a cello, like Wayne Gretzky wields a hockey stick, like Picasso handles a brush. Jed just does it ... louder.

In the three years since he took up competitive duck calling, Jed has accumulated more than \$2,000 in

"He usually starts off inside, just quacking a little. And then I have to tell him to go outside."

— Tricia Oyer



Jed Oyer is just a kid, but he's also a competitive duck caller. Jed says he learned to duck call when he watched his dad in a show at the College of Southern Idaho.

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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

**TWIN FALLS**

Today	Tonight	Monday
Passing showers	Mostly cloudy	Cooler and mostly cloudy
High 50	Low 33	42 / 32

**MINI-CASSIA**

Today: Rains showers, perhaps mixing with some snow by the evening. Highs, upper 40s.  
 Tonight: Mixed showers in the evening, then mostly cloudy and drying out. Lows, upper 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Cooler and mostly cloudy. Highs, upper 30s.

**Complete weather report: See page C8**

**TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance**, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., 54, 734-5084.

**HOME AND GARDEN**

**Southern Idaho Home and Garden Show 2007**, special showing by Kimberly Nurseries, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Expo Center, Twin Falls, adults \$3 and no cost for children under age 12, 733-2717.

**SPORTS**

**Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays "Chocolate Shoot"**, 9 a.m., 11 miles north of junction I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members, 733-6045.

**FIVE-DAY PLANNER**

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Feb. 23, 24 — "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grow-up)," presented by the Junior Musical Playhouse, 7:30 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, 89 reserved seats and \$6 general admission, 423-6109 or www.jumppcompany.org.

**BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS**

Feb. 20 — **Safe Kids of Magic Valley 3rd annual Race to Safety**, food and beverage booths and a silent auction (proceeds to purchase safety seats and bicycle helmets for local families in need), 5:30 p.m., Mazz Kart, Twin Falls, free admission. To enter a team the cost is \$250 for two-person team and \$500 for four-person team, (208)737-2432.

Feb. 20 — **Pancake Dinner**, by Methodist Men's group, 4 to 7:30 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main, Wendell, free-will offering, 536-2305.

Feb. 22 — **Annual Rotary Spaghetti Dinner and Auction**, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Popplewell Elementary School, Buhl, (208) 543-4348.

Feb. 23 — **A Pinocchio Card Party**, 7 p.m., (pic served at 6:30 p.m.), at the Paul Masonic Hall, 113 E. Idaho St., Paul, free-will donation, 438-5358.

**BUSINESS**

Feb. 20 — **Ribbon Cutting for Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra**, Inc., 11:15 a.m., Chamber office, Twin Falls, 733-3974.

Feb. 23 — **Ribbon Cutting for Home 2 2 Mortgage**, 4:30 p.m., 1162 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, 293-6520.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Feb. 19 — **The Indian Paint Brush Camp, Hildreth Company, Daughters of Utah Pioneers meeting**, 2 p.m., Rupert West State Center, 28 S.100 W., Rupert, (any woman over age 18 with ancestors that came to the Utah Territory before completion of railroad, May 10, 1869, is eligible to join), 436-3055.

Feb. 19 — **Swedish church student Christoffer Sunberg**, 7 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carnegie Lane N., Twin Falls, open to anyone interested, 733-1792.

Feb. 20 **Castlerod PTVO February meeting**, discussing the Spring Fling Carnival, 6:30 p.m., Room 1, Castleford School, Castleford, children welcome and entertainment provided, 543-8265 or 543-4565.

Feb. 20 **Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club**, 7 p.m., potluck dinner and 8 p.m. dance, El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome, 734-4647.

Feb. 21 — **The Women's Board**, a mentoring program/organization to promote dignity, grace, charm, civility and potential of young womanhood for young women at Burley High School, 3:30 p.m., at the school, Burley, 878-6606.

**EDUCATION**

Feb. 20 — "Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, Arthur Miller's "The Death of a Salesman," 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, no cost (book available for checkout), 326-1143.

Feb. 21 — "Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, "The Man who Killed the Deer" by Frank Waters, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple (Maple and Main), Hansen, books available for checkout, 423-4122 or at 423-4556.

Feb. 23 — 2nd annual **Brown Bag Lecture Series**, with Arthur Haek speaking on "Our Local Architectural History," noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library Program Room, Twin Falls, no cost (bring brown bag lunch or pre-order lunch), 734ARTS.

**HEALTH**

Feb. 19 — **The American Red Cross blood donations**, noon to 6 p.m., at the Rupert City Building, 924 F St., Rupert, 435-1344 to schedule an appointment.

Feb. 20 — **Diabetes Education Program: "Know Your Nutrition"**, learn about meal planning, carbohydrates and preventing complications, 6 p.m., KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, no cost (receive free meter and measuring cups), 1-800-820-9666.

Feb. 20 — **First meeting of Amputees Support Group** of Magic Valley, 7 p.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, bring a companion, 423-4421.

**MUSEUMS**

Feb. 20 — "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile raffle, 6 p.m., Herratt Center rail forest, Herratt Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-8555.

**MAGIC VALLEY**



**Republicans celebrate another victorious year**

JEROME — People gathered early Saturday to welcome local delegates and members of the Republican Party to the annual Lincoln Day Victory Celebration. They gathered to celebrate yet another Republican-dominated state election and to hear what their elected officials had to say.

The event began with former Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Nicholson (it serving as master of ceremonies. One of the things he likes about the event is being around like-minded people, he said.

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**A look at the life of a stay-at-home father**

JEROME — It's the middle of the morning in the middle of the week when Martin Soto works through a tangled mess at his home in Jerome.

"Be nice, daddy," his daughter, 3-year-old Mireya, says, grimacing but keeping her eyes on the television screen. Martin chuckles and says sorry as he gently pulls a brush through her hair.

Though every day is different, it usually consists of the same small routines for Martin and Mireya: fixing the hair, taking out the paints and putting them away, story time, treats, sometimes the park, sometimes lunch with Mom.

Times-News photographer Megan Thompson's special photo project offers a peek into the life of this stay-at-home dad and his daughter.

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**Sun Valley is due for chairlift makeover**

BOISE — Two Idaho ski areas — Sun Valley Resort in central Idaho and Schweitzer Mountain Resort in northern Idaho — are planning significant expansions.

Sun Valley Co. General Manager Wally Huffman said the company plans to replace old lifts with two detachable quad lifts on Dollar Mountain, a secondary ski area about a mile from Bald Mountain, the main ski area.

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**Wendell takes a closer look at rates**

WENDELL — Councilman Don Bunn knows when he's made a mistake. So, at Thursday's council meeting he apologized for giving the wrong impression about the city's sewer rate structure.

"I had stated that the rates were based on the worst-case scenario," Bunn said. "And that is not the case."

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**OBITUARIES**

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 Marian Harriett Onelda, 85

**IDAHO LOTTERY**

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 Power Play: 3

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**YOUR MORNING BRIEFING**

**THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS**

**MONDAY**

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A STAR**

Students make a difference on high school sports teams.

**WIRE AND ICE**

More of our readers' rural winter photography

**TUESDAY**

**CHILD**

More of our readers' rural winter photography

**WEDNESDAY**

**EAT CHEAP FINALE**

Our food reporters show their true selves.

**FOOD & HOME**

**THURSDAY**

**JUST KIDDING**

JUMP Company presents "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grow-up)." TNT

**FRIDAY**

**CLIMBER SAFETY**

Lawmakers call for additional safety measures.

**OUTDOORS**

**SATURDAY**

**GOD VS. CAESAR**

Some question their old assumptions about politics.

**RELIGION**

**ON THE WEB**

Hear and see a champion duck call, who is only 12.

See photos of a stay at home dad.

Vote for your Oscar favorite

**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ABNIS  
 CLOIG  
 WYLLOH  
 SPOMIE

**CORRECTION**

Comic, puzzle left out of Times-News

We are printing the Saturday "Jumble" word puzzle and the "For Better or For Worse" comic strip here.

Both were inadvertently left out of Saturday's paper. The Times-News regrets the errors.

**WHERE TO FIND RAINERS WHO MATTER WHO WINS THE RACE**

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: HOW THE model fell after the long fashion show — "WORN" OUT

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**SPORTS**



**Tigers tops in Class 1A**

NAMPA — Winds sometimes come like rivers. Sometimes they come like flashes of lightning.

"Amazing," "Incredible. Awesome," "teary-eyed" Richfield senior Cassie Wood said. "A lot of work, a lot of sweat and a lot of tears."

Winning a state championship is like climbing a mountain. It took Richfield six years to get to the top, but that's exactly where the Tigers were standing Saturday after a 53-41 overtime win over Garden Valley Saturday in the Class 1A girls basketball state title game at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

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**Burley girls win Class 4A title**

NAMPA — IEDY Return To Dominate.

The IEDY acronym stood as the Burley High girls basketball team's battle cry throughout the season. After Saturday's 48-44 win over Hillcrest for the Class 4A state championship, the simple message also proved prophetic.

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**Salt Lake slips by CSI in OT**

SALT LAKE CITY — Saturday was a miserable day to be a Golden Eagle.

The baseball team fell, the softball team dropped three, the women's basketball team lost a game and a key player, and the No. 5 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team was edged 105-103 in overtime by the host Salt Lake Community College Bruins in Salt Lake City.

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**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

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# Finally some good news about Americans' knowledge of science, sort of

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — People in the U.S. know more about basic science today than they did two decades ago, good news that researchers say is tempered by an unsettling growth in the belief in pseudoscience such as astrology and visits by extraterrestrial aliens.

In 1988 only about 10 percent knew enough about science to understand reports in major newspapers, a figure that grew to 21 percent by 2005, according to Jon D. Miller, a Michigan State University professor. He presented his findings Saturday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The improvement largely reflects the requirement that all college students have at least some science courses.

Miller said. This way, they can better keep up with new developments through the media.

A panel of researchers expressed concern that people are giving increasing credence to pseudosciences such as the visits of space aliens, lucky numbers and horoscopes.

In addition, these researchers noted an increase in college students who report they are "anxious about the future" as measured by the test.

More recent generations know more factual material about science, said Carol Susan Losh, an associate professor at Florida State University. But, she said, when it comes to pseudoscience, "the news is not good."

One problem, she said, is that pseudoscience can speak

to the meaning of life in ways that science does not.

For example, for many women having a good life still depends on whom they marry, she said.

"What does astrology speak to? Love relationships," Losh said, noting that belief in horoscopes is much higher among women than men.

The disclosure that former first lady Nancy Reagan consulted an astrologer resulted in widespread derision in the media, but few younger people remember that episode today, she said.

Miller said most readers of horoscopes are women, contributing to the listing of "female" as a leading negative factor in science literacy. Women also tended to take fewer college science

courses, he said.

Belief in abduction by space aliens is also on the rise, Losh said.

"It's not surprising that the generation that grew up on 'Willy's Zone' and early Star Trek television endorsed a link between UFOs and alien

spacecraft," she said.

Pseudoscience discussion is often absent from the classroom, Losh said, so "we have basically left it up to the media."

Raymond Eve of the University of Texas at Arlington had mixed news in surveys of students at an unnamed Midwestern university.

The share that believed aliens had visited Earth fell from 25 percent in 1983 to 15 percent in 2006. There was also a decline in belief in "Bigfoot" and in whether psychics can predict the future.

## Iraq

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"There is no place for chicanery at a time of war," said Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday. "Even some of the president's most strident opponents know that they know that the only vote that truly matters is a vote on whether to fund the troops."

The White House echoed his remarks, issuing a written statement that touched lightly on the votes in the House and Senate, and looked to the coming debate over Bush's request for an additional \$93 billion for the military.

"This week's voting gave the world a glimpse of democracy's vigor. The next votes should provide unmistakable assurance of this nation's resolve in achieving success, supporting the cause of democracy and stopping terrorist forces in their ultimate aim of bringing their violence to our shores," said the statement, issued in the name of press secretary Tony Snow.

The day's events ended the initial phase of what looks as a yearlong confrontation between the new Democratic-controlled Congress and the commander in chief.

Reid told reporters he would no longer attempt to win passage for nonbinding measures and would turn his attention to legislation designed to force Bush to change course. House Democratic leaders intend to do likewise.

Saturday's maneuvering occurred in an intensely political environment, both in and out of the Capitol.

The unusual weekend session sent presidential contenders in both parties scrambling to make the roll call.

One of them, Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, squeezed in a morning appearance in New Hampshire, where she told an audience, "We have to end this war and we can't do it without Republican votes."

Nine Republicans skipped the Senate session, calculating that because they support Bush's policies, their votes would not affect the outcome of the vote.

Among them was Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a presidential hopeful who campaigned

## THE WEEK IN IRAQ Bombers strike oil city of Kirkuk

Eleven people were killed and 65 wounded when two bombs struck just minutes apart from each other in a Kurdish neighborhood. Sunni Arabs and Kurds have laid rival claims on Kirkuk and its oil wealth.

Sun. — U.S. military officials accused the highest levels of the Iranian leadership of arming Shiite militants in Iraq.

Mon. — At least 78 people were killed when car bombs hit a crowded market in Baghdad.

Tue. — The Iraq commander of the Baghdad security crackdown said Iraq would close its borders with Syria and Iran.

Wed. — The Iraq government formally launched a security crackdown in Baghdad. New checkpoints and randomly searching cars were a few of the latest operations.

Thu. — Car bombs in Baghdad killed seven people as U.S. and Iraqi forces pushed in-



to the capital.

Fri. — Demolition experts destroyed a bombing factory linked to al-Qaida in Salim Pak. The workshop contained about 1,000 pounds of explosives.

Sat. — U.S. aircraft destroyed a car of gunmen trying to escape after attacking a U.S. patrol. Eight insurgents were killed.

in Iowa. He called the Senate vote meaningless, and told one audience the symbolic measures are "insulting to the public and the soldiers."

At least two Republican lawmakers chose to leave on an official trip to Iraq rather than remain behind for the vote.

The nonbinding measure consisted of fewer than 100 words. It disapproved of Bush's decision to deploy more troops and pledged to support and protect the troops in Iraq.

Even before the House acted,

Bush had made it clear that congressional opposition would not deter him from proceeding with the deployment of another 21,500 troops, designed primarily to quell sectarian violence in heavily populated Baghdad.

Already, troops of the Army's 82nd Airborne have arrived in Iraq. Another brigade is in Kuwait, in final training before going to Iraq. Three more brigades are scheduled for the Baghdad area, one each in March, April and May.

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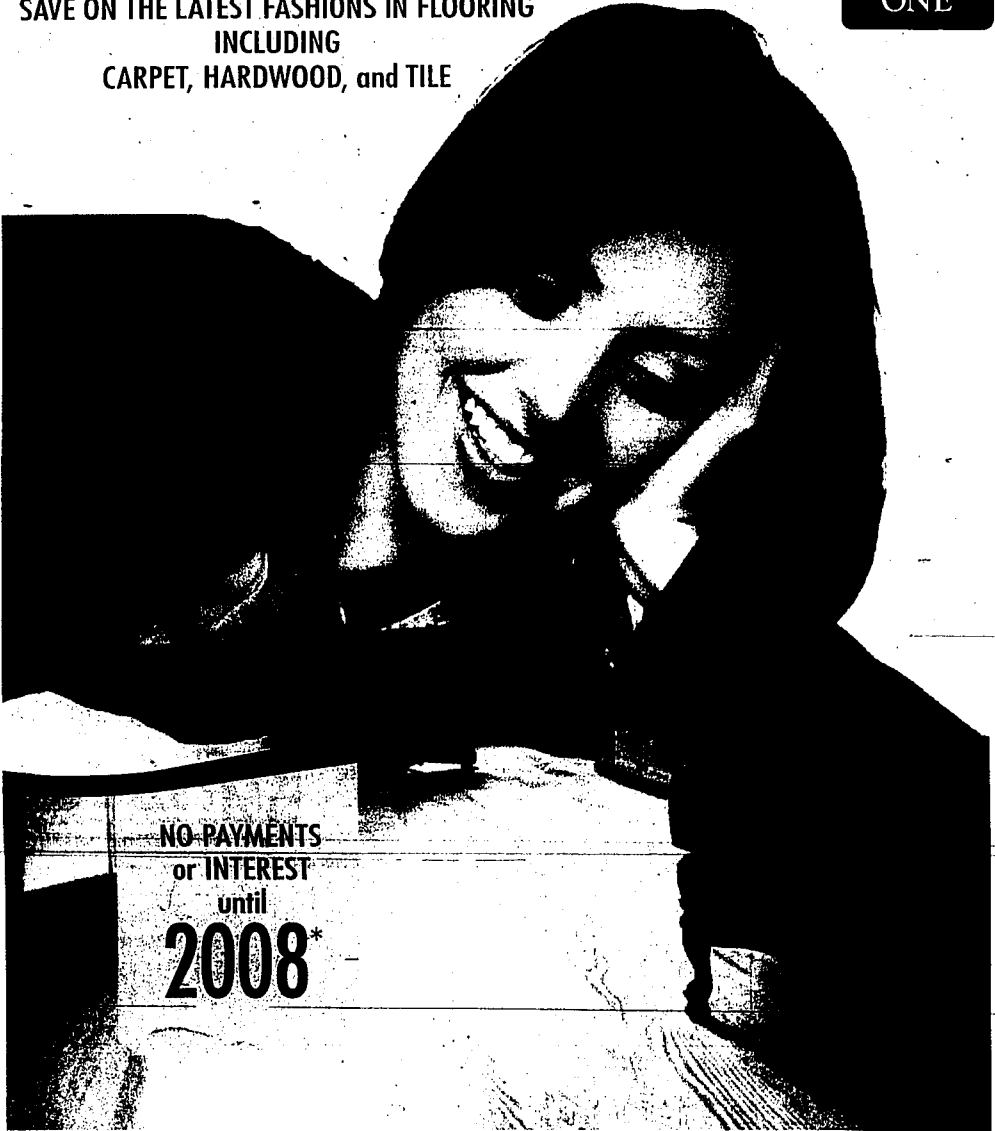
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# Time

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In response, some watch-makers have begun to add more functions to their time pieces, with models that have everything from heart rate monitors to GPS trackers.

Luxury watches, such as Rolex, remain popular. But even then, the watch is often more about fashion than function, says Max Kilger of Experian Simmons.

"It really is an anchor point — and that's the end of it," says Kilger, the research firm's chief behavioral scientist. "A cell phone is one step up from that; it begins to help you manage your time. And a BlackBerry is one level up from that."

Some have found the trend convenient. If a little stressful, "I don't check my watch anymore. My watch checks me," says Sean MacPhedran, a 27-year-old from Ottawa, Ontario, who works in advertising. He's referring to the beeps and vibrations his BlackBerry makes to remind him of his obligations.

"On the one hand, I've become a slave to its beeps," he says. "But on the other hand, it automates a lot of things that I would have to do manually otherwise. I like to remember when I'm supposed to go learn how to cha-cha or call a client."

MacPhedran does wear a watch when he wants to look "put together." But it's become so much more an



Allison Elliott wears her grandmother's gold wind-up wrist watch while holding a cell phone and iPod, and sitting in front of her computer in Lexington, Ky., on Feb. 8. Elliott says she occasionally wears her grandmother's watch as a piece of jewelry. "If I know that it doesn't keep perfect time," and is more likely to use her high tech devices to track the time.

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accessory than a necessity that he's developed a habit of taking it off unconsciously and leaving it places.

"When I was little, I took off my socks because they were constraining," he says. "I think I take my watch off for the same reason."

Before she joined the ranks of telecommuters and stopped wearing a watch, 35-year-old working mom Jeanine Fallon Ancelet also thought of her watch as "a handcluff" that shed immediately remove when returning

home.

"Even if I went out to dinner straight from work, I'd dump the watch into my purse to free my wrist," says Ancelet, who lives in Swarthmore, Pa., and now works from home for an online auto site. "Taking off the watch symbolized being done with the pressure-filled commitments of the day, and settling into a pace where the time matters far less."

Indeed, the watch is a symbol of stress for many people. But it's not really time itself that's the problem, says histo-

rian James Hoopes.

"It's that we live in an increasingly synchronized world," says Hoopes, a professor in the division of history and society at Babson College in Massachusetts.

"You don't really relieve all the stress unless you get out of the world where time synchronization is so important."

He notes that, historically, the obsession with synchronization took hold in the railroad era, when watches were often kept in a pocket.

By World War I, watches began moving to the wrist, as a means of efficiency.

"The wrist watch was really a response to stress — the stress of battle," Hoopes says. In today's age of globalization, he says, synchronization has only increased in scope.

Glen Stone gets a sense of that every working day at the World Trade Centre Toronto, as he walks by a wall of clocks that show times from around the world.

But as important as time is at the busy Toronto Board of Trade, even he has given up on wearing his own watch.

The 48-year-old Canadian says every time piece he's owned — including the first one he got at age 8 — has either broken or irritated his skin, whether they were cheap or expensive watches, digital, leather-strapped or metal.

He asks: "Know anyone who wants a drawer full of broken watches?"

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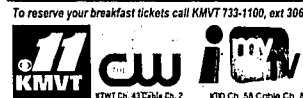
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## Keeping track of the time

The sun, stars and water have been used to tell time. Today, mechanical gears and quartz are the primary ways people keep track of time, although the cesium atomic clock is the most accurate.

Some historical methods of telling time

							
~3500 B.C. Egyptians built obelisks and placed them in strategic locations to cast shadows from the sun.	~1500 B.C. Egyptians built sundials, which allowed people to tell time by measuring shadows.	~600 B.C. Egyptians improved sundials with a "merkhet," an astronomical tool that measured nighttime hours.	~325 B.C. The Greeks began using a "clepsydra" to measure hours using the gradual flow of water and allowed nighttime measurement of time.	1325 First firm evidence of a mechanical clock in Milan. Some suggest mechanical clocks existed before 1300.	1927 Warren Marrison developed the first quartz clock that took the better part of a small room.	1955 World's first cesium atomic clock built at the National Physical Laboratory in England.	Dec. 25, 1969 The first electronic quartz watches sold to the public. Each cost \$1,250.

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# AROUND THE WORLD

## IRAN

### Leader: Oil, gas reserves will dry up

TEHRAN — Iran's top leader said Saturday the country's oil and gas reserves will eventually dry up and defen- dited the drive to produce nuclear fuel, claiming it was the only way to avoid depending on the West for energy.

"Oil and gas reserves won't last forever. If a nation doesn't think of producing its future energy needs, it will be dependent on domination-seeking powers," state television quoted Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as saying.

Iran produces 4.2 million barrels of oil per day, the second largest exporter of crude among the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, and possesses the world's second biggest natural gas reserves in the world.

The country's recoverable oil reserves are estimated at 137 billion barrels, or 12 percent of the world's overall oil reserves. Iran's gas reserves are believed to stand at 28 trillion cubic meters.

The United States and its European allies have deplored Iran's nuclear program — which Tehran says is only for fuel-producing purposes, and not nuclear bomb-making.

Iran's officials have argued they need alternate energy sources for when oil reserves run out and say they see no reason why some of mankind's most advanced technology should be off limits.

## UNITED NATIONS

### 18,000 children die every day of hunger

Some 18,000 children die every day because of hunger and malnutrition and 850 million people go to bed every night with empty stomachs, a "terrible indictment of the world in 2007," the head of the U.N. food agency said.

James Morris called for students and young people, faith-based groups, the business community and governments to join forces in a global movement to alleviate and eliminate hunger — especially among children.

"The little girl in Malawi who's fed, and goes to school; 50 percent less likely to be HIV-positive, 50 percent less likely to give birth to a low birth weight baby," he said in an interview with *Business Week*. "Education about her life changes for the better and it's the most important, significant, humanitarian, political, or economic investment the world can make in its future."

Morris, an American businessman and former president of the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, one of the largest charitable organizations in the U.S., is stepping down as executive director of the Rome-based World Food Program in April after five years of leading the world's largest humanitarian organization.

He said that while the percentage of people who are hungry and malnourished has decreased from a fifth of the population to a sixth of the population, the actual number of hungry people is growing by about 5 million people a year because of the rising population.

"Today 850 million people are hungry and malnourished. Over half of them are children. 18,000 children die every single day because of hunger and malnutrition," Morris said.

## VATICAN CITY

### Michelangelo had a Vatican dwelling

A 450-year-old receipt has provided proof that Michelangelo kept a private room in St. Peter's Basilica while working as the pope's chief architect, Vatican experts said.

While going through the basilica archives for an exhibit on the 500th anniversary of the church, researchers recently came across an entry for a key to a chest "in the room in St. Peter's where Master Michelangelo retires."

The Renaissance painter and sculptor whose frescoes adorn the ceiling of the Sistine chapel in the Vatican was put in charge of the restoration of St. Peter's basilica by Pope Paul III at age 71 in 1546, a job he held until his death in 1564.

Michelangelo's greatest contribution to the basilica was his design for the central dome or cupola, a universally acknowledged architectural triumph.

"We now know that Michelangelo definitely had a private space in the basilica," said Maria Cristina Carlotto Stella, who runs the Fabrica di San Pietro, the office where the basilica's archives are kept. "The next step is to identify it." The ink-scripted entry for the key was contained in a parchment-covered volume listing the expenditures of the Fabrica for the years 1556-1558. It refers to the payment of 10 scudos to the blacksmith who forged the key, but offers no details about the chest or the location of the room.

## PAKISTAN

### Suicide bomber strikes courtroom, kills 15

QUETTA — A suicide bomber blew himself up Saturday in a courthouse in southwestern Pakistan, killing 15 others, including a judge, in the deadliest of a series of attacks that have struck the country in recent weeks.

There is suspicion in Pakistan that pro-Taliban militants are targeting sensitive sites to undermine the country's support of the United States, and an official in the region where Saturday's attack took place hinted at Afghan involvement.

Saturday's explosion wounded 24 people and left bloodied clothes and body parts scattered next to wrecked furniture and shattered glass in Quetta District Courts. It forced police — already on alert — to further tighten security nationwide.

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## FRANCE

### Maurice Papon, French Nazi-era collaborator dies

PARIS — Maurice Papon, a former Cabinet minister who was convicted of complicity in crimes against humanity for his role in deporting Jews during World War II and became a symbol of France's collabor-

ation with the Nazis, died Saturday. He was 96.

Papon, who underwent surgery on his pacemaker at a clinic east of Paris last week, died in his sleep on Saturday, said his lawyer, Francis Vuillemin.

Papon was the highest-ranking Frenchman to be convicted for a role in the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

The April 2, 1998, guilty verdict was the culmination of a trial that offered a painful look at one of the darkest periods in modern French history.

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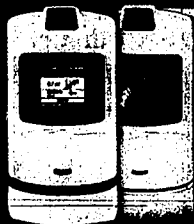
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# Bomb blasts kill 11 in northern Iraq

## U.S. aircraft strike insurgents in Ramadi

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A twin-engine bomber jet 11 dead in northern Iraq and U.S. aircraft went in action Saturday against Sunni insurgents west of Baghdad, as Iraqi officials claimed early success in the campaign to restore order in the capital.

The bombers struck in a Kurdish neighborhood of the oil city of Kirkuk, about 180 miles north of Baghdad, as streets were filled with cars and pedestrians.

Police and witnesses said the first blast occurred near shops and a bus depot. Minutes later, a suicide car bomber attacked the same area. Terrified shoppers fled screaming in panic amid burning cars and debris.

A restaurant owner lay screaming on the sidewalk, his body soaked with hot cooking oil after one of the blasts hurled him onto the curb.

Eleven people were killed in the two blasts and 65 were wounded, police Brig. Gen. Sarhat Qader said. Sunni Arabs and Kurds have laid rival claims on Kirkuk and its oil wealth.

In Ramadi, a Sunni insurgent hotbed 70 miles west of the

capital, U.S. jets strafed gunmen after they ambushed a U.S. patrol, said 2nd Lt. Roger Hollenbeck, a Marine spokesman. Hours later, U.S. aircraft destroyed a car with gunmen who were trying to escape after they attacked an Army patrol, Hollenbeck said.

There were no U.S. casualties, but Hollenbeck said eight insurgents were killed — four in each attack.



An Iraqi army soldier scans an overpass while on patrol in central Baghdad Saturday. Violence in Baghdad has dropped off sharply since the military push began earlier this week.

## Rice: Iraq debate reflects doubts for democracy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Iraqi government leaders Saturday that the contentious debate in Washington over President Bush's war strategy reflects U.S. doubts that democracy will prevail over violence.

"Some of the debate in Washington is in fact indicative of the concerns that some of the American people have ... if the Iraqi government doesn't do what I have said it will do," Rice said. She told leaders from all of Iraq's factions.

Rice made an unannounced visit to Baghdad as the U.S. Senate deadlocked on whether to repeat a symbolic rebuke that the U.S. House handed Bush on Friday when it opposed the administration's deployment of additional combat troops to Iraq.

Although Rice used her visit to publicly praise the Iraqi government's role in a new security crackdown in Baghdad, an Iraqi official said she was more critical in private.

Rice told Iraqi leaders that the Baghdad security operation needs to "rise above sectarianism" and noted that no U.S. or Iraqi forces have yet moved into the capital's major Shiite militia stronghold, the Iraqi official said.

The official said Rice told Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that the initial stage of the crackdown, which began Wednesday, "appeared to focus on Sunni areas and had left Saqr City, stronghold of the Mahdi Army militia, nearly untouched."

## Bush pledges to work with Democrats on health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to gain support for his health care proposal, President Bush pledged Saturday to reach across party lines and reform the nation's medical insurance system so more of the 46 million uninsured Americans can afford coverage.

"From my conversations with Democrats and Republicans, it is clear both parties recognize that strengthening health care for all Americans is one of our most important responsibilities," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "I am confident that if we put politics aside, we can find practical ways to improve our private health care system."

On Tuesday, five Republicans and five Democrats told Bush that they support a blueprint for increasing health insurance coverage, and want to work with him on it. The White House quickly took the lawmakers up on their offer.

Bush has proposed a major shift in tax policy that would, for the first time, treat health insurance costs as taxable income.

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

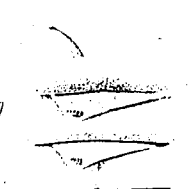
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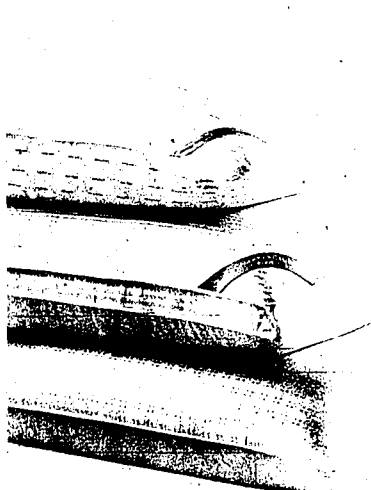
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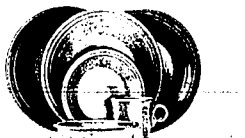


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# U.S. funding for study of chronic fatigue illustrates role politics plays in disease research

By Mike Stobbs  
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — The television spot shows a 40-year-old woman, in slow motion, as her family and co-workers rush by over the course of a day. It ends with her sitting alone, amid the remnants of a birthday party.

"The worst part isn't even that everyone thinks the problems in my head," a female voice intones. "The worst part of chronic fatigue syndrome is missing my life."

The spot is the centerpiece of a remarkable \$4.5 million public awareness campaign that rolled out last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's remarkable, in part, due to the role advocacy and politics played in creating it.

Chronic fatigue is a non-contagious, non-fatal condition whose existence some medical skeptics continue to question. It is not the only example of outside influences moving a lower-priority health problem higher on the scale of importance.

In 2000, the March of Dimes lobbied Congress to create a center on birth defects within the CDC. In December, autism advocates were credited with raising a bill that authorized nearly \$1 billion over five years to research that condition.

But chronic fatigue paved the way, said Shelley Hearne, a veteran health advocate and visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health.

In the 1990s, congressmen authorized money for CDC research into the cause of chronic fatigue. In 1999, advocates caught the CDC diverting nearly \$13 million that money and spending it in other research areas. There was a federal probe, and the agency eventually replaced the money.

It proved to be a turning point in how the CDC interacts with — and is influenced by — advocates and the lawmakers who support them, Hearne said.

"I think it was really the first wake-up call to the agency that it needed to understand and respond to the needs of the public," she said.

Clearly, most researchers believe chronic fatigue is real and that there is strong justification for the CDC to be working on it. But some feel the agency has leaned too far, at times putting lesser ailments ahead of the public good because advocates and politicians demand it.

"I personally believe the CDC's emphasis on this has been wrong from day one. They have responded to pressure," said Dr. Peter Manu, a New York-based researcher who does not believe chronic fatigue is a real disease.

Chronic fatigue syndrome is characterized by at least six months of severe fatigue not helped by bed rest. Patients also report muscle pain and impaired memory. The CDC estimates more than 1 million Americans have the condition, with the rate four times higher among women.

It became a national health issue in 1984, when clusters of cases were reported in Incline Village, Nev., and in Lyndonville, N.Y.

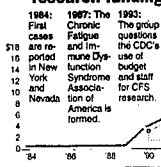
Similar reports came in from around the country, although scientists believe the illness probably existed before then but wasn't recognized.

Some doctors dismissed it as "yuppie flu," but several key members of Congress took it seriously. One was John Porter, an Illinois Republican on the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees public health programs and agencies. He became involved in the mid-1980s when a consultant visited and told Porter about his daughter's mystery illness.

At about the same time, an organization formed in Charlotte, N.C., that became the nation's most influential chronic fatigue advocacy group — the Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS) Association of America.

The group was influenced by AIDS activists, who in the 1980s eschewed genetic ad-

## Questions arise over research funding



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CFIDS Association: [www.cfids.org](http://www.cfids.org)

Porter, who now works for a Washington law firm. Still, "the agency bungled how it communicated with Congress, said Koplan, now an administrator at Emory University. "We had not done procedurally what the CDC should do, which is inform Congress and ask their permission when funds for one health problem are used for another health problem," he said.

In the 2006 budget year, a CDC spent about \$6 million on chronic fatigue research. That doesn't include the \$4.5 million for the ad campaign unveiled in Washington last fall; and the National Institutes of Health spent another \$5.5 million on the disorder."

CDC funding for the condition has been steady in recent years, and chronic fatigue syndrome is only a minor budget line at the agency.

The public awareness campaign money is considered reparations for the diversion of funds in the mid-1990s,

McClary pressed a CDC official on how the chronic fatigue money was being spent. In the meeting, the CDC's Dr. William Reeves emerged as a whistleblower who refused to back up his boss, Dr. Brian Mahy. Mahy, who still works at CDC, declined to comment for this article.

An investigation found that nearly \$13 million of \$22.7 million meant for chronic fatigue work was spent on other programs. Lawmakers galloped the CDC director at the time, Dr. Jeffrey Koplan.

Porter, the Illinois congressman, was upset but there wasn't much he could do, since Congress usually doesn't mandate how the CDC should direct its money among programs. Congress puts spending recommendations in appropriations reports, but they're not binding, said

Since 1990, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health have received \$175 million for chronic fatigue syndrome research. Questionable budgeting has led to 13 adjustments.

Competitive duck calling, he said, could be his calling. Jed's career started about three years ago when his grandfather Jack Oyer signed him up for a duck-calling class at the College of Southern Idaho as a Christmas gift. He suspected he'd been gipped.

But something happened to change his mind that first day in class: Jed learned he was a natural. He had the gift. He could speak duck, fluently.

"Jed won the class competition on the last day of the six-week course, beating out men seven times his age."

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# Quack

Porter, who now works for a Washington law firm. Still, "the agency bungled how it communicated with Congress, said Koplan, now an administrator at Emory University. "We had not done procedurally what the CDC should do, which is inform Congress and ask their permission when funds for one health problem are used for another health problem," he said.

In the 2006 budget year, a CDC spent about \$6 million on chronic fatigue research. That doesn't include the \$4.5 million for the ad campaign unveiled in Washington last fall; and the National Institutes of Health spent another \$5.5 million on the disorder."

CDC funding for the condition has been steady in recent years, and chronic fatigue syndrome is only a minor budget line at the agency.

The public awareness campaign money is considered reparations for the diversion of funds in the mid-1990s,

McClary pressed a CDC official on how the chronic fatigue money was being spent. In the meeting, the CDC's Dr. William Reeves emerged as a whistleblower who refused to back up his boss, Dr. Brian Mahy. Mahy, who still works at CDC, declined to comment for this article.

An investigation found that nearly \$13 million of \$22.7 million meant for chronic fatigue work was spent on other programs. Lawmakers galloped the CDC director at the time, Dr. Jeffrey Koplan.

Porter, the Illinois congressman, was upset but there wasn't much he could do, since Congress usually doesn't mandate how the CDC should direct its money among programs. Congress puts spending recommendations in appropriations reports, but they're not binding, said

Since 1990, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health have received \$175 million for chronic fatigue syndrome research. Questionable budgeting has led to 13 adjustments.

Competitive duck calling, he said, could be his calling. Jed's career started about three years ago when his grandfather Jack Oyer signed him up for a duck-calling class at the College of Southern Idaho as a Christmas gift. He suspected he'd been gipped.

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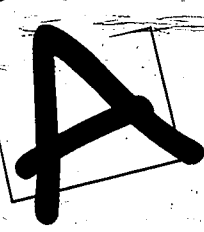
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## The future of downtown Twin Falls

### Business as usual or time for a change?

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Before 1982, they were just a group of downtown business owners who called themselves "the downtowners."

They paid dues and volunteered to help with promotions to bring more people downtown and into their businesses. They pooled their money to buy Christmas lights and then volunteered to hang them.

Tom Ashenbrenner, owner of the former Price's Hardware which later became Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, noticed that the same people volunteered over and over again, while others never lifted a finger to do anything, even though they benefited from the volunteers' efforts. One year, he was out hanging Christmas lights along Main Avenue when he came upon a business whose owner never paid dues, never volunteered to help. Ashenbrenner was a very young man back then, and perhaps a little more brassy. His arms' full of Christmas lights, he went in to confront the owner.

"I marched in and said, 'You want Christmas lights?'" he remembered. The business owner said yes. Ashenbrenner dumped the Christmas lights on the businessman's counter and said, "Well put them up yourself."

Then, some new competition came to town in the form of the Magic Valley Mall. The downtowners decided it was time to form a business improvement district.

"We needed to keep the area vital," Ashenbrenner said.

The downtowners gathered signatures, took them to the city and in 1982, the Business Improvement District was born. From then on, all business owners in the area had to pay assessments.

#### Added responsibilities

In the beginning, the city took care of things like parking, tree trimming and watering. In the 1990s, the landscaping and parking responsibilities were given to the BID at its leadership's request, said Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney.

"The (BID) leadership thought they could do a better job," Courtney said.

When the BID took over the parking duties, it also got the revenue. At the time, parking had been bringing in about \$20,000 in revenue to the city, Courtney said.

The city does give the district some funding — \$15,000 a year for general maintenance and landscaping and \$1,200 a year to help with sanitation, said Gary Evans, the city's finance director.

But the BID's expertise is in organizing promotions and events, not taking care of infrastructure and landscaping, said Ashenbrenner, who has served on the district board. "As business owners, we're not equipped to replace a sprinkler system," he said.

In 1998, 38 business owners in the southwest part of the city formed the Old Towne Warehouse District. In 2004, the two districts joined together to form Historic Downtown Twin Falls. There are three full-time employees — Executive Director Karla Williams, Administrative Assistant Kathy Guggell and Parking Administrator Bridgette Baker — who work out of an office on Main Avenue. Things like maintenance and landscaping are contracted out.

There are four volunteer committees that do much of the planning, but it is up to Williams to carry out their wishes. Williams' job duties include everything from managing the office to advertising to hiring contractors. Her main responsibility is to make sure businesses' needs get met. She makes slightly more than \$30,000 a year. Guggell makes about \$17,000 a year and Baker makes about \$4,000. They don't get benefits.

Lisa Fairbanks, co-owner of Scrapper's Giftedness and a district board member, has been a downtown business owner for two decades. She said business property owners definitely get their money's worth for the quarterly dues they pay.

"I don't know what we'd do without a BID," Fairbanks said. "Not only do you pay on fabulous events, but they keep the streets clean and take care of

maintenance and parking."

#### Assessing assessments

Susan Butler opened up Pointdexter's back in 1999, and she was a little surprised to find out that she was obligated to pay quarterly dues to the BID.

Business property owners in downtown Twin Falls and the warehouse district pay anywhere from \$10 to \$1,200 quarterly, a formula based on property value multiplied by the mill rate, said Ryan Horsley, a business owner and president of the board of Historic Downtown Twin Falls.

A few years ago, Historic Downtown Twin Falls decided business property owners, rather than business owners, should be responsible for paying assessments. That way if there was turnover of businesses at a property, the district wouldn't lose revenue from lost assessments, said Jill Trowell, past president of Historic Downtown Twin Falls.

But Butler, and some other property owners, don't think they're getting much bang for their buck. Butler said she pays about \$70 a quarter. She said she doesn't see much business coming in from downtown events, and she doesn't see much as far as maintenance. She said she's been wanting to come take care of the tree that's clogging her drainage pipe.

"They come and take care of the flower pot once in a while, and every six weeks to three months, a guy comes in and blows off your sidewalk," Butler said. "I'd love to see the downtown improve, but in eight years, I haven't seen any difference."

#### Balance sheets and break-ins

Historic Downtown Twin Falls' 2005-2006 balance sheet did not look good. The district brought in \$181,729 in total revenue that year, but found itself \$27,000 in the red. Former board members Jeff Hepworth, Jeff Bulkeley, Mac Evans and Kevin Owings, and current board member Jim Mason



Downtown Twin Falls has changed over the years and some downtown business owners think it's time for its business improvement district to make some changes, too.

called on the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for help. They suggested the chamber submit a proposal to provide the district with administrative services. Hepworth suggested the only logical way to cut costs was to cut payroll, which would mean letting go of the district's three-person staff.

By last October, some old board members were out and some new ones were in. One of the board's first tasks was to vote on the chamber proposal. It was a 4-4 tie, with board members Mason, Virginia Wilcox, Kevin Dane and Kurt Kruezer voting in favor of the proposal, and board members Gordon Curtis, Rod Dalg, Fairbanks and Trowell voting against it. Horsley abstained from voting, saying it was a conflict of interest as he also served on the chamber board.

The chamber proposal was out, at least for the time being, and the district's three employees still had their jobs. Still, the board knew it had to do something to bring up its bottom line. Scaling back on advertising, overtime and contracted labor, coupled with some successful events did the trick, Trowell said. By the end of January, the district had more than \$38,000 in net revenue.

"We're looking at where we can be more efficient," Horsley said. "Instead of hiring many maintenance people we have someone on the staff go out and mow a lawn. Instead of hiring someone to change the head on a sprinkler, we go out and do it."

But it wasn't the end of the district's problems. The Idaho Industrial Commission recently fined the district \$900 for not maintaining workers' compensation from April 14 through Aug. 2. And the downtown office was broken into and some files turned up missing. Police are still investigating.

#### Time for a change?

Susan Butler said although she doesn't have a problem with the staff of Historic Downtown Twin Falls, she thinks the district needs to change. "Would you put a bill you

didn't get a service from?" she asked.

Ashenbrenner agrees the problem is in the way the system is set up. Downtown has changed, and the system needs to change with it, he said.

"The infrastructure is aging and the business power has decreased," Ashenbrenner said.

He said an ideal system would be a joint effort between the city, businesses and private investors. Property owners would still pay assessments, but the city would take back the maintenance, landscaping and improvement chores. Businesses could go back to tending to event planning and promoting downtown.

Courtney said the city is open to hearing new ideas.

"Certainly, we're willing to talk to them about change and other alternatives," Courtney said. "The city has always been supportive of the Business Improvement District and downtown."

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## The Grand Canyon's precarious perch

### Skywalk an engineering marvel — or colossal eyesore

By Julie Carl  
Los Angeles Times

GRAND CANYON WEST, Ariz. — Perched over the Grand Canyon close to a mile above the Colorado River, a massive, multimillion-dollar glass walkway soon will open for business as the centerpiece of a struggling Indian tribe's plan to lure tourists to its remote reservation.

An engineering marvel or a colossal eyesore, depending on who is describing it, the horseshoe-shaped glass walkway will jut out 70 feet beyond the canyon's edge on the Hualapai Indian Reservation just west of Grand Canyon Village. Battered by 1 million pounds of steel and supporting 90 tons of tempered glass, the see-through deck will give visitors a breathtaking view of the canyon.

When the cantilevered structure opens to the public next month, it will be the most

conspicuous commercial edifice in the canyon. And, if the tribe's plans come to fruition, Skywalk will be the catalyst for a 9,000-acre development, known as Grand Canyon West, that will open up a long-inaccessible 100-mile stretch of countryside along the canyon's South Rim. The cost of the Skywalk alone will exceed \$40 million, according to tribal officials.

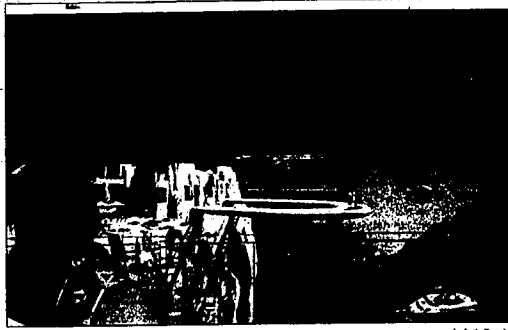
"Skywalk is the 'wow' that will draw people," said Steve Beattie, the chief financial officer for Grand Canyon Resort Corp., — the tribe's business arm. Construction on an attached 6,000-square-foot visitors center and restaurant opens. The Skywalk will charge an admission fee of \$25, Beattie said, adding that some of the financing will come from a private-sector partnership. Tribal officials say the development, which eventually might include hotels, restaur-

ants and a golf course, is the best way to address the social ills of a small reservation, where the 2,000 residents struggle with a 50 percent unemployment rate and widespread alcoholism and poverty.

But off the reservation, many people regard the development and especially the Skywalk as tantamount to defacing a national treasure.

"It's the equivalent of an upscale carnival ride," said Robert Arnerberger, a former superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park who was born near the canyon's South Rim. "Why would they desecrate this place with this?"

"I've never been able to resolve the apparent conflict between the tribe's oft-stated claim that there is no better caregiver and steward of the Grand Canyon than the tribe, and their approach to the land — which is based on heavy use and economics," he said.



An image of the completed Skywalk adorns the side of a tour bus at Grand Canyon West in Arizona.

Other critics say the Skywalk and related development will only add to the commercialization that has detracted from the experience of nature in the national park.

"What the Grand Canyon needs most is a place for quiet contemplation and recre-

ation," said Mieran Suckling, policy director for the Center for Biological Diversity, an Arizona-based environmental group. "The Skywalk is part of a process that is turning the canyon into a tacky commercial playground."

Not so, say tribal leaders.

"You look at the park side, they have 4.5 million people a year — it's Disneyland in itself," said Sheri Yellowhawk, a former member of the Hualapai tribal council and chief executive of the tribe's

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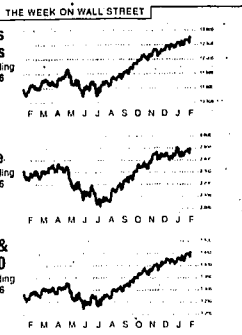


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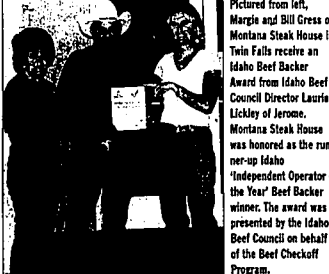
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AIRGAS CHOPPER advertisement featuring an image of a chopper and text describing the 'Orange County Choppers' event and the chopper's features.

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RESTAURANT GETS AWARD



OPEN HOUSE HELD



Infection Therapy and Diabetes Education Clinic at Cassia Regional Medical Center recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. Pictured from left, Pat Campbell, Tammy Houston, Kent Fletcher, Heidi Hill, Rebecca Hays, Audrey Nelweter, Liz Korman, back, Ken Harman, Marlene Welch, Cindy Brown, Christine Sochan, Joel Rogers and Doretta Alfred. The clinic, open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, will be used for infection therapy, diabetic education and community education. Community education classes are offered to the general public and include CPR/first aid, birthing classes, and Super STDI classes. For more information or to schedule an appointment at the clinic, call 677-6288.

AARP HONORS GROUPS



Wells Fargo Bank and the Office on Aging recently received certificates of appreciation from the American Association of Retired Persons for sponsoring the Driver Safety Program. Pictured from left, Jim Fields, director of Office on Aging; Charles Siegel, assistant state coordinator for the Driver Safety Program; and Amy Brinkman, manager of the Wells Fargo downtown branch.

GRAND OPENING



Karen Nissen and Alfred Galvez celebrated the opening of their new business, Karen's Errands, with a ribbon cutting held by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors of the chamber office. Nissen and Galvez started the new company in Twin Falls that specializes in senior transportation for people who can no longer drive themselves and need transportation for doctor's appointments, shopping, airport transportation, etc. Their vehicles are wheelchair accessible. Pet transportation is also available. Nissen and Galvez are experienced with people who have Alzheimer's. For more information, call Nissen at 732-5205 or Galvez at 404-1890.

Energy Improvement Champions named Idaho Power and the Industrial Efficiency Alliance announced a number of local Continuous Energy Improvement Champions. These Energy Champions, who work at several local food processing plants in Idaho, were selected as Energy Champions as a result of their personal commitments to improving productivity and profitability in their companies through energy efficiency strategies. The Continuous Energy Improvement Champions from the Twin Falls are John Hanke, Glanbia Foods; Tex Minchey, Jerome Cheese; Clay Montgomery, Seneca Foods; Dick Vawser, Glanbia Foods; and Ron Williams, Dargatzis. These Energy Champions are improving energy savings at their plants through Continuous Energy Improvement, which has the potential to increase production capacity, improve equipment reliability, and reduce

operating costs and energy by as much as 20 percent. Continuous Energy Improvement Champions voluntarily agree to be accountable for improving the energy efficiency of the industrial plants where they work. Local cabinet maker given award JM Kitchens Inc. of Twin Falls has succeeded in providing the Magic and Wood River valleys with quality cabinetry and countertops since 1982. In addition to celebrating its 25th anniversary, it has been awarded Cabinetry by Karman's "Outstanding Customer" award for volume and service. Cabinetry by Karman is its main cabinet supplier. Only top customers receive the prestigious award.

# Skywalk

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business entity. They have to manage cars and can't resolve their transportation issues. We're looking at their problems and trying to resolve them up front. We've gone through 2 1/2 years of going back and forth with cultural assessment and biological assessments and community input. We have to find a means to self-sustain ourselves. The money is dwindling."

The Hualapai have worked for years to attract more tourists to their 1-million-acre reservation. About 200,000 people visit each year. The tribe levies a charge for weddings on the canyon rim and other events, including "a motorcycle stunt ride in which daredevil Robbie Knievel jumped a side canyon. But after a disappointing foray into casino gambling, the tribe decided three years ago to launch a one-of-a-kind development of the rim of the Grand Canyon.

The tribe expects Skywalk to boost tourism at a more modest development already in place: a smattering of sites 120 miles east of Las Vegas offering experiences that can't be found at the park, including an Old West Main Street and cowboy show, an Indian village, horseback riding, wagon rides and Humvee tours.

In addition, the Hualapai operate airplane and helicopter tours that fly visitors into the canyon on low-level routes, which are forbidden at the national park. After landing beside the river, visitors can embark on a guided pontoon boat and raft rides — day tours not offered in the park. The tribe's master plan calls for the construction of a cable car to ferry visitors from the canyon rim to the river.

There, the tribe is seeking to expand tourism. The Grand Canyon National Park's Colorado River management plan, finalized in December, allows the tribe to take 600 passengers on motorized pontoon boats each day, far fewer than the 1,800 daily allotment the Hualapai requested.

Beattie of Grand Canyon Resort Corp. said the bonding restrictions would prevent the tribe from expanding river operations, now the tribe's most popular tourist attraction. Although it flows through the reservation, the river is under federal control.

Others in the tribe have been critical of what they say is the development's lack of sustainability, pointing out that water used here is trucked in over miles of unpaved, rutted roads, and that there is no sewer, trash, telephone or electrical service. The airport, which is expanding, operates on diesel generators. The park, in contrast, has a busy complex of hotels, shops and restaurants, most clustered on the South Rim of the Canyon, several miles upstream from the reservation. The park does not draw water from the river but from an aging pipeline.

Tribe officials admit it will be difficult to operate a full-service resort without upgrading infrastructure and finding a local source of water. Hualapai officials said last week that they were considering taking water from the Colorado River.

Pumping water up nearly a vertical mile from the river to the rim of the canyon could be fraught with financial and legal challenges. Joseph Feller, who teaches water law at Arizona State University, says no tribe has taken water from the Colorado without first negotiating with the federal government.

The tribe's Yellow Hawk said: "We're looking at pumping water out of the river; that may be our best bet." She added that the tribe was attempting to negotiate with the Department of the Interior. Attorneys with the department solicitor's office confirmed that the tribe had made initial overtures regarding water rights on the Colorado.

Feller said there was no doubt the Hualapai had long-standing rights to water from the Colorado, but how much they may take has not been determined.

# Rural poor looking forward to feds' proposed minimum wage boost

By Bruce Smith  
Associated Press Writer

CHERAW, S.C. — Louise McQueen has scrimped all her life, working two jobs while raising two daughters alone and now earning \$5.47 an hour as a cook in a small restaurant. So it's a comfort to her in this rural corner of South Carolina that Congress this week was poised to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$7.25 over the next two years.

"I can get by, but this is going to help me a lot," said McQueen, 54, who has taken one vacation in her life and who considers her sole luxury to be watching television.

Some 160 miles away, outside Charleston, Kirby Platt juggles tuition and rent while working a part-time job for \$6.50 an hour to help pay her way through technical college. She's also hoping for the federal pay bump.

"Of course it would be helpful, going to school and supporting myself right now," said Platt, 19.

More than 10 percent of hourly workers in South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi would see wage increases if the federal proposal goes through — the highest such percentages in the nation, according to the Washington-based Economic Policy Institute. In South Carolina, that translates to 179,000 people.

The House and Senate have approved bills raising the hourly minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over two years. The Senate bill paired the wage hike with tax breaks for small businesses. The House, initially reluctant to add similar tax cuts, was set to pass a smaller tax package on Friday. House and Senate negotiators were seen to work out the differences.

Nationwide, an estimated



Rod Lapin gestures as he talks about how the minimum wage would not affect his family owned business because he already offers jobs at or near the proposed wage Feb. 9 in North Charleston, S.C.

"This is going to help me a lot."

— Louise McQueen of Cheraw, S.C.

13 million workers would be affected, either directly or indirectly. The institute estimates that many workers already making the new federal minimum could expect pay hikes after lower-wage earners start making more.

South Carolina tourism officials and advocates for the poor say the rising tide effect would "especially be felt among those who work in the state's \$16 billion tourism industry and other areas where employers already pay close to the proposed increase because they have trouble finding workers.

Anytime there's an increase in expenses, there's an increase in the cost of healthy care," said Rod Lapin, whose family runs a chain of ice cream shops around Charleston, already offers jobs at or near the proposed wage, saying it's tough to find good workers for less. He's even resorted to hiring in students from abroad, and provided them with housing, to staff his shops. But he still thinks the wage needs a boost.

"I'm very much in favor of the minimum wage increase," Lapin said. "I think it's outrageous that it stayed at \$5.15 for so long. I think it should go

up at least with the cost of living every year." Like McQueen, the cook, many of the low-wage workers are expected to see their pay increase right away live in rural areas where unemployment is high and there is less competition for labor, said Al Matthews, an economist at Charleston Southern University.

From the 1960s through the 1980s, manufacturing plants flocked to rural South Carolina for cheap labor and lower overhead costs, only to leave after they discovered they could do even better overseas. At the same time, the state's textile base also headed offshore, leaving a string of shuttered plants and mills dotting the rural landscape.

McQueen worked at a small sewing plant in Cheraw before it closed its doors in the early 1990s. As far as she is concerned, it's high time Congress paid attention to the rural poor. "They forgot about us," she said.

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- Il Signo
- Intermountain Taxidemy
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**MONEY**

# Depressed? Getting chemo? Hallmark line addresses sensitive situations

By David Twiddy  
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Buying a greeting card for someone's birthday, anniversary or if they're feeling under the weather is pretty straightforward.

But what if they're undergoing chemotherapy or struggling with depression?

"Get Well Soon" probably won't cut it.

Likewise, most cards lining the store shelves don't work on occasions as someone leaving an abusive spouse, undergoing drug rehab or declaring their sexual orientation.

Hallmark Cards Inc., which has built its \$4.2 billion empire on sentiments like "Happy Birthday" and "Thinking of you," is releasing a new line of cards that will speak to those and other situations that the company says have either been ignored by greeting card companies or received only a smattering of attention from niche players.

For illness: "Cancer is a villain who doesn't play fair... but it can't dim your spirit, and it can't silence prayer."

For eating disorders: "All I want is for you to be healthy — healthy and happy with yourself. Please take it one day at a time until you are."

For depression: "When the world gets heavy, remember, I'm here to help carry it with you."

The 176-card collection, called Journeys, went on sale Thursday at Hallmark's 3,800 Gold Crown stores.

Cynthia Musick, the editorial director who oversees Journeys, said the cards' writing provides more personal messages of support, encouragement and hope, for which the company's research showed there was a demand.

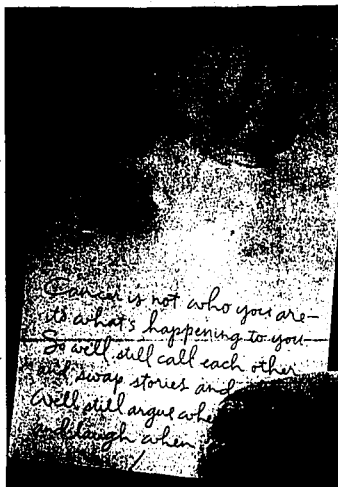
Theresa Steffens, an assistant product manager at Hallmark, said a majority of online and focus group respondents said they couldn't find what they were looking for when needing an encouragement card.

"Either the consumer said they were walking away from the display or they were just unhappy with the card that they purchased, so we saw this as a huge opportunity," Steffens said.

Customers said they wanted cards dealing with more real-life situations.

"They said, 'I don't know what to say during a difficult time, so I don't say anything at all,'" Steffens said. So again there's an opportunity there to help them talk through these tough situations that they're dealing with and to foster that special connection."

The \$7 billion greeting card



Cynthia Musick holds a Journey's card at Hallmark Cards Inc., in Kansas City, Kan., Feb. 6. Hallmark Cards Inc., which has built its \$4.2 billion empire on the sale of sentiment for life's happier times, is releasing a new line of cards that will speak to those and other situations that the company says have either been ignored by greeting card companies or received only a smattering of attention. The 176-card collection, called Journeys, went on sale Thursday at Hallmark's 3,800 Gold Crown stores.

industry already brims with tiny niche players who make and sell cards dealing with such things as serious illness or thinking caregivers, said Barbara Miller, a spokeswoman for the Washington, D.C.-based Greeting Card Association.

But she said none of them have the ability to reach customers searching for those types of cards across the country.

"My guess is it's a breakthrough for a large company like a Hallmark," she said.

The new line includes cards tackling cancer diagnoses, quitting smoking, caring for an aging parent, miscarriage, anniversaries of loss, loved ones in the military and traumatic loss, such as someone dying in an accident or homicide.

Others are more happy and even humorous, celebrating a year being cancer-free, nearing the end of chemotherapy or general encouragement for teenagers. There are even a few birthday cards encouraging the recipient to celebrate even though they've had a rough year.

Some cards feature whimsical or inspiring photographs — a baby making faces, a

marathon runner — but the majority feature abstract designs or just words in flowing script. Card designers said they aimed for bright colors that matched the mood of the card, ranging from bright orange for the more hopeful cards to purples and blues for somber notes.

Writing the cards proved a challenge, because the messages were designed to take a more personal approach than the standard sympathy card, said card writer Sarah Mueller.

"You can't send somebody who is seriously depressed a 'cheer up' card because it's insulting and it doesn't help," Mueller said.

"That's what depression does, is it makes you feel like you're all alone. So just being able to write something, the attempt was just to say 'I'm here.'"

# Aflac to be 1st U.S. firm to allow advisory votes on pay

By Tomoeh Murakami Tse  
The Washington Post

Aflac said last week that it would become the first major U.S. company to give shareholders an advisory vote on executive compensation packages, bolstering investor groups that have vowed to push companies to change their governance practices at annual shareholder meetings this spring.

Aflac, the world's largest seller of supplemental health insurance, said it would allow shareholders a nonbinding vote on its corporate pay practices beginning in 2009 — the first year that the company's proxy statement will contain the three years of compensation data required by the Securities and Exchange Commission's new disclosure rules. Aflac made its announcement after a proposal last year by one shareholder, Boston Common Asset Management.

"They're an early adopter," said Richard Fedalto, director of federal policy at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which supports the so-called say-on-pay proposals. "We expect others will follow."

Such proposals are among the most controversial of the hundreds this year by major shareholders, who emboldened by public furor over outsized executive compensation. Proponents say that even though the votes would be nonbinding, they would pressure companies to change compensation policy. At least 50 companies will have votes on say-on-pay at shareholder meetings, up from seven last year, according to Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), a proxy advisory firm in Rockville, Md.

Other closely watched resolutions include a proposal to allow shareholders to run opposing board candidates and another to the executive pay more directly to corporate performance. Many of the companies targeted are in the hot seat over executives' salaries or the practice of back-dating options.

Home Depot, still smarting from controversy surround-

## Corporate-governance-related shareholder proposals 2007

The Washington Post

Category	Number	Percentage of Total
Board related	235	37
Executive pay	239	38
Takeover defenses	27	4
Miscellaneous	129	21
Total	630	

NOTE: Through Feb. 9

SOURCE: Institutional Shareholder Services

ing the lucrative exit package given to its former chief executive, last week invited an activist shareholder to join its board, helping to avert a potentially nasty proxy fight. And dozens of prominent companies, including Lehman Brothers, Honeywell and Wells Fargo, have agreed to change how directors are elected.

ISS, the proxy advisory firm, said that since 2003, when investors began pushing for election by a majority of shareholder votes, about 200 companies have adopted some form of majority voting. "I think 2007 represents something of a tipping point," said Stephen M. Davis, a fellow at the Yale University's center for corporate governance. "Smart companies see the writing on the wall."

Still, some corporations remain unyielding. So far this year, companies have suc-

cessfully sought the SEC's approval to keep at least 40 of the 630 corporate governance-related proposals submitted by shareholders from coming to a vote, according to ISS. Dozens more are trying, but they have worked with investor groups to ensure best corporate governance practices, some proposals focus on narrow areas that are costly and distracting to board members.

"It goes counter to what should be the fundamental question: What are the systems of governance in place that assure companies can grow and create more jobs and create greater shareholder value?" said John J. Castellan, president of Business Roundtable, a D.C. association of chief executives of major U.S. companies. "We would rather have shareholders focus on shareholder value."



## The Herrett Forum presents Carol MacGregor

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## CAREER MOVES

### Marsha Smith

WASHINGTON — National Association of Regulatory Commissioners and Consumer Protection Jim Kerr appointed Marsha Smith as co-chair of the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency Leadership Group.

In November, Commissioner Smith was elected first vice president of the national organization. In November, she will be installed as president of NARUC. She has served on the Idaho Public Utilities Commission since her appointment by Gov. Cecil Andrus in 1991. She was re-appointed to a second term in 1997 by Gov. Phil Batt and a third term in 2003 by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

### Stacy Hirsch

BURLEY — Stacy L. Hirsch has joined the staff at Povlsen Company Realtors, 1315 Oakley Ave., as a sales associate and Realtor. Hirsch moved to Idaho three years ago from Colorado, where she had a successful 10-year real estate career. She has an extensive background in residential and commercial properties and new construction.

### John Roberts

TWIN FALLS — Dr. John Roberts of Roberts and Hall Family and Cosmetic Dentistry was recently invited to lecture in San Francisco, Calif.

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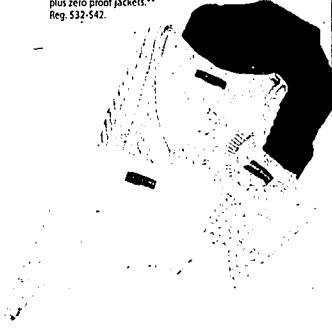
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EDITORIAL

### More changes at ISDB leave public in the dark

**H**ard to tell whether recent events at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind are just a bad rerun, or a case of the February sweeps. In either case, the State Board of Education seems to be putting on a poor show of informing the public.

The exit of Harvey Lyter, the interim superintendent for the ISDB, on Feb. 7 has thrown the institution into yet another and bigger whirlwind of uncertainty. Students, parents, faculty and Gooding community members were already scratching their heads this winter as to what the long-term future of the facility would be, against the backdrop of state restructuring for deaf and blind services.

Lyter's unexpected departure made him the second superintendent to leave in three years and creates even more anxiety at the school. In some ways, this exit is even more bewildering than the one that occurred in 2004. That's no light comparison considering Ramos and his tumultuous battle with the State Board that started in 2003. Ramos was investigated for financial wrongdoing but eventually kept by the board with a broad correction plan. Months later it fell apart. Ramos was placed on administrative leave.

Ramos' fight spilled into 2004 and a lengthy state hearing by former Supreme Court Justice Charles McDevitt. McDevitt found no grounds for Ramos to be dismissed. The board balked and instead chose a \$150,000 settlement — the full terms of which were never made public.

That led to the elevation of Lyter, who had the unenviable task of quelling controversy in the wake of Ramos' exit. Adding more weight was the discussion of ISDB's dropping enrollment in Gooding, and whether services for the sensory impaired should move closer to students' own districts through regional outreach centers.

Through most of that discussion, Lyter appeared to be an effective representative for the board and asked questions of change. Just as any progressive agent of efficiency should, he asked honestly whether the existing structure was the best fit for Idaho's students. He highlighted the challenges of hiring and retaining qualified officials in a rural setting, and led the discussion of changing the delivery system.

That's been proven again with Lyter's exit. While announced as a resignation, Lyter's comments to the *Times-News* indicated that the change came from the board, which "decided that it was time for a change in leadership," he said. On Friday an ISDB spokesman said "it was not and it remains a resignation." Citing it as a personnel matter, he could not comment further.

Meanwhile, teachers at the school remain mum on the issue, and who can blame them? At this point of the process, very little about ISDB, its delivery system and its staffing structure is set in stone. But students, parents and faculty are probably feeling fatigued by the uncertainty.

Perhaps Lyter was a short-term participant in a complicated and emotional period of transition of ISDB (the always-carry "interim" tag to his title). Maybe that transition requires new perspective, like that of Mary Dunde, a 35-year veteran with outreach programs in the field.

Whatever the reason, the state board has dropped the ball again with this latest transition. While Ramos' differences with the board were openly apparent, Lyter's views seemed parallel to those of board members.

It would be nice to learn why a new transition was necessary and how it will now unfold.

**Our view:**  
The public should know more about transition at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.  
**What do you think?**  
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

### Religious bashing of Romney regrettable

**O**n Tuesday, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney returned to Michigan, his home state, to announce that he is running for president. He delivered this earth-shattering news at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, posed between a model of the old Nash Rambler and the new Ford hybrid.

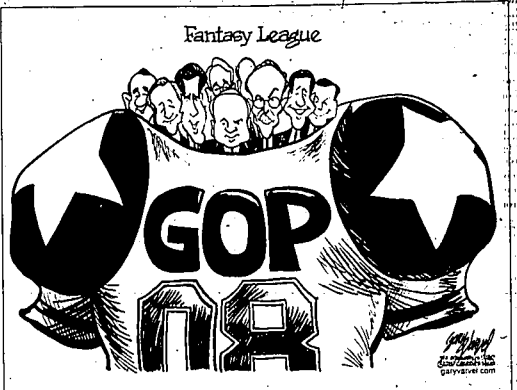
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The picture was meant to convey a message of "innovation and transformation," the motto of the Romney campaign. The venue had a local message, too. Romney's father, George, a former Michigan governor, was the automotive executive who (temporarily) saved American Motors with the compact Rambler in the late 1950s.

Today, with Detroit hemorrhaging automotive jobs, Mitt would like to be remembered as his father's son — because he probably couldn't carry Massachusetts in a presidential election — make Michigan his surrogate home state. And there's nothing that says Michigan more than the Ford Museum, a place every school kid youth of Petoskey is dragged through at least once.

But Ford has other associations. Romney was barely done speaking when the National Jewish Democratic Council attacked him for insensitivity. "Henry Ford was a notorious anti-Semite and xenophobe," the council thundered, and Romney had "taken serious questions" about his fitness to occupy the Oval Office.

The newly announced candidate responded by calling the council's criticism "absurd" — which, of course, it is. Henry Ford has been dead 70 years, and his descendants have spent every day since atoning for the old bigot. There is no known Jewish organization or cause that hasn't benefited from Ford



largesse. The family's only villain is William Clay Ford Sr., whose 43-year ownership of the Detroit NFL franchise has done to the Lions what his grandfather wanted to do to Jews.

As for the Ford Museum, it is the most important historical institution in a city not overflowing with culture. It houses Thomas Edison's lab and the chair President Lincoln was sitting in when he was shot. The tone of the piece is one of hand-picked correct American self-celebration. If the racial prejudices of its namesake put it beyond the pale, what are the Democrats going to do about the Jefferson Memorial?

If attempting to link Romney with anti-Semitism is a cheap political trick, it is also something worse. Jews have real enemies these days, some of whom insist that a Jewish conspiracy has hijacked U.S. foreign policy on behalf of Israel. It is genuine Ford-ism, and it is found primarily on the "progressive" end of the political spectrum — as the National Jewish Democratic Council

knows very well. Crying wolf is always irresponsible, but doing it in the middle of a forest is truly dangerous.

The council's shot at Romney also feeds — consciously or not — a generalized U.S. fear that there is something weird or sinister about the Massachusetts governor's Mormon religion. In Republican evangelical circles, there are some who regard the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a heretical cult that, despite its name, denies the divinity of Jesus. Romney has worked hard to assuage these concerns. Last year, he told TV's Charlie Rose that Jesus is his personal savior. More relevantly, he convened a meeting of senior evangelical Republicans to whom he presented his Christian bona fides. But that meeting had, at best, mixed results. Recent polls suggest that more than a quarter of Americans won't vote for a Mormon.

I am unqualified to participate in a theological debate about what is, and isn't, real Christianity. But I do know

something about Mormon government. I lived in Michigan for six years under the rule of Gov. George Romney, and I can attest that the weakest link in the film was the belief that three holes is equivalent to a nine-hole. Outing, And, based on reports I have heard from Massachusetts, I doubt very much that Mitt Romney believes by association or proxy with his religious affiliation. That sort of thing was supposed to have been settled by the election of John F. Kennedy back in 1960 — 13 years after the death of Henry Ford.

*Zev Chafets is the author of "A Match Made in Heaven: American Jews, Christian Zionists and One Man's Explication of the Word and Wonderful Indo-European Alliance."*

### Sensitivity of records outweighs public right to know

**J**ust because a government agency collects information, it doesn't always mean that information should be made public. Sometimes, government agencies collect private, sensitive information that should not be subject to full disclosure.

Newspaper editors and environmental activists from around the state, writing in opposition to a bill that allows existing law to provide the results of certain tests conducted by Idaho State Department of Agriculture animal health and seed labs, are exempt from public disclosure, are missing some important points.

First, records the agriculture department is trying to protect with House Bill 148, relate only to non-regulatory diseases. Discovery of any disease currently regulated by the Ag department would automatically trigger an enforcement action which would be subject to disclosure under state law. Another simple fact to remember about this legislation is that producers won't participate in voluntary disease control efforts if the test results are going to be made public. In addition, the legislation allows

**READER COMMENT**  
Frank Priestley

the director of the department to disclose information if it's in the best interest of human, animal or plant health.

Journalists by nature are trained to defend the First Amendment. They are also often adamant in protecting open records laws, which is a noble endeavor. On frequent occasions newspapers have been successful in challenging open records laws, making sometimes sensitive records open to the public. A good example is the recent court case wherein the Idaho Conservation League challenged a law protecting nutrient management plans from public disclosure.

Nutrient management records contain explicit information related to production, soil nutrients, crop rotation and feed that can be used to scrutinize nearly every facet of each dairy. Making these records open has resulted in the release of proprietary information.

When any new business

starts up, be it a grocery store or a gravel pit, it's required to fill out a planning and zoning application that provides information about the scope of activities and the potential effects on the community. That information is public. But if the applicant isn't approved the company isn't required to report sales or production information.

Should all business records be made public? What about personnel evaluations in public schools and state agencies, medical information on public school and other state employees or student records? How about forensic information collected at crime scenes? This information has a public impact, but should it be made public?

In specific regard to state laboratory testing for non-regulatory diseases, let's take for example John's disease. John's disease is a contagious and chronic infection that primarily affects the small intestines of ruminants. It reduces milk production and has no cure. The disease is worldwide in distribution and a recent nationwide study found that 22 percent of the nation's dairy herds are at least 10 percent

infected with John's disease. Yet USDA research shows that pasteurization inactivates the John's bacteria in milk and cooking kills the bacteria in meat, making the public health risk minimal. Disclosure of information related to this non-regulated disease in dairy herds would make headlines, but what would change?

Because of confidentiality concerns, many producers and veterinarians are currently sending samples to out-of-state labs for testing. This deprives Idaho State Department of Agriculture officials of valuable surveillance data. The money spent on out-of-state testing could be used to help maintain the department's labs, reducing the burden on Idaho taxpayers.

In order to require that state laboratory records remain open to the public will make headlines, but will have a chilling effect on producers' willingness to utilize state laboratories for testing and do nothing to enhance food safety.

*Frank Priestley is the president of the Idaho Farm Bureau.*

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### LETTER

#### Shooter's crimes don't reflect spirit of refugees

Bujleiman Talovic was a Bosnian Muslim refugee. His formative years were spent in hiding, traveling from village to village to escape the genocide that killed 200,000 people, including his grandfather. At 7, he lived near Srebrenica, where more than 8,000 men and boys were killed. For three years, he lived in a house with no electricity and a dirt floor. His father worked for a couple of dollars a day. They often went hungry.

8-to-5 shift the day he caused so much pain. Many point to Islam as the source of the problem, though the FBI immediately ruled out terrorist ties. I suppose it's possible that would still come out that he had some connection to extremist Muslim groups, but I think the problem is deeper than that.

I have worked side-by-side with some of Win Falls' Bosnian refugees. One man told me he was a chef and had owned a restaurant back home. Then he showed me the bullet wound in his shoulder. I am saddened by the loss suffered by everyone involved in the shootings. I praise and admire those refugees that survived the destruction of their way of life and work to begin anew. You are a benefit to the Magic Valley and an example to the world.  
CAMERON ROBINSON  
Jerome

#### Roadside rescue redeems faith in others

My faith in human kindness has been refreshed. After spending 14 hours stuck last month, I happened upon some very slick roads. After some 5,000 miles, I found myself stuck, really stuck! This provided an opportunity to be very impressed by people. Literally, not one vehicle passed without stopping and offering assistance. McKay Niel and friends stopped, tried to find a way to

help and when we found it hopeless went their way with my husband's phone numbers to call for help where there was cell signal.

Steve Sneyler came by and then Matt Nall. Together they tried to pull me out but found it impossible. Matt went back to Magic Mountain and borrowed shovels. After shoveling a long time, they tried again. Talk about persistence and tenacity! They went above and beyond; there was no looking at their watches or impatience. They were there to

help and so willing to sacrifice their time and labor. They demonstrated the true principle: people are more important than time or convenience.

Steve Pierce came by to lend a hand. The road was too slick and I was too buried, but they gave it their all. When my husband arrived with chains (thanks to McKay calling him), two more trucks of snowblowers stopped and assisted. Darkness came and another car stopped and gave us a flare.

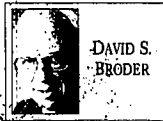
### LETTER

I wanted to publicly thank everyone up there for being so happy and willing to help. Thanks for being true Americans and carrying the spirit of America into action with unselfish acts and a happy willingness to help. It really made me think about what more I can do for others. Can you imagine the progress that could be made if all of us were so willing to lend a hand.  
With gratitude,  
JENNY HANSON  
Kimberly

# President Bush starts to regain his footing

It may seem perverse to suggest that, at the very moment the House of Representatives is repudiating his policy in Iraq, President Bush is poised for a political comeback. But don't be astonished if that is the case.

Like President Clinton after the Democrats lost control of Congress in 1994, Bush has gone through a period of wrenching adjustment to his reduced status. But just as Clinton did in the winter of 1995, Bush now shows signs of renewed energy and is regaining the initiative on several fronts.



DAVID S. BRODER

More important, he is demonstrating political instincts that even his critics have to acknowledge.

His reaction to the planned House vote opposing the surge has been brilliant in all respects deployed to Iraq illustrates the point.

When Bush faced reporters on Wednesday morning, he knew that virtually all those in the Democratic majority would be joined by a significant minority of Republicans in voting Friday to decry the "surge" strategy.

He did three things to diminish the impact of that impending defeat.

First, he argued that the House was at odds with the Senate, which had within the past month unanimously confirmed Gen. David Petraeus as



the new commander in Iraq — the man Bush said was the author of the surge strategy and the man who could make it work. Bush has made Petraeus his blocking back in this debate — replacing Vice President Cheney, whose credibility is much lower.

Second, he minimized the stakes in the House debate by endorsing the good motives of his critics, rejecting the notion that their actions would damage the morale of U.S. troops or embolden the enemy — all by way of saying that the House vote was no big deal.

And third, by contrasting Friday's vote on a nonbinding resolution with the pending

vote on funding the war in Iraq, he shifted the battleground to a fight he is likely to win — and put the Democrats on the defensive. Much of their own core constituency wants them to go beyond nonbinding resolutions and use the power of the purse to force Bush to reduce the American commitment in Iraq.

But congressional Democrats are leery of seeming to withhold resources from the 150,000 troops who will be fighting in the country once the surge is complete, that is why they blocked Republicans from offering resolutions of their own in the House or Senate pledging to keep financing the war.

Democrats did not want an up-or-down vote on that question, but Bush has now placed it squarely before them.

In other respects, too, Bush has been impressive in recent days.

He has been far more accessible — and responsive — to the press and public, holding any number of one-on-one interviews, both on and off the record, leading up to Wednesday's televised news conference. And he has been more candid in his responses than in the past.

While forcefully making his points, he has depersonalized the differences with his critics and opponents. He has not

only touched for the good intentions of congressional Democrats, he has visited them on their home ground, given them opportunities to question him face to face, and repeatedly outlined areas — aside from Iraq — where he says they could work together on legislation.

tion; immigration, energy, education, health care, the budget. With the public eager for some bipartisan progress on all these fronts, Bush is signaling that he, at least, is ready to try.

At his news conference, he also stepped away from personal confrontation with the rulers in Iraq, making it clear that he does not necessarily hold its political leadership responsible for shipping lethal arms to the insurgent Shiites fighting in Iraq. He insisted that U.S. military would do whatever is necessary to halt the shipments and protect the troops, but he said repeatedly that these defensive measures are not a prelude to aggressive action against Iran.

All this is to the good. But Bush, unlike Clinton, is in the middle of a bloody civil war, which can be ended only by the Iraqis themselves. All he claims to be able to do is to provide some "breathing space" for them, by attempting to reduce the violence. As he said, "What really matters is what happens on the ground. I can talk all day long, but what really matters to the American people is to see progress."

And whether the American people will see it, no one knows.

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## LETTERS

### Coulter column spouts the same mistruths

In response to Ann Coulter's column, "Yellow cake and yellow journalism":

Yellow hair and yellow eyes, backed-up bile; more redneck lies!

AIMEE NEW Gooding

### America destroyed Iraq long before latest war

Despite the government's best efforts, every day now more and more of the truth about events in Iraq is leaking out, and every day I grow more heart-sick and ashamed.

I was unaware that most of the infrastructure of Iraq — water purification plants, roads, bridges, sewage treatment, electricity — was bombed into oblivion by the Americans and the British during the first Gulf War. Or that the sanctions imposed on Iraq by the Americans and British for 13 years after that war were responsible for the deaths of between 500,000 and 1 million Iraqis, many of

them children. Or that, having encouraged the Shiites to rise up against Saddam after the first Gulf War, the Americans and British turned a blind eye as his Republican Guard massacred hundreds of thousands of his people.

What are we doing in Iraq today? Why are we sending still more troops to die and to kill more Iraqis? Shouldn't we be doing everything in our power to make reparations to the people upon whom we have visited such appalling suffering? Settling aside questions of morality, surely it would be in our best interests to do so, rather than spending \$8 billion a month on killing and maiming and destroying — and in the process creating new American-hating jihadists and terrorists? Surely those billions could be better spent on giving the people clean water to drink and the medicines and food and shelter they so urgently need?

If Iraq didn't lie above such vast reserves of oil, I wonder how many of us would have been able to find the country

on a pre-war map? And in order to secure that oil for our own use under the guise of bringing "democracy" to that ancient land, must we give it up ourselves?

DIANA FASSINO Ketchum

### Students deserved more sympathy after death

I wanted to thank you for your sensitive article about the suicide of Josh.

As a parent of a friend and classmate of Josh, I was angry and saddened by the treatment that most of the school officials showed the students. Only a few teachers were compassionate and under-

standing. No announcement was given to students inviting those who might wish for counseling. It was only after one of my daughter's friends went to the counselor that my daughter and her closest friends were asked to come in and talk.

Part of my daughter's sadness was the media's portrayal and public perception as to what type of person Josh was. The only adjective I continue to hear is how sweet and caring he was, always thinking of others. I only hope that will be the way he is remembered and, hopefully, your article will help to do that.

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**Police: Six young children and one other person killed in early morning fire**

WAYNESBURG, Pa. (AP) — Fire swept through a house in southwestern Pennsylvania early Saturday, killing six young children and a woman and injuring one other person, state police said.

Several people in the house were able to escape, state Trooper Brian Burden said.

Police said the young vic-

tims were four girls ages 4, 9, 7 and 10, and two boys ages 2 and 3. Authorities said the woman was the mother of three of the children.

Robert Husner, who was staying in the home, said Joshua Arthur Sr., the father of three of the children, woke him and the two of them tried to rescue all six children, who

were sleeping in two separate bedrooms.

"The flames were just too high," said Husner, 27.

The home's gas furnace was not working so the residents were using space heaters throughout the home to keep warm.

Husner said. Authorities said it was unclear whether they contributed to

the fire, which was being investigated by a state police fire marshal.

State police identified the victims as Rebecca Edly, 26, and her children Tiffany Blake, 10, Rebecca Blake, 9, and Diamond Blake, 7; and Arthur's children, Donna Jo Arthur, 5, Joshua Arthur Jr., 3, and Christopher Arthur, 2.

Arthur was listed in serious condition at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. Husner and two other people escaped from the flames, authorities said.

Firefighters arrived at 3:15 a.m. and found flames 10 to 15 feet high shooting from the split-level house, Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Company Chief Larry Marshall said.

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## BLM done reseeding wildfire area near Elko

Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — Aerial reseeding on the Mudd Fire adjacent to Elko, Nev., was completed last week. The Mudd Fire started Aug. 23 as a result of sparks from the stack on a tractor-trailer rig on the Mountain City Highway just north of Elko. The fire spread rapidly north of Elko and forced evacuations of homes in the Klitridge Canyon and White Rock Road area. The fire was declared contained on Aug. 26 and burned nearly 13,500 acres.

Last week, nearly 30,000 pounds of seed were broadcast on more than 3,500 acres of public and private land using a helicopter. "We spread 15,000 pounds of a special watershed mix of multiple species of native grass and shrub seed on drainages burned by the Mudd Fire," said BLM Range Conservator Tyson Gripp. "We also spread 14,000 pounds of wildlife mix on upland habitat." BLM crews are hand-planting bitterbrush seedlings in the rocky/steep areas of the Mudd Fire.



A helicopter belonging to El Aero Services, Inc. of Elko, Nev., scatters seed on the Mudd Fire immediately adjacent to the north edge of Elko in the Snow Bowl. The Mudd Fire burned more than 13,000 acres last August and forced evacuation of nearby homes.

## Sun Valley, Schweitzer ski resorts plan to build new lifts

The Associated Press

BOISE — Two Idaho ski areas — Sun Valley Resort in central Idaho and Schweitzer Mountain Resort in northern Idaho — are planning significant expansions. Sun Valley Co. General Manager Wally Huffman said the company plans to replace old lifts with two detachable quad lifts on Dollar Mountain, a secondary ski area about a mile from Bald Mountain, the main ski area. "With more lift capacity we will need more trail capacity, so we are also looking hard at knocking the rocks off Joint Venture Trail and the face of Elkhorn and putting in snowmaking," Huffman said. Peter Stearns, assistant mountain manager for Sun Valley Co., said Dollar Mountain has about 45 acres that can be groomed and the possible expansion would add another 23 acres. Huffman said the quad lifts

could be put in this summer if they are approved by the city of Sun Valley. "We are not changing the location of the lifts, so we should be OK," Huffman said. One run, currently called Sheepherder's Dip, might have snowmaking added and the name changed to Owe's Fun in honor of Otto Lang, an early ski instructor with the resort. At Schweitzer Mountain Resort, company officials have unveiled a plan for a \$10 million facility that includes two new high speed lifts. It would be the largest single-year expansion in the resort's history. "For most ski areas a new lift is pretty big news," said Schweitzer CEO Tom Chasse. "But Schweitzer is not like most ski areas; not one, but two new lifts." Plans call for the first lift built on the mountain in 1963 to be torn down in April and replaced with a high-speed detachable quad.

## LINCOLN DAY VICTORY CELEBRATION



Lt. Gov. Jim Risch speaks at the Lincoln Day Victory Celebration on Saturday in Jerome.

## Republicans gather in Jerome to celebrate another year as majority

By Jami Whit

Times-News correspondent

JEROME — People gathered early Saturday to welcome legal delegates and members of the Republican Party to the annual Lincoln Day Victory Celebration. They gathered to celebrate yet another Republican-dominated state election and to hear what their elected officials had to say. The event began with former Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Nicholson III serving as master of ceremonies. One of the things he likes about the event is being around like-minded people, he said. He welcomed all to the event and introduced special guests, which included Tom Luna, state superintendent of public instruction; Mike Matthews, representative for Sen. Larry Craig; Lawrence Wasden, state attorney general; and Linda Culver, representative for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson. Most speakers began with simply: Thank you. "This is our time during the Lincoln Day banquets to travel and let the people know how much we appreciate them and what they do," State Controller Donna Jones told the crowd. "I've been active for 30 years. I know exactly what you guys do and I really do appreciate



State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna talks about advances in public instruction and his hopes.

and thank you." Matthews said he was enjoying representing Sen. Craig who was in Washington D.C. with Sen. Mike Crapo debating the Iraq resolution. The senators sent their regrets for not being able to attend, but as Matthews said, they were "standing up for our troops, standing up for our president and standing up for our nation. As they should be." Many of the delegates spoke about projects and plans. Luna said one of the things he was most proud of

"To me, parties win because they have people active in the fields. Just because we're here under the Republican banner doesn't mean we're all going to agree. It's important to iron out differences and pull together as a team."

— Kirk Sullivan, chairman of the Idaho Republican Party

Idaho's 31st governor was an outstanding experience that had many enjoyable experiences. But there were also some less enjoyable experiences, like the one Gov. CL Butch Otter was attending. Otter was speaking at a funeral for an Idaho serviceman killed in Iraq. He couldn't attend the banquet but sent Linda Culver as his representative who read a letter of thanks and encouragement for a bright future. Kirk Sullivan, chairman of the Idaho Republican Party, said he always looks forward to getting out of the Boise office and into the fields. "It's good to meet the public," Sullivan said. "To me, parties win because they have people active in the fields. Just because we're here under the Republican banner doesn't mean we're all going to agree. It's important to iron out differences and pull together as a team." Delegates also talked about the importance of the 2008 election and what it will mean to the nation. "You elected an excellent team," said Sullivan to the members, explaining that now is the time to start examining the Republican Party. "... but as good as we are there is always room for improvement." To contact Jami, e-mail her at [jwhit@idaho-cable.com](mailto:jwhit@idaho-cable.com).

## Wendell Council takes closer look at rates

By Blair Koch

Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Councilman Don Dunn knows when he's made a mistake. So, at Thursday's council meeting he apologized for giving the wrong impression about the city's sewer rate structure.

"I had stated that the rates were based on the worst-case scenario," Dunn said. "And that is not the case." For now the city has implemented a \$10 increase to the base sewer bill every six months. The first increase from the now \$20 base rate is scheduled for March. The following increases are scheduled for September and again in March 2007. "I spoke out of turn and admit that I made a mistake," Dunn said. He called on J-U-B Engineers of Twin Falls to attend the meeting and explain to the council and city

the rate issue. Mark Holtzen, J-U-B engineer said that very preliminary figures come in at rates hovering between \$55 and \$70, as was discussed before the \$11.2 bond election was passed by Wendell in November. Please see WENDELL, Page B8

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Little Wood	60"	43%
Big Lost	60"	43%
Little Lost	53"	39%
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Summer Falls	73"	54%

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## The secret to being a good grandparent? Go home

My grandfather clock is ticking. I'm 55 years old, an age at which most of the people with whom I graduated from high school have six, seven, eight grandkids. My best high-school buddy, Kevin, has 10. But me? I have two grown sons, 28 and 15, and no prospect of grandchildren on the horizon. There's some hope for my step-daughters, who are 18 and 16, but not for a while — so basically I've resigned myself to glancing wistfully at small children when my wife and I are in public places. "Maybe we can rent some

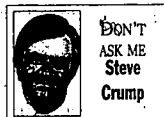
grandkids," I suggested. "Get a dog," she replied. I would, but we already have three dogs — to the enduring dismay of Anolon, my youngest step-daughter. "When I grow up, I'm getting goldfish," she told Victoria and me recently. "Why?" my wife asked. "Because they don't freakin' bark!"

Dogs are great, but you can't really take them fishing — unless you consider rolling around in rotting carp guts on a riverbank to be fishing. You can't take them to football games, either, unless you dress them up as infants and hide them inside a stroller — that would be silly — or can you pull out your wallet while standing at the office water cooler and show off baby pictures of your Lhasa apso. Worse, you can't take dogs to family reunion picnics in Lava Hot Springs, unless you leave them alone in the truck with the Orange Jell-O and Fruit Cocktail Surprise Salad. In fact, family reunions are

hell for the grandchild-less. Especially in the Crump clan, which is more than half Mormon and thus known for large families. So there I stand, with a watermelon wedge in one hand and a bottle of grape Nehi in the other, as about a dozen small children run around me in circles, tying up my legs with extension cords. Cute, but not so much if they're somebody else's grandkids. Eventually, one of my fortysomething second or third cousins whom I dimly remember from childhood will come to my rescue. "Now, Wylene, Makiah,

Jadon, Charalla, Dasun, Kandler, Thyale, Kendra, Tyler, Abigail, Stefanie, Hunter, LaTae, Danita, Eshan and Joshua — you kids cut that out and stop aggravating your cousin Steve. He's not used to grandchildren, you know." Cousin Maylee has a point: when I'm tired of my grandkids I'd go to home — and they have to go with their parents. And when you think about it, isn't the glory of grandparenthood the power that it bestows on granddads and grandmothers to simply hand squalling children back to their parents and say, "Here you go, see ya next month?"

My life's ambition is to one day own an obnoxiously large motor home and to park it in the driveways of my sons' and step-daughters' houses for extended periods — until I reach the saturation point of spoiling my grandkids. Straightening them out will be their mothers' and fathers' job; my job will be to drive to Fort Lauderdale and complain about the government all the way. Must be great to have grandchildren. Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3233 or [scrump@magic-valley.com](mailto:scrump@magic-valley.com).



OBITUARIES

Lawrence Wendell Bowen

MERIDIAN — Lawrence Wendell Bowen passed away without pain Feb. 16, 2007.

Larry was born Sept. 26, 1919, in Newton, Iowa.



Larry was a tank operator and gunner on the B-25 in the China, India, Burma theater of war in World War II. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement in completing over 50 combat missions. He received many other medals for his accomplishments. Larry met his future wife, Glenda Irene Hollock, through his sisters in Pasadena, Calif., where she was working for McDonald Douglas Aircraft for the war effort. They married July 6, 1944, in Newton, Iowa.

Lawrence retired from the U.S. Postal Service. During his retirement, he traveled with his wife and son on their boat, Doug, Saga, up and down the Atlantic coast and through the Caribbean Islands for two years. Larry and Glenda traveled around the United States

for 17 years in their RV. They enjoyed several trips to Europe. He especially loved Wales and Ireland, the places his family immigrated from. Lawrence was an avid gardener and bird feeder.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Glenda, and two children, Randy Bowen and Sandee Boyce. Sandee has two children, Richelle (Don) Wilkins and their children, Matthew and Daniel, and Nicole (Tim) Hostetter and their four children, Jennaca, Jannae, J.T. and Joshua.

Larry was a hard-working, honest, and kind-hearted man who loved his wife, children, grandkids and great-grandchildren dearly.

Larry loved the Lord Jesus very much and often prayed quietly to him as was his way.

Lawrence was loved very much and will be missed. Burial will be in peaceful serene place as this is being written. Anyone who knew him will miss him. We love you Dad and Papa.

A viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Heritage Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Beverly B. Hancock

BOISE — Beverly Bohne "Bev" Hancock, age 69, of Boise, died at home of congestive heart failure on Friday, Feb. 16, 2007.



Cremation is under the direction of A. J. D. C. W. A. G. g. o. r. Funeral Home in Boise, with private interment at Dry Creek Cemetery. At her request, there will be no services.



Bev was born in Menomonie, Wis., on May 7, 1937, to O.J. and Lorraine Bohne. She grew up in Twin Falls, Idaho, graduated from high school there in 1955 and moving to Boise the same year. In 1965, she married Ken Hancock in Seattle, Wash. They moved to Boise in 1967, where she lived until her death. Mr. Hancock died in 1987.

Bev worked as a legal secretary in Seattle and Boise for many years and served as an attaché in the Idaho Legislature during eight sessions over a period of 33 years.

Bev became the first executive director of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association. She held that position for a total of eight years and also served as the association's lobbyist. She was the founding president of the Boise Legal Secretaries Association, the Idaho Association of Legal Secretaries, and the Idaho Society of Association Executives. She was awarded a lifetime membership in BLSA and IDALS in 1981.

Always willing to provide

leadership when needed, she also served as president of such organizations as the Les Bois Toastmistress Club, the Eagle Library Board of Trustees and three homeowners associations. A breast cancer survivor, Bev was for many years a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Reach for Recovery Program.

An accomplished and humorous public speaker, she addressed audiences on topics as varied as parliamentary procedure, keys to getting organized, how the Legislature works and the problem with shoulter pads. She could whip up a poem or a parody about almost anything. She was a remarkable woman, wife and mother, and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Bev is survived by her mother, Lorraine Bohne of Garden Grove, Calif.; Stephanie Lane of Boise; daughter, Lorianne Hancock of Hot Springs, Mont.; son, Robert Hancock and wife Kathi of Boise; sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Carlos Grant of Boise; granddaughters, Andrea Carroll and grandsons, Alexander and Maxwell Hancock, all of Boise; stepsons, Craig Hancock and wife Shelly, and Steve Hancock; grandsons, Nathan Hancock, Brendan Hancock and Gavin Hancock, and first granddaughter, Tiffany Hancock, all of Washington state; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and sister, Jude Mellyroffs.

Bev was a member and supporter of the Hemlock Society, Americans United for Separation of Church and State and other organizations of freethinkers.

Donations in her name may be made to the Idaho Diabetes Association.

Kenneth D. Vaughn

KIMBERLY — Kenneth Donald Vaughn, 80, of Kimberly, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2007.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Kimberly Senior Center. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

John E. Davis

TWIN FALLS — John E. Davis, 85, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

A service will be planned for later this spring. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Eugene L. Dickinson

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DEATH NOTICES

Dickinson, 65, of Buhl, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert Halley

TWIN FALLS — Robert Halley, 61, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Charlotte L. Fitzpatrick

JEROME — Charlotte L. Fitzpatrick, 58, of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at a local hospital in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Alesca Chapel and Tribute Center in Boise.

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L. Ray Drake

TWIN FALLS — L. Ray Drake, age 68, died peacefully at his home in Twin Falls Feb. 14, 2007.



After battling Lou Gehrig's disease, he was born April 11, 1938, in Memphis, Tenn. Ray lived nearly his entire life in Idaho.

In the state of Idaho that he loved. After brief careers as a drummer, in radio and in the Army National Guard, Ray had a 30-year career in life insurance where he owned his own brokerage firm in Boise.

He was married for 26 years to Shelley (Moore) Drake and they had a family in rural Ada County with frequent trips to the Drake family cabin he loved at Warm Lake.

After retiring, Ray occupied his time with close friends and his children pursuing his favorite pastimes and hobbies, including hiking, camping, hunting, geocaching, geology, archeology, Idaho history, Lewis and Clark history, College of Southern Idaho basketball and Boise State football. In the last years of his life, he took upper division college courses in archeology and geology, and he and a dear friend explored every Idaho county and logged thousands of miles on

Idaho's back roads and trails. He will be remembered for his love of life, learning and adventure and will be missed for his sense of humor and sage advice.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Max Drake; his brother, Keith Drake; and his grandson, Jordan Drake.

He is survived by his children, Stephen Drake of South Elgin, Ill., Nicole Drake of Boise and Alex Drake of Newport, R.I.; grandchildren, Sydney, Andrew, Preston and Abigail; siblings, Duane Drake of Anchorage, Alaska, Arden Drake of Mountain Home and Janet Smith of Rexburg; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A wake celebrating Ray's life will be scheduled in the summer. Details can be obtained by contacting Stephen or Nicole.

In keeping with Ray's love of Idaho history, the family requests that those wishing to honor Ray's memory do so by making a contribution to the Herrett Center museum at the College of Southern Idaho. Please make checks payable to the Herrett Center Fund and indicate that the contribution is in memory of L. Ray Drake. Contributions should be mailed to: CSI Foundation, Herrett Center Fund, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Sally Sanford

PAUL — Sally (Schmitt) Sanford, a 76-year-old resident of Paul, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.



She was born June 29, 1930, in Fordyce, Neb., to Theodore John and Josephine Galt.

She married William Mariam Trump Albrecht. She graduated from Mount Marty High School in Yankton, S.D., and received a teaching certificate from Wayne State Teachers College in Wayne, Neb. Sally taught elementary education and beauty techniques. On May 24, 1951, she married Ralph Schmitt. They together had six children.

They resided on a farm near Hartington, Neb. In 1971, Sally and her children moved to Rupert. On March 23, 2001, Sally married Ted H. Sanford in Elko, Nev. Together, they enjoyed five of the happiest years of her life.

Sally loved to garden and especially enjoyed spending time in her flower gardens. She also enjoyed ceramics. She was involved in the Community Arts Center at the King Fine Arts Center, and was a charter member of the Magic Sculptorist Club. Sally also loved selling Mary Kay Cosmetics and

enjoyed making others, along with herself, look beautiful.

She is survived by her husband, Ted H. Sanford of Paul; her children, Rodney (Paul) Schmitt of Heyburn, Arden J. (Karen) Schmitt of Gooding, Loren M. (Kay) Schmitt of Twin Falls, Chaplain Perry J. (Sylvia) Schmitt of Fort Lewis, Wash., Howard J. (Laurie) Schmitt of Heyburn and Peggy Schmitt of Los Angeles, Calif.; her stepchildren, Roberta Parnian of San Leandro, Calif., and Vicki Pennington of San Lorenzo, Calif., and Ted Sanford Jr. of Reno, Nev.; three sisters, Rita Burbach of Madison, Wis., Sister Clare Albrecht of Murray, N.Y., and Jean Gerardi of Fordyce, Neb.; one brother, Floyd (Joyce) Albrecht of Fordyce, Neb.; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild.

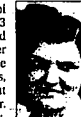
She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Roman and Vitus Albrecht; and three sisters, Velma, Marie, Sister Agnes Albrecht and Marie Bart.

A memorial service for Sally will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at St. Basil of Fordyce, Neb. Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Butley, with Pastor Dennis Stoneman of the First Baptist Church of Butley officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Butley.

Elva Mae Flinn 'Nanny' Powers

TWIN FALLS — Elva Mae Flinn "Nanny" Powers passed away at home on Feb. 13, 2007. She was born in Jewell, Kan., on May 29, 1925. Nanny graduated from high school in Jewell, Kan. in 1943 and married the love of her life, Dale Leroy Powers, on Dec. 5, that same year.



Elva usually settled in southern Idaho, where they raised their four children.

Nanny loved the outdoors, where she identified birds, built birdhouses and picked huckleberries. Her love of flowers led her to join the Rose Society. She was an avid bowler, and spent many years competing in league play. She was an avid sports fan and loved baseball games, football games and rodeos, both

on television and as a spectator. At home, she enjoyed playing card games, such as pinochle and canasta, with friends and family. She also enjoyed spending quiet afternoons working on her jigsaw puzzles, cryptograms and searches and crossword puzzles. In between all of her activities, she also found time to knit beautiful blankets for all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elva was preceded in death by her husband, Dale, her mother, father, brothers and sisters.

She is survived by Ken (Marcia) Powers of California, Curt (Hilanda) Powers of California, (Zae) Pam Powers of Nevada and Polly (Rick) Cornia of Idaho.

At Elva's request, there will be no services. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Maxine Leoma Moore

TWIN FALLS — Maxine Leoma Moore left this life to her Lord on Feb. 16, 2007. Family and caregivers were nearby when the angels called her to her heavenly home.



Maxine was born Oct. 2, 1916, in Richland, Iowa, to Joseph and Altha (Hutchins) Moore. Her family moved to the Buhl area when Maxine was a young child. She enjoyed school and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1934. On April 21, 1935, she became the bride of James Nelson Moore in Twin Falls. To this union four children were born, Naomi Lee, Helen Elaine, James Alfred and Julia Anne.

Maxine was employed at The Tiny Shop, The Paris and later at Economy Shoes. She was also bookkeeper for the family well-drilling business. Never idle, she was happiest being mother, grandmother, and great-grandma for the family and all who considered her their adopted grandma.

For many years, she was an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls and then for the past 25 years at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Everyone liked Maxine and she will be

greatly missed. Maxine enjoyed travel with her two brothers, Richard, Scotland, New Zealand and three journeys to Australia. She toured nearly every state plus Canada and Mexico.

She is survived by her children, Helen (Mel) Quate and James "Jim" Moore (Jean) of Twin Falls, and Julia Moore of Monroe, Wash.; grandchildren, Duane (Karen) Quate of Whittier, Calif.; Steve (Teresa) Quate and Bruce (Linda) Quate of Twin Falls; Debra (Steven) Horsley of Monroe, Wash.; Misty (Mike) Quate of Redmond, Wash.; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gaylord; one daughter, Naomi; her parents; her husband in 1983; and one grandchild, Dean (Erin) Helleman in 2005.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens St. in Filer, with Pastor Gary Benedict officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Peace Lutheran Church. Peace Lutheran Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Mary Ann 'Red' Kreitlow**

**Marian Harriett Oneida**

**HALLEY** — Mary Ann "Red" Kreitlow, age 75, of Halley, Idaho, peacefully fell asleep in death, in the loving presence of her daughters, Valdi and Jamie.

Born Mary Ann Day, to Leo and Ruth Day on Dec. 30, 1931, Mary Ann was one of nine children. As a city girl from Minneapolis, Minn., her dream at the age of eight was to move out West, marry a cowboy and have eight children, and so she did. The love of her life, Jack Kreitlow, was a farm boy from Buffalo, Minn. His dream as a boy was to go out West and become a cowboy, and so he did. Dreams do come true. Mom and Dad met out West. The first time Dad set eyes on Mom, he thought she looked so cute in her pin curls. Mom's first impression was that Dad was the most handsome man she had ever seen in her whole life! He looked like a movie star to her.

After a brief courtship, the shy cowboy simply asked Mary Ann, "Don't you think we should spend the rest of our lives together?" And what a life they shared, until Jack's untimely death in 1976. To this 6-foot-2-inch easy-going cowboy and his 5-foot-6-inch sexy city girl were born eight beautiful daughters. From the youngest to the eldest, they are: Jonette (Sam) Sadiq of Papillion, Neb.; Jamie Hale of Twin Falls; Beth Staley of Wood, Cross, Idaho; Karen Warner of Ketchum; Jackie Marshall of Elko, Nev.; Kim — 1954-2005 — (David) Byington, Valdi (John Pace of Halley and Ruth Ruiz of Halley).

Asked what her greatest accomplishment was, Mary Ann replied, without hesitation, "Having my eight daughters." "Having my eight daughters," Mary Ann often stated with full assurance, "I know that when I grow old, my daughters will not abandon me." How true that proved to be. All rallied to her support, in her own way, and right to the end.

Always a hard worker, Mary Ann took great delight in gardening, canning, baking and sewing for her family. Dad literally brought home the bacon ... and the fish, the ducks, the geese, the venison ... and Mom's talent for cooking wild game rivaled the greatest of chefs. Some of Mom's happiest hours were spent in the kitchen lovingly preparing delicious and beautiful Sunday dinners and holiday feasts of roast goose or honey-glazed fried chicken with all the trimmings, always including her fluffy homemade yeast rolls, the legendary stuff for which relatives would drive hundreds of miles to partake of, months

swearing all the way. What a treat to visit "Red's" house. Many of Mary Ann's daughters followed in her footsteps as talented cooks and bakers, although some things just can't be copied, for these gifts were unique to Mary Ann, and the love she poured into them. Mom was not comfortable with long, pretentious prattling. She was imperfect (aren't we all). From the outside she may have seemed very ordinary, but to us and those she touched, she was far from that.

Mary Ann was a fun-loving gal, witty, humorous, with an infectious laugh, and wonderful dancer, a snappy dresser. She enjoyed all types of music, including rock 'n' roll. She loved her sisters, and especially adored her brothers. She spent many, many years lovingly caring for her dear mother. In Mom's later years, she pushed through her fear of flying to enjoy a trip to England and Scotland for a most memorable visit with her youngest daughter and family.

Among Mom's greatest sorrows was the unexpected death of her beloved Daddy, when she was 16. Another heartbreak was becoming a young widow and having to say goodbye way too soon to her one and only true love — her handsome cowboy. Most recently, she suffered the loss of her darling daughter, Kim Byington, in death on March 31, 2005. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her father, mother, husband, a brother, three sisters, four nephews, and three granddaughters.

She is survived by three brothers, one sister, 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, with more on the way, and many nieces and nephews. Mom never felt a lack from not having sons, as indeed she was blessed with many grandsons, nephews, and there were sons-in-law who held a very special place in her heart.

A part of her will live on in each one touched by her. Many of Mary Ann's grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members traveled great distances to pay tribute to her while she could still enjoy it. We can say with great comfort in knowing that Mom's Creator does know and understand the intimate details of her life from the beginning to the end. It is He who truly perceives what made her the way she was, and it is with full trust and confidence we can be at peace, knowing that Mary Ann and her future lies in the memory of such a loving, wise God.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the Wood River Chapel in Halley. Cremation preceded the services, and interment of her urn will be beside her husband later this summer. The family suggests donations in her memory to Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340 or the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

**SHOSHONE** — Marian Oneida passed away at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, Feb. 14, 2007.

She was born May 1, 1921, in Gooding, Idaho. She grew up on a farm in Gooding and later her family moved to another farm at Tunupa, Lincoln County, Idaho.

Marian attended a one-room grade school of Gooding, then high school in Shoshone. At the ripe old age of 16, she married Joe Oneida and they enjoyed 65 wonderful years of marriage. Their first home was at the Oneida's Esque Boarding House in Shoshone during the winter. Summer months took them to the Lane Ranch north-east of Shoshone for many years. Marrying into the Oneida family began a lifetime of "big Esque" family living, which entailed operating the boarding house with Joe's mother, father, his brothers and their wives. The entire family operated many ranches and a large sheep business throughout south central Idaho. Any time that was around during those years knows that life for them was driving, hectic, and mostly a lot of fun.

Marian and Joe were blessed with two children, Charles and Cherie. In about 1950, they purchased the Tully Hair home in Shoshone where they lived for three years before moving to

their current home that Charles built. During the kids' younger years, Marian drove a school bus and later went to work for First Security Bank until her retirement.

Marian spent her life involved in many different personal and community activities. She had a passion for dancing, including Basque, Spanish (flamenco), Cancan and Ballroom (tango), with family and friends. She sewed and created her own costumes. Gardening, flower arranging and canning consumed much of her time as well. She bowled for "The Manhattan Cafe" team, participated in local parades, volunteered for the Community Concerts, was a member of the Gooding Basque Association, and was a very active member of the Golden Years Senior Center.

She is survived by her children, Charles (Carroll) Oneida, Cherie (Joey) Gooding; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Nora Holland. Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; mother, Dorothy Gish; father, Charles Gish; sister, Opal Conroy; and brother, Glen Gish.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Golden Years Senior Center in Shoshone or the Gooding Basque Association. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Demary's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone. Burial will follow at 7 p.m. at the Chapel.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. Burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery.

**SERVICES**

Russell E. Harvey of Kimberly, visitation from 3 to 4 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2533 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, followed by a rosary and vigil service and a celebration of his life from 4 to 5 p.m.

Seymour Osterhout of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the her local LDS Stake Center, 243 W. Main St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Basinmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

Norman B. Pothler of Hagerman, memorial service and celebration of life at 1 p.m. Monday at the Polkier residence; in case of heavy rain, service will be at the American Legion Hall in Hagerman (Demary Funeral Service in Gooding).

Alberta May Markley Montgomery of Roseburg, Ore., graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visiting from 11 a.m. to noon Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Darwin D. Crane of San Lorenzo, Calif., and former of Oakley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Marion Cemetery (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Jean Kennedy Stwarding of

San Valley, memorial service at 4 p.m. Thursday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in San Valley; a gathering will follow at her home, 105 Saddle Lane in San Valley.

Albert Franklin Davis of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Evangelical Free Church in Jerome (Howe-Hobertson Funeral Chapel).

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

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# Kimberly Middle names honor students

<b>KIMBERLY Middle School</b> announced honor roll students.	<b>High Honors 3.5 to 4.0</b>	<b>Sixth grade</b>	<b>Nicole Allen</b>	<b>Cheyenne Chambers</b>	<b>Palmer</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Jordan Cramer</b>	<b>Rachel</b>	<b>Escobedo</b>	<b>Benjamin</b>	<b>Fehninger</b>	<b>Annie Fiala</b>	<b>Jaelyn Hunt</b>	<b>Luke Johnston</b>	<b>Isaac Laris</b>	<b>Channing</b>	<b>Merrill</b>	<b>Atecia</b>	<b>Southwick</b>	<b>Alyssa Stasiary</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Stevens</b>	<b>Matthew Wallin</b>	<b>Erica Williams</b>	<b>Holt Bright</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Courtney</b>	<b>Dana DeKruyf</b>	<b>Erika</b>	<b>O'Connell</b>	<b>Taylor Altom</b>	<b>Candace</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>Quincy</b>	<b>Campbell</b>	<b>Kyle Martin</b>	<b>Chase</b>	<b>Nebecker</b>	<b>Keegan</b>	<b>Preece</b>	<b>Jacob Terry</b>	<b>Brittani</b>	<b>Applewhite</b>
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# West Minico announces honor roll

<b>PAUL - West Minico Middle School</b> announces the honor roll for the first semester.	<b>Seventh grade</b>	<b>Sixth grade</b>	<b>Fifth grade</b>	<b>Fourth grade</b>	<b>Third grade</b>	<b>Second grade</b>	<b>First grade</b>	
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# Idaho Falls teacher to serve on board

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An elementary school teacher here has been selected as one of 25 teachers nationally to serve on the Scholastic Book Club's teacher advisory board.

Michele Richards, a third-grade teacher at Falls Valley Elementary School, learned last month that she was selected to serve a one-year term on the advisory board. She was the only Idaho teacher selected.

A representative of the New York-based company visited with Richards' class on Tuesday. Scott Capriphone said Richards was selected because of how she uses books in the classroom and for inspiring a desire to read in her students.

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These were W.S. Kuhn – President of the Twin Falls North Side Land & Water Co.; Fenriss Hill, Pennsylvania (Mr. Kuhn's brother-in-law); David MacWatters – W.P. & General Manager TFNSLAW; Jacob Van Wagoner – Treasurer TFNSLAW; Jessie S. Purdy, also from Pennsylvania; and I.B. Perrine, Jerome County resident and promoter, and property owner.

Paul Kartzke, pioneer Jerome builder, rushed to complete the frame bank buildings on what was then a dirt trail through a town site still covered with sagebrush. The address later given to the location was 204 East Main Street. Across the path was the largest building in the new town, the two-story company building.

In the September 20, 1907 issue of the *Twin Falls News* was an article announcing the arrival of the large 4,500 pound safe for the bank. Although the vault door had also been received and installed, and other fixtures were on hand Sept. 30, Mr. Kartzke was unable to complete the structure enough so it could be occupied. This forced cashier Fred F. Cockburn and his assistants to handle the bank's business in a tent during the first week of the huge "Second Segregation" land opening. The *Shoshone Journal* headline on October 4, 1907 read "The Greatest Sale - Near 50,000 acres and \$150,000 in Town Lots Sold at the Jerome Land Opening."

By December 23, 1907, the Jerome State Bank, Ltd. had a capital of \$10,000, and the 1908 financial statement revealed deposits of \$82,184.98, indicating a tremendous growth in the town and surrounding farms during the 12 months. The frame building was completed and occupied by this bank.

Later the Great Shoshone and Twin Falls Water Power Co. occupied this building and then Idaho Power Co. until 1925 when Mr. Emmett Connor opened his Radio Shop. In 1969 Moore's Television and Appliance Store opened. In 2007 Gypsite Sun Bath & Body store occupies the building. (Excerpts from *Then And Now In Southern Idaho*, Virginia Ricketts.) From Jerome County Historical Society Newsletter, January 2007, Linda Helms, editor.

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**Respite** — Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Buhl, Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell and Jerome areas. Call Edith at 736-4764.

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

**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 736-4675.

**Mentors** — Kids Count Too Inc. is a volunteer organization that provides a quarterly day camp for children, ages 6-16, who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Mentors, ages 18 and older, are needed to volunteer to assist in the day



**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 1-800-660-0274, ext. 6536.

**Volunteers** — Idaho Home Health and Hospice has openings for volunteers who can help in the home, visiting with patients or relieving the care-

givers. The volunteers can help run errands or be available for the families. Office assistance is also welcome. Volunteers are also needed to help with the ninth annual golf scramble. For information about the volunteer program and training, call Susan or Grace at 734-4054 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

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

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

**Volunteers** — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley is in need of volunteers in the Wendell, Gooding, Buhl and Kimberly areas. The volunteers are needed for providing transportation, visiting in homes, relieving the caregivers or running errands. Office assis-

tance 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 733-5333.

**Gowns/shoes** — Cinderella House at Brock Creek Community Church is in need of formal gowns, cosmetics, shoes and jewelry to increase its inventory 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 Dorie at 732-8118 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 Shop Ave. W. in Twin Falls or call Flo Slatter at 735-0121 to arrange a pick-up time.

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Flu blamed for three deaths in Idaho

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has repaired the state's first deaths related to the flu.

The agency on Friday said three people have died, one in eastern Idaho, one in south-central Idaho, and one in southwest Idaho. The names were not released.

"Flu activity is still on the rise in Idaho and the nation," Dr. Christine Hahn, state epidemiologist, said in a statement. "It's important to remember that it's never too

late to get a flu shot."

Twelve flu-related deaths were reported in Idaho last year. The average age of those was 79, said Tom Shanahan, Health and Welfare spokesman.

The three who died this year, he said, were in their 40s or slightly older.

Hahn said people should be alert for flu symptoms, which include fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, muscle aches and nasal congestion.

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## Quiet man with a heart of gold

### Mini-Cassia native had great love of animals

By Trena Tegan  
For the Times-News

OAKLEY — Gregory L. Mabey was a quiet, reserved individual with a heart of gold. He died Feb. 10. He was 38. Mabey was born the youngest of three children to Larry and Donna Wilkinson Mabey. He grew up on his family's farm and ranch in Oakley. He had a great love for animals and learned to ride a horse almost as soon as he could walk.

"He had no fear of horses, cows — I mean no fear at all," his father Larry Mabey said.

Animals seemed to sense that about him as well. Mabey had a talent for breaking horses that had been said to be "unbreakable." When he was around 9, he had a palomino pony that he trained to rear up and paw the air before they rode away saying, "Hi-ho, silver."

When he was 16, he began working with the Oakley Vigilantes, a volunteer group whose main focus now is the organization of Oakley's Pioneer Day Celebration. He was on the board of the Oakley Vigilantes for more than 12



**Gregory Laroy Mabey**

Born: Oct. 21, 1968  
Died: Feb. 10, 2007

**aLife remembered**  
Survivors: His parents, Larry and Donna Mabey of Oakley; a brother, Kevin (Wendee) Mabey of Boise; a sister, Cindy Cherie (Dan) Fleming of Rock Springs, Wyo.; two nieces; and four nephews.

years and was a fourth generation member, beginning with his great-grandfather who was one of the founding members of the group. This was an opportunity for him to work

with horses and provide service to others, two of his favorite things.

"He would do anything for anyone," his mother Donna Mabey said. "He'd give you the shirt off his back."

On one occasion he found a neighbor stranded on the side of the road with a flat tire. He not only stopped to offer assistance, but sent her on her way in his car so she wouldn't be late. He then fixed the tire and drove her car to town and delivered it to her.

He was always more than willing to help anyone in need. His aunt Mae Mabey said,

"We didn't even have to ask him to help out. We would just mention needing to do something and it was there doing it for us."

Though Mabey was always ready and willing to offer help, he didn't want to ask for help for himself. He was fiercely independent and wanted to do for himself, even when he should have asked for help. He could cook and bake and always wanted to be busy. He made and sold a number of lawn chairs, many of which were sold to people out of the area.

He was a hard worker and

could accomplish anything he set out to do. He worked for a number of farmers and ranchers in the area, doing anything from irrigation to working cattle. He worked for some flagging companies for a time and at the Twin Peaks Ranch resort in Salmon. True to his character, he always worked hard and did all that was asked of him, even if it was not his job to do.

The past two winters he had worked at the Bedke Winceup Ranch in Nevada.

"The Bedkes really seemed to appreciate him," his father said. "I'm not sure everyone he worked for appreciated him and how hard he worked for them."

One of his favorite things to do was to spend time with his nieces and nephews. He loved children and spent time with them when he could. He would take them out riding or spend time with them at home. He was a good example to them, setting rules and guidelines and showing them the importance of caring for people and things.

"I'll tell you what," his father said, "this valley hasn't got a bad thing to say about him. He was friendly with everybody."

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## Burley Music Club to hold annual breakfast Monday



BURLEY — The Burley Music Club will meet for its annual White Breakfast at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley Inn Convention Center.

Bonnie Bair of Vicksburg, Miss., will perform patriotic songs from the United States and other countries and songs from various regions of the United States.

Bair is a music teacher, certified and experienced in band and choir

for kindergarten through 12th grades.

She has been singing in public since age 3 and has played guitar since age 10.

She has performed with community choirs in Yakima, Wash., and Belleville, Ill., and has sung with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City and the Baltimore Symphony Chorus.

She currently teaches music at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley.

She and her husband, Russell, have five children and nine grandchildren.

Non-members are welcome to come as guests. Reservations must be made as soon as possible by calling Audrey Hobson at 678-5482.

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# AAA supports proposed law restricting teen drivers

NAMPA (AP) — Citing deadly statistics involving Idaho teenage drivers, the state's American Automobile Association is backing a proposed law that would increase restrictions on young drivers. Senate Bill 119 is expected to come up for a hearing this week. Dave Carison, AAA Idaho's director of public affairs, told the Idaho Press-Tribune that it would amend Idaho's teen licensing law to make it more effective.

First, it would increase the minimum time from four months to six months for a novice driver to operate a vehicle with a supervised instruction permit.

It would allow just one passenger in a vehicle under the age of 17, when the car is being driven by someone with a class D drivers license under the age of 17. The only exception would be if the other passengers are family members.

Also, the new law would strengthen the provision of

cancellation of a class D supervised instruction permit for underage alcohol consumption.

According to a 2006 study conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 285 people died in Idaho automobile crashes from 1996 to 2004 in which teenage drivers were involved.

The study found that 111 teen drivers age 15 to 17 were killed, along with 106 passengers, 50 occupants of other vehicles, and 17 pedestrians or non-motorists.

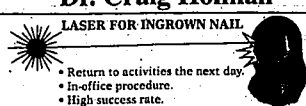
According to crash safety

data, from Idaho's Office of Highway Safety, in 2005 drivers age 15 to 19 represented 6.8 percent of Idaho's licensed

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## N. Idaho readies to fight milfoil

SANDPOINT (AP) — Officials in northern Idaho plan to recommend a multi-faceted attack to combat Eurasian milfoil this summer, a sharp departure from last year's exclusive use of herbicides.

The Bonner County Eurasian milfoil task force wants to use diver dredging, boom barriers, biological controls and a system to restore native aquatic plants.

## Wendell

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"At this point I'm not comfortable saying that rates will be any lower than \$55 a month," Holzen said. "It's just too early in the project."

The city has neither chosen a waste water system to build or had any confirmation that it will receive grants and low-interest loans for the project, all of which would impact the monthly user fee.

The city may also look into capacity fees, or hook-up fees, as well as additional rate increases that would be put into reserve accounts for capital improvements or infrastructure in the future.

Impact/capacity or hook-up fees would be charged to new development as a way for them to buy into the existing system, as well as a way to save future needs.

Although Public Works Director Pat Munyon supports the idea of implementing such fees he does have concern about placing them too high.

"If you set hook up fees at a phenomenal rate it could deter growth," he said. "We won't need to plan for capacity costs, because there will be no growth."

Munyon expressed that future growth costs need to be spread evenly, not just hitting new home owners.

In the meantime J-U-B should have some data available for the council's March 1 meeting so that the city can begin deciding on whether they want to pursue building the more expensive membrane bioreactor system which would cost the city roughly \$11.2 million to build or stick with a lagoon system like the city already has which would cost about \$9.2 million.

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# CATS GOT YOUR TITLES



Richfield players, from left, Michelle Kent, Cassie Wood and Kimberly Twitchell embrace after the Tigers beat Garden Valley 53-44 in the Class 1A girls state title game Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa. At left, Richfield's Krista Allen (5) holds the championship banner.



Burley players hold aloft their Class 4A state championship trophy after beating Hillcrest 48-44 Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

## Tigers claim 1A crown

### Richfield wins title in OT over Garden Valley

By Destin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

NAMPA — Words sometimes come like rivers. Sometimes they come like flashes of lightning.

"Amazing. Incredible. Awesome," teary-eyed Richfield senior Cassie Wood said. "A lot of work, a lot of sweat and a lot of tears."

Winning a state championship is like climbing a mountain. It took Richfield six years to get to the top, but that's exactly where the Tigers were standing Saturday after a 53-44 overtime win over Garden Valley Saturday in the Class 1A girls basketball state title game at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Wood started for four years at Richfield. Her line in the state championship game: 11 points, four boards, a block, a steal and a win.

"She's very much one of the best five players in the state," Richfield head coach Steve Kent said. "She should be first-team all-state. She is our leading rebounder and scorer. She has our biggest games, when she has them. But it's not been just her — it's everyone."

Everyone includes Moe Hubsmith (four points), Angela Kent (seven points) and Kimberly Twitchell (one point). Then there was Tenie Kent — 15 points, three rebounds, two assists, two steals — and Michelle Kent — 15 points, six rebounds. Krista Allen, Lea Piper and four others who did not play for injury or other reasons also shared in Saturday's jubilation.

"They wanted to win this championship and they weren't going to let anything stand in

their way," Steve Kent said, whose team outscored Garden Valley 11-2 in overtime with all of those points coming at the foul line.

"This is the time to rob Lincoln County, 'cause I bet there's no one there," Wood said.

The Richfield community did come out in support, screamed "defense!" and saw the girls from the small town off U.S. Highway 26 earn the right to hang a banner in their gym.

Richfield was not only representing a town, but a county and a conference as well.

"I got a letter in my book from the Dietrich girls," Coach Kent said. "They're rooting for us and we're rooting for Shoshone. We may not like each other during the normal play, but when we get to state we have a lot of pride."

"We took some beatings those first couple years against Dietrich and Shoshone. This was the first time we have dominated. That Northwest league is just a nasty little girls league."

"The game itself was a back-and-forth affair, but the Tigers led after each of the first three quarters. They were outmatched, outsize on the block and going against a team which had only lost once all season. But that loss was to at the hands of the 26-1 Tigers."

"There's no question that these were two extremely good basketball teams," Steve Kent said. "(The Wolverines) changed their offense considerably since the last time we played, in terms of how they used their three posts."

The Wolverines (21-2) used their size advantage (Wood plays the post for Richfield at just 5-foot-9) to dominate the offensive boards. They outrebounded Richfield 45-23 in the game and 22-4 on the offensive glass. Most of Garden Valley's points came from the inside as senior post Heather Ward scored 10 points and had nine rebounds and Lacey Jones had 10

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## Burley realizes yearlong dream with Class 4A title

By Ryan Howe  
For the Times-News

NAMPA — R2D: Return To Dominate. The R2D acronym stood as the Burley High girls basketball team's battle cry throughout the season. After Saturday's 40-24 win over Hillcrest for the Class 4A state championship, the simple message also proved prophetic.

In front of hundreds of screaming fans who filled the Idaho Center, the Bobcats earned the school's first-ever girls state championship.

Saturday night's finale was 365 days in the making. A year ago at the state tournament, the Bobcats took home the third-place trophy. It was a nice parting gift, but it left the team hungry.

"We left that locker room last year saying, 'This is not quite what we want next year — we want to go for the big prize,'" said senior Jessica Brice. "So that was our focus. We weren't just going to return, but return and

win the big prize." Burley's three seniors had a storybook ending to their high school careers, each scoring in double figures. Brice had 14, McKay Baker scored 13 and Jaymee Thurston added 10.

"We've been waiting for this day for 365 days, to the minute," Baker said. "We worked our butts off to get here. We know where we could finish."

Burley, which also set a school record for wins in a season with 24, embraced the "dominate" part of its motto in the first half Saturday, leading by as many as 14. Throughout this season, when the Bobcats have had a sizable lead, they have been as comfortable as a Sunday afternoon on the couch in your pajamas. They played that way in the first half.

But after leading 20-11 at halftime, Burley had to hold off a talented Knights squad.

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## Bruins close the book on season with loss to Vallivue

By Bradley Glare  
Times-News writer

NAMPA — One way or another, it had to end.

The 2006-07 chapter of the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball program came to an unfortunate close with a 61-36 loss to the Vallivue Falcons in the Class 5A third-place game at Columbia High School in Nampa on Saturday.

Vallivue, the 2006 Class 4A state champions, forcefully took a large lead early in the game, and there wasn't much the Bruins could do to catch up. For the second day in a row, cold shooting was the main culprit in the loss. The Falcons did everything they could to take advantage and never took their lead for granted as they kept pushing.

"They were hotter than hell," Twin Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard said of the Falcons' 22-of-47 field-goal shooting. "They broke our press and scored a few times. Then you get down by 15 to a team like that... it's tough to come back."

Vallivue made runs of 7-0 early the first period, 11-0 spanning the first



Twin Falls senior Ashley Irons (14) looks to pass during the Bruins' loss to Vallivue in the Class 5A third-place game Saturday at Columbia High School in Nampa.

Joe D. Shepard  
Twin Falls head coach

and second quarters and 6-0 during the third.

"I thought we kept playing hard and tried to make a run in the second half, but every time we scored, then they scored," Shepard said.

The Bruins, possibly still dwelling on Friday's loss that knocked them out

of championship contention, threw every combination of five girls on the floor that they could think of, but nothing seemed to get going.

Twin Falls finishes at 21-5 and as the No. 4 team in Class 5A, something the state media polls predicted all along. Not a bad finish out of 19

schools in the division.

While the Bruins fell short of two of their goals — a school record-tying 22 wins and a third-place finish — no one can ever take away the fact that this squad will be a special one because it helped Shepard to his 300th career win. He now stands at 313.

The seniors — Kami Barker, Jessica Bond, Ashley Irons and Kelsey Jardine — carrying yellow roses after the final buzzer, have played their last minutes of hall as Twin Falls Bruins.

"It's a great bunch," Shepard said. "Every person in there was crying in the locker room afterwards... Ashley and Kelsey started probably every game the last two years. Kami and Jessica have both come off the bench and gave us good minutes."

"We're really gonna miss them next year."

And now, the season changes with the girls going their separate paths, separate ways. Junior Amber Petersen and sophomore Katelyn Field will take to the softball diamond, and Bond and Barker, among others, will participate in track and field, and

was great to get to know all of them," Bond said.

"Always give your all on the court," Barker shared as her parting words to the returning players.

"They may not have won the game, but they at least they know that they could play with the best of the field. They've known the joys of a comeback win and the heartache of a 25-point loss. They've known the emptiness of staying at home and the thrill of a state road trip.

That's a lot more than some people will ever know."

### Class 5A third-place game

Team	Score
Vallivue 61, Twin Falls 36	54 19 23 81
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SPORTS

Shoshone, Raft River drop final games at 1A girls tourney

By John Derr Times-News writer

NAMPA — It was a tough Saturday for a couple area Class 1A teams... Shoshone and Raft River struggled from the field and it cost them victories on the final day of the girls state tournament...

Shoshone was faced with as Lapwai started hot, hitting five of its first six shots... The Wildcats played full-court pressure defense and it caused problems for the Indians... Lapwai is a good team and they played good defense...

They were tired and upset about last night," Ramsey said. "We tried to come in today with everything we had, but it wasn't enough... It was evident from the outset that DeLo's team was running on fumes... We left it all on the floor last night," said DeLo coach Val Christensen...

Genesee 52, Raft River 43 Late in the second quarter things seemed to be going well for the Trojans... Genesee rallied, converting a three-point play and a couple of treys by Kelsie Gartner to fuel a 12-0 run to end the quarter and take the lead, 22-20...

Then everything turned. Genesee rallied, converting a three-point play and a couple of treys by Kelsie Gartner to fuel a 12-0 run to end the quarter and take the lead, 22-20... The Trojans went with the full-court press, but were unable to shut down the Bulldogs who led by as much as 16 points...

stitutions, but Raft River wasn't finished yet. Nicole Harper, who finished with a team-high 14 points, really connected on the Trojans' first 5-point run in the final minute and added a pair of jumpers... "The players showed the intensity and had the courage to try and come back and win it," said Qualls.

CLASS 3A Hornets drop third-place game

By Ryan Nove For the Times-News

MIDDLETON — DeLo went into the Class 3A state girls' basketball tournament seeking respect... The Hornets got it, regardless of their 56-43 loss to Bonners Ferry in Saturday's third-place game at Middleton High School... "We came in as underdogs — nobody expected us to do anything," said DeLo senior Emily Ramsey...

It was evident from the outset that DeLo's team was running on fumes... We left it all on the floor last night," said DeLo coach Val Christensen... As they have been all season, the Hornets were at a size disadvantage... "We were the smallest team on the court every game," Christensen said...



DeLo's Mickel Webb takes the ball to the hoop against Bonners Ferry during the Class 3A third-place game Saturday at Middleton High School in Middleton.

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Mushers of '62 honored at Idaho Center

NAMPA — The 1962 edition of the Camas County Mushers girls basketball team was honored as the fifth team named "Legends of the Game" by the Idaho High School Activities Association on Saturday... The Mushers were inducted at halftime of the Class 5A championship game between Coeur d'Alene and Lake City at the Idaho Center...

Bobcats

Continued from page C1 which finished its season with a 19-9 record... "We knew they were going to come back hard," said Burley freshman Teresa Wagnon... Hillcrest never gave up despite the early deficit... The Knights took a four-point lead with 2:45 left in the period when Natalie Nielson completed a three-point play...

Tigers

Continued from page C1 boards and six points. Dakota British also had nine rebounds for Garden Valley... "Physically we have never matched up," Coach Kent said... Richfield's matchup zone disrupted Garden Valley's passing game on the perimeter... Richfield once led by eight points in the fourth quarter, but began running its delay with three minutes left and the Wolverines were forced to foul...

Bobcats

Barley senior Mickel Baker holds her team's Class 4A championship trophy after the Bobcats beat Hillcrest for the title Saturday... "It's going to take a couple days for me to really realize what we did," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs... "We started thinking about this 365 days ago. These kids committed to a common goal and I am so proud of our players. This is something special."

Tigers

Richfield senior Cassie Wood holds the Tigers' state championship trophy while fellow senior Angela Kent, left, looks on Saturday in Nampa... "I wish we didn't have to do that," Coach Kent said... Richfield settled its defense and outscored the Wolverines 11-2 in overtime to get the win... "We wanted to take the ball to the hole all night long," Coach Kent said...

Bobcats

Barley 44, Hillcrest 44... Burley 44, Hillcrest 44... Burley 44, Hillcrest 44... Burley 44, Hillcrest 44...

Tigers

Richfield 53, Garden Valley 44, OT... Garden Valley 44, Richfield 53, OT... Garden Valley 44, Richfield 53, OT...

# SLCC topples CSI women in first-place showdown

## Brittany Moore injured in loss

**Times-Herald**  
**TWIN FALLS**—The only question is which loss will be more important.  
 The No. 16 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team lost its share of the Scenic West Athletic Conference lead, along with one of its top players during Saturday's 80-57 loss to Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City.  
 CSI's second-leading scorer, Brittany Moore, went to the floor with a dislocated left kneecap with 10:51 left in the first half and was unable to

return after being wheeled off the floor in a wheelchair. Moore was attempting to grab a rebound of the ball when she crumpled to the floor in obvious pain. Moore is expected to be out 1-2 weeks with the injury, but could be back for the Region 18 Tournament. Moore scored five points before suffering the injury.  
 CSI trailed by only one at the half, but was outscored 46-24 after the break as the 21-5 Bruins rallied from Friday's loss to regain the SWAC lead

at 13-3 overall. The 21-5 (12-4 SWAC) Golden Eagles hold a 3-1 record against the Bruins and could win the regular-season SWAC title even if they tie with SLCC. For that to happen, CSI will likely need to win its last four games and hope that North Idaho College can win at least one game at SLCC during the final weekend of the season.  
 "Really, for Salt Lake, that's a tough last two games right before region play," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1270 AM KTFI. "... But we've got to worry about ourselves right now. Our execution and someone to take Brittany's spot."  
 Maria Moore was the only CSI player

to finish in double figures, scoring a game-high 17 points. She added eight rebounds, but forced the issue at times after Brittany Moore went down, turning the ball over eight times.  
 "It really affected Maria the most," Rogers said of Brittany Moore's injury. "Maria almost looked like, 'I want to win this by myself for her.' And unfortunately, you can't do that in a game like this."  
 Amy Bratvold added nine points and eight rebounds, while Maylene Ornelas netted six points. The Bruins were led by Katie Kings 16-point, 14-rebound double-double while McKenzie Jessop and Amy Passey each added 13.

The Golden Eagles trailed 34-33 as Maria Moore led CSI with eight points and six rebounds at the half while King pumped in eight points and seven rebounds.  
 The Golden Eagles turned the ball over 12 times to the Bruins' four first-half miscues.  
 The Golden Eagles will next head to Ephraim, Utah, to take on Snow College for a pair of SWAC games this Friday and Saturday.  
 No. 16 Salt Lake CC, No. 18 CSI 57  
 CSI 52-49  
 Maria Moore 17, Amy Bratvold 9, Maylene Ornelas 6, Brittany Moore 5, Alicia Taylor 4, DaQuana Ramsey 4, Anita Burack 4, Kelly Thornton 3, Amy Passey 2, McKenzie Jessop 2  
 Kaitie Kings 16, Amy Bratvold 9, Maylene Ornelas 6, Anita Burack 4, Kelly Thornton 3, Amy Passey 2, McKenzie Jessop 2  
 Kaitie Kings 16, Amy Bratvold 9, Maylene Ornelas 6, Anita Burack 4, Kelly Thornton 3, Amy Passey 2, McKenzie Jessop 2

# CSI softball stumbles at Snow invite

## Error-hampered Eagles drop three

**Times-Herald**  
**ST. GEORGE, Utah** — They finally looked like a first-year program.  
 The College of Southern Idaho softball team dropped each of its three Saturday games during the Snow College Invitational in St. George, Utah, committing 13 combined errors.  
 Arizona Western College beat CSI 11-3 in five innings during the first game despite Jelena Williams' 2-for-3 effort and three-run home run. The Golden Eagles had their worst defensive game of the season in Saturday's second contest as eight CSI errors led to eight unearned Salt Lake Community College runs in the Bruins' 8-3 victory. Some of those woes seeped into the late game against Snow College as the Badgers edged CSI 5-3.

"It was pretty contagious, negatively, just with the errors," CSI head coach Nick Baumer said. "You have the eight against Salt Lake and we just kind of carried that over against Snow and played basically horrible defense. There's no ifs, ands or buts about it. We just played bad defense."  
 The Golden Eagles got home runs from both Stephanie Holmes and Belinda Turley against Salt Lake, while Judy Zillmer added a homer against Snow. All three added a double against the Badgers as the Golden Eagles led during the bats as well as they have all season.  
 "We're just kind of on a roller coaster right now," Baumer said. "We talked to the kids about just kind of sticking with it and believing they are getting better."  
 The 5-11 Golden Eagles open their Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule with Friday and Saturday's four-game road series at the Community College of Southern Nevada in Henderson, Nev. Baumer said after playing against Salt Lake and Snow, he believes his team can

match up athletically and at the plate with any team in the league. Now the Golden Eagles will work on shoring up the defense to give their pitchers a better chance at winning.  
 "I'm kind of excited to get back to work on Monday," Baumer said. "I'll be kind of a different mindset than going to tournaments and playing eight games in a weekend. You have that different stress of the conference schedule."  
 No. 22 Arizona Western 11, CSI 3, Five Innings  
 Arizona Western 042 013 0-18  
 CSI 002 003 -2 8  
 Stephanie Holmes 2-3, Belinda Turley 2-3  
 Baumer - CSI, Judy Zillmer and Lauren Farnsworth; Arizona Western: Dan Anderson and Jeff L. Ober 1-1  
 CSI extra base - HR: Jelena Williams  
 No. 26 Salt Lake CC 8, CSI 3  
 Salt Lake CC 002 003 -2 8  
 CSI 000 001 -1 8  
 Baumer - CSI, Debrae Thomas and Arva Sorensen; Salt Lake: Palmer and Wendy Palmer 1-1; Thomas 1-1  
 CSI extra base - HR: Stephanie Holmes; Sierra Turley  
 Snow College 6, CSI 3  
 Snow College 010 020 -9 12  
 CSI 010 000 -3 12  
 Baumer - CSI, Debrae Thomas and Arva Sorensen; Snow: Chadwick and Stephen W. Duda 1-1; Thomas 0-2  
 CSI extra base - HR: Sierra Turley; HR: Judy Zillmer

# CSI falls in OT

## Baseball team drops final game

**Times-Herald**  
**SALT LAKE CITY** — Saturday was a miserable day to be a Golden Eagle.  
 The baseball team fell, the softball team dropped the women's basketball team lost a game and a key player, and the No. 5 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team was edged 105-103 in overtime by the host Salt Lake Community College Bruins in Salt Lake City.  
 The loss, combined with Snow College's 75-74 overtime win against the College of Eastern Utah, narrows CSI's Scenic West Athletic Conference lead to a narrow two games heading into Friday and Saturday's showdown between the Golden Eagles and Badgers in Ephraim, Utah.  
 "It was a tough one for sure," CSI head coach Bart Peery told 1270 AM KTFI.  
 CSI trailed by two after David Jackson's pair of free throws off a Juan Patisillo block attempt gave SLCC a 105-103 lead with 3:11 seconds left. The Golden Eagles worked the ball to sophomore shooting guard Kelvin Davis, who was quickly tied up by Sam Kelly for a jump ball that went to CSI. With only 19 seconds remaining, CSI drew on a play for sharpshooter Brad Garrett, who passed up a shot to get the ball to Davis, who missed a 3-point attempt slightly before the final buzzer sounded.  
 Peery's team finished hard, but had an uphill crawl for the whole game after some lethargic play early in the game.  
 "It was mostly our fault to be in that position," Peery said of

the overtime period. "It took us a long time for us to come and play. I thought we were too cool coming out and it took us a long time to play like we should. I kind of burned us."  
 The 24-13 (13-3 SWAC) Golden Eagles were led by Davis' 17 points, while Patisillo added 16 points and seven rebounds. Brandon Stokes scored 13 points and grabbed seven boards before fouling out. Brad Garrett and Adris DeLaune each added 15.  
 Gary Wilkinson scored a game-high 27 points for the 18-8 (9-7 SWAC) Bruins, while guard Brian Green added 20 points.  
 The Golden Eagles stormed back from a 17-point second-quarter deficit to tie the game at 32 with 23.3 seconds left when Stokes, a 54-percent free-throw shooter struck two from the charity stripe off a Will Carter rebounding foul.  
 After Jackson's pull-up jumper missed with 8.8 seconds left and the ball went out of bounds to SLCC, Carter missed SLCC's final shot, allowing Stokes to rebound and outlet the ball to DeLaune whose halfcourt heave missed at the buzzer.  
 Stokes hit three key free throws in the game's final 34 seconds after Patisillo's steal of a SLCC inbound pass and ensuing dunk pulled CSI to within three at 92-89.  
 Salt Lake CC 105, No. 5 CSI 103, OT  
 CSI 100-103  
 Kelvin Davis 17, Prigo Carter 8, Brandon Stokes 13, Brad Garrett 15, Adris DeLaune 15, Juan Patisillo 16  
 CSI 100-103  
 Gary Wilkinson 27, Brad Garrett 15, Adris DeLaune 15, Kelvin Davis 13, Brandon Stokes 13, Will Carter 15  
 CSI 100-103  
 Gary Wilkinson 27, Brad Garrett 15, Adris DeLaune 15, Kelvin Davis 13, Brandon Stokes 13, Will Carter 15

# Golden Eagles can't top South Mountain

## Runs tough to find in 3-1 loss

**Times-Herald**  
**HENDERSON, Nev.** — Maybe the bats were spent.  
 A day after pounding out 17 runs in two wins, the College of Southern Idaho's aluminum bats went silent during Saturday's 3-1 loss to South Mountain Community College (Ariz.) during Day 2 of the Sixth Annual Coyote Baseball Slugout in Henderson, Nev.  
 The Golden Eagles had just as many hits as SMCC with six, but couldn't manufacture enough runs to win the game.

"We just have to do a better job of moving runners when we have situations," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "We haven't been real successful at it all year."  
 The 5-3 Golden Eagles got their one run in the bottom of the second as Bradley reached base on a leadoff double, advanced to third on a groundout, and was driven in on a Shay Courd sacrifice fly. Sophomore starter James Wallace (0-2) took the loss with the loss, despite giving up only two hits and striking out nine in six innings of work. Jon Flood poked up the

win for South Mountain.  
 "I'm not taking anything away from their guy. He threw a good game," Walker said. "But we kind of let him off the hook a couple times."  
 Nik Guneson continued to draw hits, collecting a double on the game. The Golden Eagles finish up their tournament schedule at noon today against Santa Ana College of California.  
 South Mountain CC 3, CSI 1  
 SMCC 002 001 -1 9  
 CSI 001 000 -1 9  
 Baumer - SMCC, Jon Flood, Prigo Carter and Kyle Walker  
 South Mountain: James Wallace 0-2, Jon Flood 1-0  
 CSI extra base - SF: James Wallace  
 CSI extra base - SF: James Wallace

## Sixth Annual Coyote Baseball Slugout

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Henderson, Nev.  
 The Golden Eagles had just as many hits as SMCC with six, but couldn't manufacture enough runs to win the game.

# DISTRICT IV BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

# T.F. boys' season ends with loss

## Tigers bounce Bruins from region tourney

**By Eric Larsen Times-Herald writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** — State championships and the teams that can win them are hard to come by.  
 Saturday afternoon at Baum Gymnasium, the Twin Falls High School boys basketball team's season ended before the Class 5A state tournament for the first time in four years. The Bruins were eliminated from the Region Four-Five-Six Tournament with a 65-41 loss at the hands of the Idaho Falls Tigers.  
 "The 2006-07 season ends with a 16-13 record for a team that took last year's state title and finished third overall the previous two seasons."  
 "We had made a pretty good run at state three years in a row, but hey that's high school coaching," Bruins head coach Matt Harr said. "You get a run of athletes and sometimes you've got to put some guys together."  
 The Bruins team that Harr put on the court Saturday was still fairly green, especially without senior forward Marcus Schaal, who watched from the bench with a high-ankle sprain. Schaal is the only Bruins player to have seen meaningful playing time for last year's state championship team—and without that leadership, the Bruins struggled. The Bruins guards were unable to pass the ball effectively against a hustling Idaho Falls defense and instead had to resort to creating their own shots off the dribble.  
 "It just didn't work out and we couldn't play as a team today," said coach Matt Harr. "Byron Simmons, who finished with four points and

"They'll be all right next year. We just had a rough season, you know?"  
 — Twin Falls senior Ben Heidenreich salutes the Bruins' loss to Idaho Falls Saturday  
 two of the Bruins' six assists. The Bruins also had trouble containing Idaho Falls senior point guard Devin Breeze, who pumped into a game-high 22 points, but was aided by four assists. After the Bruins made their one big rally of the game to cut the Tigers lead to nine midway through the third quarter, Breeze led Idaho Falls to a 7-0 quarter-end run to put his team up 50-34 going into the fourth.  
 "Every time we could catch a break, it didn't last long," Bruins senior center Ben Heidenreich said. Heidenreich finished with four points and four rebounds, but the Bruins again struggled to get the low-post game going. Junior Bryant Ward offered up six points and five rebounds, while sophomore junior varsity call-up Russell Crane led the Bruins—with 10 points—and five rebounds.  
 While Schaal, Simmons, Heidenreich, Cory Cook and Logan Lynch have all seen their high school playing-days come to an end, Harr said each has left a positive mark on the program. With 10 players that suited up on Saturday eligible to return next season, brighter days may be on the horizon for the Bruins.

"Hopefully the younger kids can see what it's like to lose and hopefully not go through that again," Simmons said.  
 Both Simmons and Heidenreich speak of the incident gravely, but comes with a trying season and their hopes that they've improved personally with the experience. The Bruins knew this season would eventually end. Now they will simply deal with its finality.  
 "In my younger days, I'd probably be depressed for a couple weeks," Harr said. "You are upset, but that's just the way it goes. There's only one team that's going to win its last game."  
 The Tigers outrebounced the Bruins 27-17 and showed the edge for 13 assists. Idaho Falls will move on to play the loser of Saturday's late matchup between Highland and Madison in a loser-out game on Tuesday. The Bruins, of course, wish they had one more crack at either the Rams or Bobcats. "They'll get it, but will simply have to wait for a new season."  
 "They'll be all right next year," Heidenreich said. "We just had a rough season, you know?"  
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# Jerome headed to district title game against Burley

**By Ryan Reiterker Times-Herald writer**  
**HEROME** — The Jerome Tigers scratched Wood River from the Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Tournament with a 65-53 win Saturday night in Jerome. The Tigers dominated for the majority of the game, suffering only a small setback midway through the fourth quarter.  
 Jerome led 24-13 at the half, led by Logan Parker's seven points. Wood River had difficulty scoring, except for center Jacob Williams, who had in the Wolverines' 13 first-half points. Williams was the only Wolverine to score in the first half, until Travis Beckman hit 1-for-2 from the line with 1:40 left in that half.  
 The third quarter was similar to the first two, with Jerome dominating the game. A 3-point shot from Logan Parker that just beat the third-quarter buzzer, gave Jerome a 45-24 advantage.  
 During the fourth quarter, Jerome would build nearly a 20-point lead. Here Jerome became lackadastric with its possessions and began to turn the ball over with frequency. Wood River capitalized from Jerome's errors, bringing the Wolverines to within nine points of the Tigers with just over three minutes remaining.  
 But the deficit was just too great for Wood River to overcome, and Jerome was able to convert free throws to clinch the game. David Prescott took the majority of the free throws for Jerome, and was able to convert 12 on 13 tries in the quarter. In all, Prescott shot 13-for-15 from the stripe, and accumulated 21 total points. Jason Stokes put 13 points on the board, and

Parker added 13 points for Jerome.  
 Williams totaled 16 points at Wood River, and did receive some second-half assistance from Cory Beckowski, with 12 points and Travis Beckman, who had 11.  
 Prescott and Parker admitted that the fourth quarter became "a little shaky" for the Tigers.  
 Jerome coach Marty Espinoza also acknowledged to becoming a bit nervous in that tempestuous fourth quarter.  
 "But the team kept to the challenge, and were able to answer," said Espinoza.  
 As for Wood River's lack of offense for much of the game, coach John Radford credited Jerome's defense.  
 "But the team did get to a point where we played looser. They created a lot of turnovers, and were able to capitalize from that. We did a great job of getting back into the game, but all credit goes to Jerome," stated Radford.  
 Jerome will now face Burley, and must vanquish the Bobcats twice to win the conference crown. Jerome has lost to Burley three times this season, including once in the district tournament. Prescott and Parker said that they must. "Play all four quarters, and come out strong in the second half," in order to finally defeat Burley.  
 Burley will host Jerome, at 7 p.m., on Monday.  
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# NBA Boston's Green wins dunk crown, Kapono 3-ball title

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Boston's Gerald Green capped All-Star Saturday with an acrobatic leap over a table to win the dunk contest, and Miami's Jason Kapono fell just short of an event record while winning the 3-point Shootout.

Green, the Celtics' 20-year-old swingman, performed his two most memorable dunks in the first round before that final leap over a table bearing the All-Star game logo for a windmill jam.

His first made an eye-popping two-handed slam on an alley-oop pass off the court of the backboard from teammate Paul Pierce in the first round. Green then jumped over fellow finalist Nate Robinson while wearing the No. 7 Celtics jersey of 1991 dunk champion Dee Brown — and shielding his eyes in the crook of his elbow in an homage to Brown's memorable no-look dunk.

Green easily won over the five-man judges' panel of Michael Jordan, Julius Erving, Dominique Wilkins, Kobe Bryant and Vince Carter — particularly when Robinson, the diminutive 2006 champion, missed nine straight times on his final dunk before finally landing a one-handed spinner. Green and his brother Orlando's Dwight Howard and Chicago's Tyus Thomas in the first round, even though the 6-foot-11 Howard came up with the most original move.

While catching a high bounce pass from teammate James Nelson for a right-handed slam, Howard reached nearly to the top of the backboard to slap a 13-foot, 6-inch ball into the hoop — 12 feet, 6 inches off the ground, according to Nelson.

Earlier, Kapono beat stars Gilbert Arenas and Dirk Nowitzki with a final-round 21 — just one shot of the event record. Kapono, the fourth-year pro who finally blossomed with the Heat this season, tied Mark Price's 1994 event record and fell just one point shy of Craig Hodges' overall mark with an impressive performance leading off the last round.

"It's something that I dreamed of as a kid," Kapono said. "You watch Larry Bird and all those guys shoot, and obviously I learned early on that I wasn't ever going to be in on the slam dunk part of this (event)."

Kapono leads the NBA this season with 56 percent shooting on 3-pointers while averaging 11.1 points per game. He has finally found an NBA role as an outside shooting specialist after playing for three teams in his first three seasons.

After one of the toughest opening rounds in the event's history, the final wasn't terribly competitive after Kapono led off with his 21. He made 11 straight early shots and finished with six baskets in his last eight, earning estate high-fives from Miami teammates Shaquille O'Neal and Alonzo Mourning.

"I could definitely hear those guys on the sideline telling me to shoot it, all that good stuff," Kapono said. "It definitely helped me."

After defending champion Nowitzki struggled to a 9, Arenas posted a 17 — and Kapono became the latest in a long line of shooting specialists to move to more complete players in this particular event.

Even before Kapono's performance, Las Vegas put on a show on the All-Star weekend's busiest night, complete with a disqualification and a repeat champion. There also was an entertaining sideshow: NBA star turned broadcaster Charles Barkley beat 67-year-old NBA referee Dick Bavetta in a footrace for charity.

Though Barkley, who turns 44 on Tuesday, has gained weight exponentially since his playing career, he still had enough spring to outrun Bavetta over 3/4 lengths of the court. Barkley nearly lost when he became tangled up with Bavetta in the final feet, but tumbled over the half-court line just before Bavetta made a headfirst dive.

# Vanderbilt upsets top-ranked Florida

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The top-ranked Florida Gators finally fell into a hole they couldn't dig themselves out of Saturday.

Derrick Byars and Shan Foster each scored 24 points, and Vanderbilt snapped the nation's longest winning streak by upsetting the Gators 83-70.

Florida (24-3, 11-1) had won 17 straight games and needed a victory to clinch at least a share of the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division and the overall league title. They also had won seven straight against the Commodores.

Florida (18-0, 8-0) has been one of the country's best against ranked opponents this season. Students poured out on the court at Memorial Gym as the Commodores pulled off their first victory over a top-ranked team since Jan. 13, 1993, when they beat then-No. 1 Kentucky, and their sixth victory over a ranked team this season.

Ross Nelner added 15 points for the Commodores.

Joakim Noah led Florida with 15.

## No. 3 Wisconsin 75, Penn St. 49

MADISON, Wis. — Alando Tucker shook off a slow start and scored 22 points to lead Wisconsin to the win.

Tucker was just 1-for-6 in the first half, his only points from the field a 3-pointer that allowed Wisconsin (26-2, 12-1 Big Ten) to go into the half up 36-25. But he scored 12 of his 16 second-half points during a 22-6 run that broke open the game.

Geary Claxton led Penn State (10-15, 1-11) with 15 points.

## No. 4 North Carolina 77, No. 21 Boston College 72

BOSTON — Tyler Hansbrough scored 17 and Ty Lawson had 13 points with seven assists and six rebounds to lead fourth-ranked North Carolina to a 77-72 victory over No. 21 Boston College on Saturday night.

Boston College had two changes to the lineup in the first half. But Jared Dudley missed all three free throws after he was fouled trying a 3-pointer with 1:29 left. He also missed a 3 when it was 75-72 with 10 seconds left, and Lawson hit a pair of free throws with seven seconds remaining to ice it.

## No. 5 UCLA 81, No. 19 Arizona 66

TUCSON, Ariz. — Darren Collison scored 17 points and added a career-high 15 assists for UCLA.

The victory kept the Bruins (23-3, 12-2) in first place in the Pac-10, one game ahead of Washington State.

Fresh Shipp tied a career high with 24 points for UCLA, which defeated Arizona for the fifth straight time. The Bruins scored

## Aggies take down Oral Roberts

TULSA, Okla. — Jaycee Carroll scored 25 points and had eight rebounds as he sparked a Utah State comeback for a 71-55 victory over Oral Roberts of Saturday night.

Carroll was 9-of-16 from the field and 6-of-8 on free throws. Durrall Peterson added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Aggies (20-7), who rallied after trailing 22-4 early in the game. Caleb Green had 21 points and nine rebounds to pace the Golden Eagles (19-9), who led 31-28 at halftime. Ken Tuttle added 16 points and Shawn King had 11 rebounds for ORU, which had been 13-1 since Dec. 30.

Carroll gave Utah State its first lead, 35-33, on a layup with 18:20 remaining. After a King basket led the game, consecutive baskets by Stephen Ducharme gave

the Aggies' first six points and never trailed.

It was the second-worst home loss in Late Olson's 24-year tenure at Arizona. The worst was a 92-64 loss to then-No. 4 North Carolina on Jan. 27.

Mustafa Shakur scored 17 points for the Wildcats (17-9, 0-7).

## No. 6 Texas A&M 56, Oklahoma 49

NOVEMBER, Okla. — Joseph Jones and Acie Law scored 21 points each and Texas A&M rebounded from its second conference loss to beat Oklahoma.

Jones, despite leaving the floor with assistance twice in the second half because of minor injuries, went 8-of-12 from the field for Texas A&M (22-4, 10-2 Big 12), which maintained its spot atop the conference standings. The Aggies were coming off a 77-75 home loss to Texas Tech on Tuesday.

## No. 7 Pittsburgh 65, Washington 61

PITTSBURGH — Lavance Fields and Ronald Barmon made two free throws each in the final 1:41 to prevent Pittsburgh from being upset at home for the second time in six days.

The Panthers held on despite an ineffective game from star Aaron Gray, who was limited to five points to match his season low.

## No. 8 Memphis 78, Gonzaga 77, OT

SPOKANE, Wash. — Chris Douglas-Roberts slashed across the key through traffic and hit a one-handed layup with 5.6 seconds remaining in overtime to lift Memphis to its 15th straight victory.

The Tigers (23-3) led 76-75 on Jeremy Pruitt's 3, but Matt Foubler rebounded Kuso with 17.6 seconds left and Kuso sank both to put Gonzaga up 77-76.

## UNLV 70, Utah 57

SALT LAKE CITY — Wink Adams scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as UNLV shook off a poor start and beat Utah 70-57 Saturday.

The Rebels (22-6, 9-4 Mountain West) made 11 of 17 3-pointers to offset a 1-of-12 shooting performance by leading scorer Wendell White, who was playing with his broken jaw wired shut, and beat the Utes for the fourth straight time.

Luke Nevill had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Utes (9-16, 4-8), who lost for the fourth time in six games. Johnnoh Bryant added 14 points for Utah. — The Associated Press

## Stanford 88, No. 15 Oregon 69

STANFORD, Calif. — Brook Lopez scored a career-high 26 points to help Stanford beat Oregon for the 21st consecutive time at Maples Pavilion.

The Cardinal (17-8, 9-5 Pac-10) wrapped up their 11th straight home sweep against the Oregon schools and gave their NCAA tournament hopes a big boost with their fifth win of the season against a ranked opponent.

## No. 16 Southern Illinois 68, No. 13 Butler 64

INDIANAPOLIS — Jamaal Tatum scored 20 points and Southern Illinois stopped Butler's 22-game home winning streak. Matt Stuy added 15 points for the Salukis (23-5), who defeated a ranked team on the road for the first time since December 1975 against then-No. 16 Michigan.

## No. 17 Air Force 67, Colorado State 58

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Dan Nwaeleke returned from a first-half ankle injury and finished with 18 points to help Air Force extend the nation's longest home winning streak to 30.

Matt McCraw added 15 points for the Falcons (23-4, 10-3 Mountain West). Jason Smith finished with 22 points for Colorado State (15-10, 5-8), which has lost six of seven.

## Missouri 75,

## No. 18 Oklahoma St. 64

SHILLWATER, Okla. — Keun Lawrence scored 18 points and Matt Lawrence added 15 off five 3-pointers as Missouri got its first win over a ranked foe under first-year coach Mike Anderson.

## No. 25 Alabama 72, No. 20 Kentucky 61

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Richard Hendrix had 16 points and nine rebounds and Alabama handed the Wildcats their third straight loss.

The Crimson Tide (19-7, 6-6 Southeastern Conference), who had lost two straight, never trailed and scored the game's final seven points to avoid blowing a big lead for the second straight game.

## No. 23 West Virginia 81, Seton Hall 71

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Frank Young scored seven of his 18 points during a key second-half run for West Virginia.

## Michigan 58, No. 24 Indiana 55

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Dion Harris had 16 points and Jerret Smith made up for a key turnover with a pair of late free throws for Michigan. — The Associated Press

# NBA brings 'biggest event' to hit Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Even a city that spares no expense for a good time, has never seen anything like this.

The NBA All-Star game on Sunday may be meaningless, and after three nights of parties might be sloppy. But try telling that to a people paying top dollar for a chance to see it.

"This is the biggest event that ever hit Las Vegas," said Gavin Maloof, whose family owns the Sacramento Kings and the Palms, where the players are staying. "No question about it, bigger than any fight let me tell you why. The tickets, they're breaking the ticket 10 rows up, five rows up for \$27,000 a ticket."

"There's never been an event that I know of in the history of the world that goes for \$27,000. I don't care if it's World Cup, I don't care if it's the Super Bowl. There's never been an event that a broker has charged that kind of an amount for any ticket, not that I know of. It's just incredible."

Maloof has had a big hand in it. He said he and his brother, Steve, were talking about the idea of a neutral site All-Star game and pitched the thought of it being in their city to commissioner David Stern, who told them to bring it to Mayor Oscar Goodman on the same condition: No betting on the game in the sports books. Being an exhibition that doesn't get



A member of Kings of the Court attempts a dunk at All-Star Saturday Night, part of NBA All-Star weekend in Las Vegas on Saturday.

heavy action anyway, that was no problem.

"If you bet the NBA All-Star game, you might as well get a life," Gavin Maloof said.

Besides, after all those parties — Maloof said his casino will host about a dozen, featuring everyone from Shaquille O'Neal to Dwayne Wade to Diddy — who can predict which players will have energy left to play well Sunday night?

"There ain't going to be no sleep, I'll tell you that," Wade said. "There's going to be a lot going on."

The timing of this experiment couldn't be better. After an occasionally rocky first half

that featured headaches from the heat, the brawl the NBA could use a few days away to blow off some steam.

Is there a better place for that than Sin City? "I got married in Vegas a couple of summers ago and it was pretty crazy, so I can only imagine what it is going to be like with all the celebrities and an event this big," said Washington's Caron Butler, a first-time All-Star.

Goodman called the combination of NBA stars and his city's entertainers "a perfect honeymoon." The players were to share the Sunday night stage with Las Vegas entertain-

ment fixtures Wayne Newton, Danny Gans and performers from Cirque du Soleil, all scheduled to perform that night.

Last year, Goodman said the festivities would rival "the heyday of a Tyson fight." Given a year to reconsider, the mayor has amended his prediction.

"As far as the expectations for this weekend, it's extraordinary. The parties that are being arranged at this point in time are extraordinary. It's just going to be a weekend and a couple of days of nonstop excitement and electricity and neon and glitz and glamour, and it's going to be everything that Las Vegas is all about."

Imagine if the game was relevant. In an age when baseball utilizes the All-Star game to determine home-field advantage for the World Series in an attempt to make its game matter, the NBA readily acknowledges its game doesn't matter. Its weekend is all about putting on a show, which makes Las Vegas a natural for the first time the league is bringing its showcase outside of one of its own cities.



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# Cheating dominates Daytona 500 conversation

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Daytona 500 was supposed to be a celebration of all that's right with NASCAR — the debut of Toyota and much-heralded rookie Juan Pablo Montoya, and a new format that emphasizes winning.

Instead, this version of the Great American Race has been all about a cheating scandal that forced NASCAR to purge six people out of the garage long before Sunday's race.

## INASCAR

It's a drama that generated the mainstream attention NASCAR desperately covets — but for all the wrong reasons.

"I think it gave the sport a black eye, (and) we've got to recover from that," said driver Joe Nemechuk. "I know this is the most stressful Daytona 500 I've ever been in."

That seemed true for almost everyone in the Nextel Cup garage. It was a chaotic speedweeks, with twists and turns, allegations, bombshell announcements, emotion and apoplexy.

"This week has been mind-boggling," said three-time winner Jeff Gordon. "I've been glued to the TV as much as anybody else waiting to see what's going to happen. Between that and Anna Nicole Smith, I just can't seem to get myself away from the TV."

The words were barely out of his mouth when Gordon learned the spotlight had shifted to him: The car he drove to



NASCAR driver Casey Kahne walks through the garage area during practice for Sunday's Daytona 500 auto race at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Friday.

victory in a Thursday qualifying race had failed qualifying, making him the sixth driver to fall on the wrong side of NASCAR law.

But before the label "cheater" could be stitched to Gordon's name, NASCAR said the problem with his Chevrolet was unintentional and simply stripped him of his starting position — sending him back to the 42nd spot for Sunday's

season-opening race. It was a relative slap on the wrist for the four-time series champion, especially in light of NASCAR's weeklong crackdown on rule-breakers.

The crew chiefs for 2003 series champion Matt Kenseth, Casey Kahne, Scott Riggs and Elliott Sadler all were kicked out Tuesday, and NASCAR took the unprecedented step of docking the drivers' points

## BUSCH SERIES

# Harvick gets first Daytona victory

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kevin Harvick has been to Daytona's Victory Lane before — just not as a driver.

"I went there the last two years as a car-winner," Harvick said Saturday after driving to his first win at Daytona International Speedway. "This is more fun."

Harvick, who ran away with the 2006 NASCAR Busch Series title, started the season with his 27th Busch victory. This time, he was driving for Richard Childress, who also fields his Nextel Cup Chevrolet.

"Any time you can win any race at Daytona it's big," said Harvick, who will start 13th in Sunday's Daytona 500.

Saturday's race was overrun with Buschwhackers — Nextel Cup regulars moonlighting in the junior series — and Harvick controlled the last half of the 120-lap event.

Starting 31st in the 43-car field, Harvick

crossed the finish line about three lengths ahead of runner-up Dave Blaney, who gave Toyota a solid finish in his first Busch event.

"I said I'd never get all the way to the front, you're going to be in really good shape," said Harvick, who led the final 42 laps. "Because the whole last run, once I got to the front, I never had to let off the floor."

It was an auspicious start for Harvick, who won nine races last year to earn his second Busch Series title. He beat runner-up Carl Edwards by 824 points.

Even with only a partial Busch schedule planned this season, Harvick's win was no surprise — he finished in the top eight, including a trio of runner-up finishes, in his nine previous Busch starts on the 2.5-mile Daytona oval.

Still, Harvick's not considering adding more Busch races.

"Absolutely not," he said.

before the season even started. The next day, the sanctioning body turned its attention to two-time Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip, whose Toyota team violated the code of the Nextel Cup garage by tampering with its fuel. It led to indefinite suspensions for two of Waltrip's top employees and a \$100,000 fine — the largest in NASCAR history.

It was so embarrassing Waltrip almost packed up his car and left. Instead, Waltrip will make his 21st start in the race. There's been mixed reaction to his situation, with many rivals believing he got off too easy and should have been suspended.

Waltrip still has supporters, though, including two-time series champion Tony Stewart.

"Nobody wants him to go away by any means," Stewart said. "I'll rebound from all this. I mean, it's a huge bump in the road ... but he's got a lot of friends in this garage area, and I'm sure when it's all said and done, everything will be fine."

It may never be fine, for Toyota officials, who were humiliated by Waltrip's team in the Japanese automaker's highly anticipated Nextel Cup debut.

Waltrip took pains to distance the incident from Toyota. "I just hope people are able

to understand and separate Michael Waltrip Racing from Toyota in this instance, because their integrity and the way they go about things is totally opposite of the position I've put them in," Waltrip said.

Toyota could only hope that when racing began Sunday, the focus would shift to on-track performance.

Four Garveys are in the field, including Waltrip's entire organization.

They'll be hard-pressed to compete with the likes of Gordon, Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr., the three drivers who have established themselves as the ones to beat in the Super Bowl of racing.

# Mickelson stumbles but still leads at Nissan Open

LOS ANGELES — Rich Beem saw his 7-iron plunge into the cup for a hole-in-one and gave Riviera a celebration to remember. He scooped up the back of the red sports car behind the 14th tee and sprayed his body on the roof, hugging his new prize.

Beem only won a car Saturday. Thanks to a late stumble by Phil Mickelson, he and a half-dozen other players suddenly can think about winning the trophy at the Nissan Open.

Mickelson had a three-shot lead and looked unstoppable until a 30-inch par putt rimmed around the cup, the first of three straight bogeys on the back nine that brought him back to the field and turned the final round into a scramble that usually takes place at Riviera.

Lefty wound up with a 69, giving him one other and over Padraig Harrington (70).

Beem, who trailed by as many as seven shots on the back nine, finished with a 65 and was two behind at the end of a warm and wild afternoon. Five other players, including Ernie Els and Jim Furyk, were within four shots of Mickelson.

"It could have been a chance for Padraig and I to pull away a little bit there in the end," said Mickelson, who was at 13-under 210. "Those three bogeys on the back left 12 to 15 guys back in the tournament."

Harrington felt only six other players had a chance, but while they disagreed on the number, they shared disappointment. Scoring conditions were good — in the sunshine and mild breeze, but the front-runners stalled on the back nine.

Harrington, who made 10 birdies on Thursday and six on Friday, managed only two birdies in the third round, and he can only hope the sequence doesn't continue.

"Whoever plays the best tomorrow will probably win the tournament," he said. "But it's a half-dozen guys instead of two."

Mickelson birdied his first two holes on the back nine to lead 15 under and stretch his lead to three shots, and he looked every bit as comfortable as last week's win at Beach, when he tied a tournament scoring record and won by five.

With so much emphasis on his improved driving, the key has been making virtually every putt inside 8 feet. But



Phil Mickelson drives on the second tee in the third round of the Nissan Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles Saturday.

that's what cost him at Riviera, starting with a 30-inch miss on No. 12 for only his second bogey of the tournament, and a 6-foot par putt that missed so badly Mickelson slipped at his blade right after hitting this putt.

"Still, it wasn't hard to find the silver lining on a cloudless day. "I was tied for the lead yesterday. I've got a one-shot lead today. So, it's getting better," Mickelson said.

Robert Allenby (69) and Charles Howell III (69) were at 10-under 203, very much in the hunt. Allenby won in 2001 in a six-man playoff that he ended quickly with a 3-wood into a 5 feet in a driving rain for birdie. The sunshine is unusual, but not the hunched leaderboard.

**Creamer wins SBS Open**

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Paula

Creamer won the LPGA Tour's season-opening SBS Open for her first victory since 2005, holding off Julieta Granada by a stroke.

The 20-year-old Creamer closed with a 2-under 70 for a 2-under 207 total and earned \$165,000 for her third LPGA Tour title.

Karrie Webb closed with a 70 to finish tied for 4th at 6 under.

**Bean leads at Outback**

LUTZ, Fla. — Andy Bean shot a 4-under 67 in cold and windy conditions for a share of the lead with Wayne Levi in the suspended second round of the Champions Tour's Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am.

Levi shot a 69, finishing in near darkness, to match Bean at 4-under 138 on the TPC Tampa Bay.

— The Associated Press

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# Out of uniform, Dusty Baker off to Disneyland this week

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Dusty Baker is going to Disneyland.

He is off on a trip to the Magic Kingdom with son Darren for one of the theme park's busiest times: a three-day, holiday weekend. Baker had no idea he'd be fighting big crowds — and how would he?

Every other February for decades he has been in uniform and hard at work either as a manager or player. It certainly has been an adjustment for the former skipper, most recently with the Chicago Cubs, to be away from the field at the start of spring training.

"It's a little weird not being there," Baker, 57, said in a phone interview from California. "It's all good — just a little different."

Typically, the family fun came on the field after the players had gone home for the day and Baker would pitch to Darren, now 21.

Baker hasn't been in this situation — wearing street clothes all the time — since a brief stint as a stockbroker in 1987, the year after he retired from a 19-year major league career. He became San Francisco's hitting coach the following season.

Not that he has too much spare time to think about it all. Baker recently returned from a goodwill trip promoting baseball in Ghana, he has signed on to continue with ESPN this season as he did during the 2006 playoffs, he's looking ahead to his Sacramento and planning a birthday gathering for his father next month.

Last fall, Baker's contract was not renewed after he spent four years managing the Cubs. His team struggled with injuries in 2006 and finished 66-96, the worst record in the National League. In his first season, Chicago came within five outs of reaching the World Series.

The three-time NL Manager of the Year is determined to return to the dugout and has said he still believes his best managing is



Former Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker is off on a trip to Disneyland with son Darren for one of the theme park's busiest times, a three-day holiday weekend, after being unable to secure a managerial position with a Major League Baseball team.

ahead of him — even if there are other jobs he is more than capable of doing in the game.

He interviewed for the San Diego Padres' managerial opening in early November after Bruce Bochy left the two-time defending NL West champions to take over the Giants, Baker's team from 1993-2002. Baker became San Francisco's skipper in slugger Barry Bonds' first year with the club.

Baker has been curious this week about what's happening in spring training camps and he's rooting for guys such as Russ Ortiz — a candidate for San Francisco's fifth starter job — who was always one of Baker's favorite players to manage with the Giants. Ortiz is now back for a second stint with the team.

Ortiz was Baker's winning pitcher in Game 3 of the 2002 World Series and the right-hander also started Game 6, when San Francisco came within six outs of a title before blowing a lead against the wild-card Angels. After six shutout innings, Ortiz gave up two runs in the seventh.

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# Snowed by Tahoe

If you've never seen the mountains around Lake Tahoe after a fresh, brilliantly white snow has fallen and the sun comes out to set it aglow, you haven't properly seen Lake Tahoe at all.

By Cindy Loose  
The Washington Post

Have I become jaded? I vividly remember the first time I drove the mountain passes leading to Lake Tahoe 15 years ago and have been eagerly anticipating seeing them again. But now I'm here. The song "Is That All There Is?" is running through my head.

Sure, the views of deep gorges and craggy mountains and tall green trees are beautiful. But I'd remembered the vistas as being not just among the best, but of a singular, even a different order of beauty. What's missing?

Fresh snow, it turns out. On my third day, it falls, transforming spectacular into magical. If you've seen the movie "The Chronicles of Narnia," the scene where Lucy walks through the back of the closet and finds herself in an amazing, wondrous, wintry land — Tahoe is like that, only better.

My recent experience is a reminder of why you must come here in winter, even if you don't ski. Grammed, the lake with 72 miles of shoreline is fantastic all year long, the biggest, clearest, most pristine alpine lake in the United States, surrounded by peaks that reach more than 10,000 feet above sea level. Straddling the Nevada-California border, the lake gets the most visitors in summer. But if you've never seen the mountains around Lake Tahoe after a fresh, brilliantly white snow has fallen and the sun comes out to set it aglow, you haven't properly seen Lake Tahoe at all.

"Even people who have lived here all their lives rush outside like little kids at the first snowfall," says Mary Layne, who lives on the northern Nevada side of the lake in Incline Village. "It's so quiet, so pristine. Just blue sky, white snow, emerald lake, a little bit of dark green showing on the trees."

"And the air," adds Layne, who is a Mark Twain impersonator. "Twain, who loved it here, described it as the air the angels breathe."

The Lake Tahoe area was also a favorite subject for photographer Ansel Adams. A combination of public ownership of much of the land and strict environmental laws means it hasn't changed much since he captured "Thundercloud, Lake Tahoe" in 1936. John Steinbeck wrote his first novel here while working as a winter caretaker of a lodge, and it has been a favorite backdrop for Hollywood since silent-picture days.

The lake, which reaches depths of 1,645 feet, never freezes, so you can boat and fish even in the coldest months. Ride gondolas up the mountains just for the views or to dine in a mountaintop restaurant. Have lunch there, then dinner in a lakeside restaurant as the setting sun turns the landscape pink and gold. Ice skate, snowshoe across meadows and into silent, empty woods, or see the area by horse-drawn sleigh or stovmobile.

On the Nevada side, casinos and nightclubs are a major draw. On the California side, you can visit or even stay in historic buildings, see a museum, stop at the memorial to the wagon train emigrants who were caught in the Sierra Nevada over the winter at the infamous Donner Pass.

Granted, many visitors who come in winter are drawn mainly by the skiing, and both North and South Tahoe offer great alpine and downhill skiing and snowboarding.

But there is plenty for non-skiers to do. In fact, it's worth the trip just to look, to gaze on what winter adds to an already awe-some landscape.

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I drive first to the Nevada side of the lake just over three hours by car from San Francisco. I arrive just in time for my 1 p.m. cruise aboard the Tahoe Queen, a Mississippi River-style paddleboat. The captain provides running commentary as the boat glides away from the casinos and hotels and along the shoreline that is predominantly undeveloped public land — a combination of California and Nevada state parks and federal property in the hands of the Bureau of Land Management.

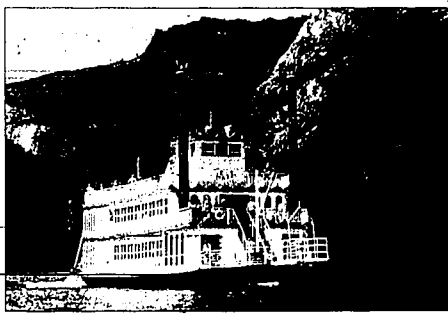
Two-thirds of the lake, which is 22 miles long and 12 miles wide, is in California; the remaining third, Nevada. In the shallows close to shore in summer, the water in the lake, fed by snow melt, warms up to about 70 degrees. But even then, dive 10 feet and it's a frosty 39 degrees.

The boat meanders past sandy beaches, bays and coves, always in view of mountains that, in certain passages of light, are reflected in the clear blue water. The captain points out the mountain peaks that shelter Desolation Wilderness, where the opening scenes from the television Western "Bonanza" were filmed.

We glide through a narrow passage to enter Emerald Bay, named for the color of the water. A small granite island covered with naturally stunted bonsai trees juts



The mountains around Lake Tahoe after a fresh, brilliantly white snow provide some of the most amazing views available in winter weather.



The Tahoe Queen cruises a lake where you can see the bottom even 70 feet down.

straight out of the water. At the island's top are the remains of a teahouse. On the shore is Vikingsholm Castle, a stately mansion built in the Scandinavian style in 1929 by an eccentric woman who once owned all the land around the bay. She also built the teahouse, with stained-glass windows and marble floors. The mansion is open for tours spring through fall.

Near shore, the clarity of the water is amazing. You can see the bottom of the lake through as much as 70 feet of water.

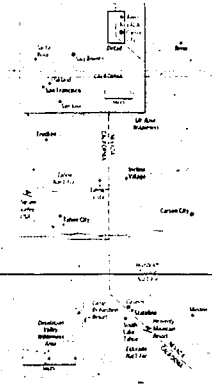
After leaving the boat, I head to the two big casinos the captain mentioned to sample the quarter slots. I'm glad the one-armed bandits still have the arm option, which is much more satisfying than hitting a button. But quarters don't spill out for a win: The machines just calculate what they owe you and print out a paper slip. A \$40 win on paper feels like nothing compared

with the sound of 120 quarters hitting metal. Am I the only one for whom the sound is the thrill? Apparently so. I ask half a dozen people how they feel about it, and they look at me like I'm nuts.

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Say the word "casinos" and people naturally think of a Vegas-style strip. But actually the South Tahoe area, which includes a big piece of Nevada and a smaller piece of California, is pretty low-key.

Most of the development is concentrated in a strip less than two miles long near Stateline in Nevada, near the California border. The town of Heavenly, in the middle of the developed area, has a series of attractive low-rise buildings surrounding



### If you go...

**GETTING THERE:** The closest commercial airport is Reno International, about 60 miles away and a drive of about an hour and 30 minutes to South Lake Tahoe. Some resorts offer ground service from Reno. Sacramento International is about 115 miles — a 2 1/4-hour drive to either North or South Tahoe. San Francisco International and Oakland International are about 200 miles away, 3 1/2 hours by car. **INFORMATION:** North Lake Tahoe Visitors Bureau, www.gotahoeorth.com, 877-949-3296. For South Shore: Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, www.BlueLakeTahoe.com.

### 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Today: Rain showers moving through and breaking at times. Highs near 50.  
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies. Lows, lower 30s.  
 Wednesday: Continued mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs, lower 40s.

### 5-DAY DEEP FORECAST

Today: Rain showers, perhaps mixing with some snow by the evening. Highs, upper 40s.  
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Travelers be aware of changing weather conditions later today. Tonight to Monday a cold front will bring in misted showers and snow.

Weather by State: Colorado, 50-60; Idaho, 40-50; Montana, 40-50; Nevada, 40-50; New Mexico, 40-50; Oregon, 40-50; Utah, 40-50; Washington, 40-50; Wyoming, 40-50.

### GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The game of life is the game of boomerang. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy."  
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### Tahoe

I head back to the center of Heavenly to catch the gondola, which climbs 1.2 miles up the side of the mountain to a massive, 4,800-acre ski area — among the largest in North America. The gondola, open year-round, carries both skiers and those simply seeking a view. I strike up a conversation with Brent Adams, an extreme skier based at Heavenly who competes around the world. Adams, 19, grew up here and started skiing at age 4, he tells me on the ascent. In summer he skis New Zealand, that must look incredible at sunset.

### 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High: 50	Low: 33	42/32	54/31	55/33	42/26

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Shoshone	42-50	42-50

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City	Today	Tomorrow
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Denver	42-52	42-52
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Los Angeles	68-78	68-78
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San Francisco	42-52	42-52
Seattle	42-52	42-52
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Edmonton	32-42	32-42
Halifax	32-42	32-42
London	32-42	32-42
Montreal	32-42	32-42
Ottawa	32-42	32-42
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Saskatoon	32-42	32-42
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Winnipeg	32-42	32-42

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Today: 2 (Low) - 3 (Moderate)

### WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
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Bombay	42-52	42-52
Delhi	42-52	42-52
Hong Kong	42-52	42-52
London	42-52	42-52
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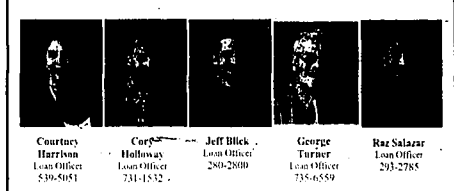
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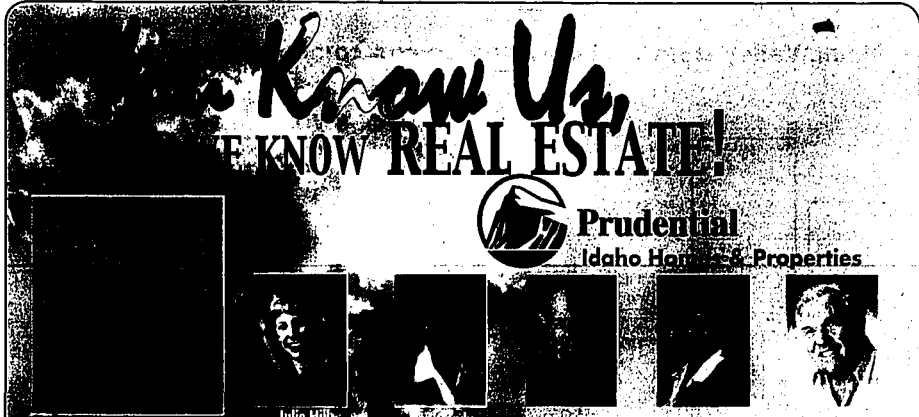
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ANSWER: Mark Horton's book "Better Signaling Now" is a fine work. But "Modern Defensive Signaling" by Kit Woolsey is the book for experts or would-be experts.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
In fourth chair, with ♠ Q-7, ♥ A-J-3-2, ♦ K-J-4, ♣ A-K-3. I heard two hearts on my left passed around to me. Playing teams, with both sides vulnerable, I elected to pass and duly collected 300, but we could have made game in no-trump. Was my decision so poor?  
Diminuendo, Pottsville, Pa.

ANSWER: I understand your action: The key here is how likely your side is to make game. If you can make game, you should bid it; if you can't, you should pass. At favorable vulnerability, pass makes sense. If the opponents are nonvulnerable, bidding is clear. Here, though, it is a close call and your choice was reasonable. (After all, if you do bid, two no-trump is an underbid and three no-trump an overbid.)

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
What style of responses would you recommend in reply to an overcall? Would your approach change if you were a passed hand — or if third hand joins in with a suit-bid or a negative double?  
Advancing by Steps, Dallas, Texas

ANSWER: I think there are two sensible styles. One either plays new suits nonforcing but encouraging and jumps in new suits strong, or new suits as forcing and jumps promising a fit. (Weak jumps in new suits make little sense to me.) Whatever you do, though, play raises and jump raises as weak; play cue-bids as strong, generally with support. Double (if available) is for takeout. Jumps by passed hands must promise a fit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
I held ♠ Q-7, ♥ K ♦ J-9-4-2, ♣ K-10-8-3-2. My partner opened one heart, the next hand bid two diamonds, and I passed this round to my partner, who doubled for takeout. I guessed to go low and bid three clubs. Was this so wrong? We had game (or plus 500 from two diamonds doubled).  
Law Road, Eau Claire, Wis.

ANSWER: Yes, I think passing for penalties is a fair gamble. You will regret it if partner has a dead minimum with a void in diamonds, but the typical hand opposite has a singleton diamond and, say, 15 HCP. Now the opponents will surely be scrambling for tricks.

Dear Mr. Wolff:  
I was wondering if you could help my partner and me solve a bidding problem. I held 16 points with five good spades and a small doubleton in hearts. I opened one spade and rebid two no-trump over his (two club) response. We played three no-trump off the whole heart suit, with black-suit games our way much better. Where did we go wrong?  
Sign of Four, Montreal

ANSWER: With 15-16 and a moderate five-card major in a balanced 5-3-3-2 hand, open one no-trump. Here, though, you were right to open one spade. After partner's two-club response, a rebid of two no-trump shows 12-14 (or 18 plus). A jump to three no-trump would show 15-17 and guards in the unbid suits. So here I'd rebid two spades. That does NOT promise six, but it is only five, it must be a good suit.

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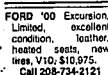
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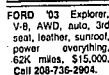
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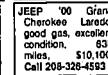
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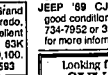
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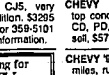
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# Dad and daughter

## A look at the life of a stay-at-home father

By Meagan Thompson  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — It's the middle of the morning in the middle of the week when Martin Soto works through a tangled mess at his home in Jerome.

"Be nice, daddy," his daughter, Mireya, says, grinning but keeping her eyes fixed on the television screen.

Brush in hand and a smile on his face, Martin chuckles and says sorry as he gently pulls the brush through her hair. He thinks it has taken him six months to master the 3-year-old's hairstyle — two pigtails. Sometimes braided, sometimes not — it's his choice; if it were up to Mireya, she would let her hair go free.

Fifteen minutes later Mireya slides off her stool and picks up a stray rubber band. Martin gathers the hair tools and hides them away, and the day can finally begin.

Through every day is different, it usually consists of the same small routines for Martin and Mireya: fixing the hair, taking out the paints and putting them away, story time, treats, sometimes the park, sometimes lunch with Mom.

For Mireya, daily routines are filled with learning and growing. She constantly says things that baffle Martin, like the time she put her plate on the floor, lay on her stool and asked him to hold her legs so she could reach the food and eat upside down. For Martin, the daily routine is the most important job he could ever do — a stay-at-home dad.

"It was definitely harder than I thought it would be," says Martin of his full-time position.

He and his wife, Dawn, decided it was the right thing to do after they moved from Spokane, Wash., to Jerome three years ago. Dawn immediately found a job in her field as a private banker with Wells Fargo in Twin Falls. In Spokane, Martin had worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield as a health care provider. He couldn't find a position in the Magic



Mireya Soto hangs off of her father, Martin Soto, at Jerome Public Library's story hour Jan. 12. Martin says he is always the only man at story time.

Valley, so he spent a couple of months at Wal-Mart as a night-shift manager.

"I spent the whole weekend sleeping and working. It was counterproductive to our decision to come here," Martin says. The family moved to Jerome to be with family — relatives and each other.

"We didn't want to have birthday parties by ourselves," he says.

For now, Martin is making plans to work at a brother-in-

law's farm business, provided he can bring Mireya to work with him.

Last summer she rode with him on tractors and in the truck; this summer Martin expects it will be about the same.

"It used to kill me to take her to day care," Martin says. "I would take my lunch in there and eat with her. The ladies I worked with said I'd have to stop that."

These days Martin and Mireya lunch together every day.



Mireya reacts to the cold detangler spray Martin uses to fix her hair Feb. 16 at their home in Jerome.

### See it online

For a slide show of more photos, visit [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com).



"Bye, baby," Dawn Soto says to 3-year-old Mireya as Martin Soto looks on. Dawn heads back to work at Wells Fargo while Martin and Mireya finish errands in Twin Falls.



Mireya tries to get her father's attention as he helps her with a puzzle Feb. 14.

### In a working mother's words

Dawn Soto talks about being married to a 'stay-at-home dad' and the reaction they get from others.

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"C," Mireya proclaims as Martin draws letters with her Feb. 14 as they play in the garage at home. "Who lives in this house, Daddy?" she asks.

FAMILY LIFE

A Web community for women over 50

By Nerby Vann
Special To The Herald-Examiner

There's a new girl in town — or in cyberspace, to be exact. BoomerGirl.com, launched in January, offers news, blogs and tips on health, fashion, family, finances and fitness — all geared toward "women of a certain age."

"The reaction to my column told me there was a need for something like this on the Internet," Hamilton says. "Women over 40 just aren't seeing themselves in today's media."

Hamilton's venture joins Boomerwomenspeak.com, launched by e-news-ter Doree Bregel in 2002, and eonsic.com, created in 2006 by Jeff Taylor, founder of Monster.com for the over-50 audience.

conservative; and "Flashbacks" offers virtual visits to the past. (Flashback to Jan. 22, 1968, for example, and you'll learn that the sketch comedy show "Man & Machine Laugh-In" debuted on that date on NBC.)

Loneliness linked to Alzheimer's

By Shambir Videman
The Washington Post

Elderly people with few or no friends were more than twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease as people who reported that they were not lonely, astudy shows. The finding suggests a new risk factor for doctors and caregivers to monitor and underscore the fact that loneliness and isolation can have tangible effects on the aging brain.

ing that the people who reported being lonely tended to stay lonely. Over a four-year period, 76 people developed dementia. The researchers found that they were likely to be men, to be poorer, to have lower levels of mental activity — and to have said that the statements describing loneliness applied to them.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W. Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$4.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5.50 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Monday: Cubed steak, potatoes and gravy, peas, bread, fruit and cream. Tuesday: Chicken and noodles, vegetables, cottage cheese salad, bran muffin, dessert.

Activities: Today: Ballroom dancing, 2 to 5 p.m. Monday: Monday bridge, quilting. Tuesday: Exercise class, blood pressure. Wednesday: Elks Card Club Quilting.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St. Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal-time.

Monday: Sloppy Joe, broccoli with cheese, salad, pears, crispy rice treats. Tuesday: Soup and salad. Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, peaches, hot rolls, birthday cake, ice cream.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E. All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50. Monday: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, Oriental veg-

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Johnson Ave., Gooding. All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Tuesday: Minestrone soup, fruit, corn bread, cookies.

Monday: No meal. Tuesday: Minestrone soup, fruit, corn bread, cookies. Wednesday: Lasagna, cauliflower, fruit salad, garlic bread, ice cream.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Milk, coffee, juice and tea service. Full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; take-out available; \$4 for seniors 60 and above, \$5 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12.

Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome. Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

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Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake. Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$4 for seniors; \$5 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Thrift shop open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhi. Monday: Beef roast dinner. Tuesday: Soup and sandwiches. Tuesday: Lemon pepper fish, corn bread, scalloped potatoes, salad, vegetables, roll, dessert. Wednesday: Cook's choice. Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit salad, dessert.

Monday: Buffet, 1 p.m.: \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$3 for children

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Ball St. W., Shoshone. Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily. Tuesday: Sauerkraut and Wieners. Normally vegetables, mashed potatoes, hot dinner rolls, vanilla pudding, cookies.

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilters, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Scrapbooking, 10 a.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Friday: Representatives from SHIBA and Sens. Crapo and Craig and Rep. Simpson available for questions, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily. Monday: Fried fish, buttered peas, pear salad, brownies. Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, pumpkin pie.

Blaire County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Tuesday: Cook's choice. Wednesday: Fried fish or chicken fillet, cottage fries, carrot and raisin salad, corn bread, brownies. Friday: Turkey or fish with dressing, mashed potatoes, copper carrots, cranberry Jell-O salad, stuffed celery, English peas, hot rolls, coconut cake.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glens Ferry. Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2951. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Monday: No meal. Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed peas, Jell-O with fruit, whole wheat bread. Thursday: Taco salad, corn, refried beans, tortilla.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# In a working mother's words

"But at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter what anyone thinks. Our daughter is having the time of her life. And on good days, when I'm very lucky, she and her daddy will invite me to their tea party."



Mirya Soto gets four helping hands Jan. 24 when she and her father, Martin Soto, meet her mother, Dawn Soto, for lunch at O'Durken's Draught House in Twin Falls. Father and daughter make the trip to Twin Falls at least once a week to eat with Mom, a downtown banker, on her lunch break.

TWIN FALLS — Dawn Soto, the downtown Twin Falls private banker whose husband and daughter are the subjects of today's photo project, frequently writes essays to share with family and friends.

With her permission, we publish one of them here. It's one that struck a chord among her friends.

"I got a lot of responses from those who have had the same experiences and was amazed at how many people can relate to this situation," Soto said.

Here it is:

**'It's a good job when you can get it'**

"I am one of those lucky women who have the best of all worlds. I have a good job, a wonderful family and the best caregiver for my toddler money can buy — her daddy. "I am often asked what my husband does for a living and I'm quite proud to say he's a Stay-At-Home-Daddy. I even put that illustrious title on our tax return under his profession. It's always interesting to see what kind of responses I get to this. Depending on who's asking, the response can vary quite differently. Older people, younger people, male or female, they have varying opinions. I'm keenly aware of the facial expressions and attitudes. I find it interesting to see what people's perceptions, judgments and reactions are.

"A typical response I might get from a fellow working woman or an older man might be, 'Wow, that's great.'

This is accompanied by a slight narrowing of the eyes and maybe a small smirk. Then the inevitable question follows, 'So he doesn't work at all?' This, of course, brings a

tolerant smile to my lips and a gentle rebuttal. 'Actually, he works harder than anyone I know.' "I used to feel the need to defend him. I'd go into a long account of all the jobs he

does besides taking care of our 2-year-old daughter, which, as all caregivers know, is a job all by itself. I'd say, 'He also does laundry, the finances, the grocery shop-

ping and puts gas in my car, just to mention a few. I'd take her to swimming lessons, dance lessons and to the swings at the park.' I no longer feel the need to explain. The

benefits are too numerous to list anyway. About the only thing he doesn't do is pick up her toys after a long day of playing. I often get home from work and can see where they've played with puzzles, painted or had a tea party.

"A typical response from a man, with the exception of the older generation, is a variation of, 'Wow, how do I get that job?' or 'That's the job I want!' or 'It's a good job if you can get it.' Obviously these men have no clue as to the amount of work involved. It's not only a long, hard job, but the pay is pretty cheap. However, the rewards are immeasurable.

"My husband has noticed a commonality with the kind of responses he gets, as well. On a recent trip to the grocery store (probably picking up my prescription pills that I had forgotten to get over the weekend), the cashier will say something like, 'She's so lucky to get to spend the day with you,' making the assumption he's taken the day off from a 'real job.' Or at her dance class, the other mothers will often comment, 'It's so nice to see a daddy here, like he's a novelty. I guess to some extent, he is. It isn't every day you see a daddy singing and clapping along with his little girl.

"But at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter what anyone thinks. Our daughter is having the time of her life. And on good days, when I'm very lucky, she and her daddy will invite me to their tea party."

— Dawn Soto

## Planning for gaps in child care

By Lisa N. Burdy  
Special to Newsday

MEHVILLE, N.Y. — One mom thought she had a perfect child-care arrangement: a nanny four days a week and her mother-in-law the other day. Her husband does for their 4-year-old son before going to his local office, allowing her to leave for her full-time job.

But several months ago, when the nanny called on a Friday night to say she had been injured and would be out at least two weeks, Rubin, who did not want her last name used, says the nightmare began.

She hadn't counted on ever needing to make alternate arrangements.

"We scrambled all weekend, putting something together because I couldn't stay home on an ongoing basis and neither could my husband," she says. "We called three different nanny agencies and interviewed about five people that weekend. Since then, we've started to get a back-up plan with friends and my mother, just in case that happens again."

All parents need pinch-hitters for those days when you have no one else to watch your child, whether or not you work outside the home, since there are always emergencies. And because you can't guarantee that someone will be available, it's also beneficial to set up several possibilities.

The best option for most families is to call on a relative,

But since that's often not possible, start by building a network of other parents who can help spell you in emergencies and to whom you offer the same, says Linda Lisi Juergens, executive director of the National Association of Mothers' Centers in Levittown, N.Y.

"The kind of networking that people devote a lot of effort to in their business lives can really be used by moms and dads to build a support network for their parenting," she says. "You might find someone who can meet your child's bus if you're late, have a spare house key to let your child in if she loses hers, pick him up from school if he's sick and you're traveling, or car pool to the after-school activity that starts before you get home from work."

While it may be a challenge to reciprocate — and you must — you can be creative, Juergens says. For instance, if you're planning something special on a weekend, you can invite the other parent's child along.

"You can offer to watch their kids, so they can shop uninterrupted, go on a date with their spouse or paint their living room," she says. "It's true that some of the requests may cut into your own down time or time with your kids. But it's worth the general peace of mind you gain by knowing you have a safety net you can rely on."

Brainstorm about other adults you know in your community, says Arlene

Labenson, director of parent services for the Child Care Council of Nassau, Juergens suggests tapping older friends and neighbors who are capable of caring for your kids. You might respond by picking up grocery items for them or inviting them to join your family for meals or holidays.

In addition, Labenson suggests:

- Think about college students and seniors who may have more flexible schedules.

- Post a sign at the supermarket, church or temple.

- Check in with others who use licensed child care to get their recommendations.

- Call an organization you belong to, like a mothers' center or your church, since many have committees just for this type of help.

- Labenson suggests you discuss with your boss in advance what you can do if you need back-up care. Some companies allow sick days for parents when a child is ill.

- If you prefer in-home care, Vanessa Wauchape, founder of Sensible Sitters, a 24-hour babysitting service based in Manhattan, recommends sharing nannies with friends.

- Nanny agencies can provide 11½-hour sitters. But most require that you register beforehand so you can interview the nannies and check their references.

- If you do have to hire a nanny or sitter at the last minute, most agencies can e-mail you a resume and references that you can call that morning, says Wauchape.

## What to do when lizards get too big

Newsday

Got an itch for an ig? Sadly, green iguanas are the throwaways of the reptile world. They are easy to acquire

and relatively affordable, they can easily outgrow the commitment of their keepers, not to mention their housing when they reach a mature size of 5 to 6 feet. To make sure you've got

what it takes to care for these popular lizards — which can live up to 20 years and need some time and dedication in order to be tamed — visit the very comprehensive [www.greensociety.org](http://www.greensociety.org).

# Career Fair

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## ENGAGEMENT

CAMPBELL-GLORFIELD

WENDLELL — Calvin H. and Keele D. Campbell of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Meagan I. Campbell, to Chase W. Glorfield, son of Gary and Cyndia Glorfield of Boise. Campbell is a 2005 graduate of Wendell High School and attends Boise State University. She is employed at Just for Kids.

Glorfield is a 2003 graduate of Centennial High School in Boise and attends BSU. He is employed at EDS.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Wendell LDS Stake Center. A reception will follow. A second reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Mitchell LDS Chapel in Boise.



Meagan Campbell and Chase Glorfield

For the rest of today's announcements, see page E5

FAMILY LIFE

# How to get a handle on stars' distances

The nearest stars lie tens of trillions of miles away. But the national debt notwithstanding, such huge numbers are difficult to relate to. This is a case where making an analogy can really help.



**SKYWATCH**  
Chris Anderson

As it happens, a convenient coincidence allows us to do just that. The Earth and sun together fly 93 million miles apart, called an Astronomical Unit (AU), and the distance that light travels in one year is about 6 trillion miles (a light year). The number of AU in a light year is 63,240, which is very nearly the number of inches in a mile, or 63,360.

While it's not easy to form a clear mental picture of 63,000 of anything, we all know how small an inch is and how far a mile is.

So here's how to understand just how fantastically far away the stars really are. The brightest star in the nighttime sky is Sirius, currently standing due south at 9 p.m. It's also one of the closest stars, ranking eighth off the southern hemisphere's Alpha Centauri and a handful of stars too faint to be seen without a telescope. Sirius stands slightly less than nine light years away. On our reduced scale, with the Earth one inch from the sun, Sirius

would be nine miles away. To see one of the most distant naked-eye stars, start at Sirius. Look slightly less than one hand span at arm's length to the left and a little lower for a pair of somewhat faint stars, side by side. The rightmost and fainter of the two is Arsmideik. Although its distance isn't known nearly as precisely as Sirius, it has been estimated at 3,300 light years. So if the Earth and sun are one inch apart, Arsmideik lies

in Puerto Rico. That places it less than five percent as far away as the Milky Way's opposite edge, and an infinitesimal fraction of the distance to the farthest galaxies.

*Near weeks: Idaho's other public observatory.*

Chris Anderson is observation specialist and observatory manager at the Fowler Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

# Learn about — and observe — the night sky

**Times-News**

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho's Southern Idaho Community Education Center is offering an astronomy class, "Romance of the Night Sky," from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 6 through April 3, in the Herrett Center library campus. Participants will visit the Herrett Center while spending one night watching a show and another night using the Centennial Telescope and

other equipment to observe the night sky. Observers will learn how to recognize constellations, planets and other fascinating objects visible after sundown.

Instructor Tom Gilbertson is a native Idahoan and has

been an amateur astronomer for about 40 years. He is a member of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society and the Boise Astronomical Society.

Cost is \$30 per person. To register, call 732-6442 or visit www.csi.edu/communityed.

# The empress' new coat takes time

The husband has an announcement: "I will never shop with you again," he says. That's nice, dear, I think, wondering why he always says this. The thing is, he never buys it up. He always says he'll never shop with me again, and then he always shops with me again. What is the matter with him?

"The only problem is I don't know when, or where, I'd wear it," I say, admitting the faux shearing coat (I have fallen head over heels in love with it. It's tan, luxurious — and surprising. The surprise is the faux-cheetah collar and cuffs that seem almost "surprise!" At least that's how I read it. "Where does one wear a coat like this?" I ask.

"Just buy it, and we can work that part out later," he says.

"It's surprising, don't you think?"

"No —

"Like, if the whole thing would just be faux cheetah, it would just be obnoxious," I say.

"And if the whole thing were faux shearing, it would be completely pedestrian. But the cheetah says, 'Woe-hoo!'"

"Right, so let's just buy it," he says.

Oh, please. He knows I need time. I need to meet the coat, get to know it, ascertain its personality. "You know I have to process this," I say.

"Yeah, but you're processing what the coat is *not*," he says.



**PERSONAL FILE**  
Jeanne Marie Laskas

committed to the S, and today, on the way home from the husband's pain doctor appointment, we will return the M. I am experiencing a tiny bit of commitment anxiety, which the husband refuses to hear. Also, he wants to know why I still have not worn the skin-it coat. Duh. First of all, I haven't had an offer to go to any place big and/or fashionable enough to wear it. I remind him that I am not alone, that many women, including my own sister,

have chosen not to wear, or does not own, teal. Her mouth is all covered in. She is wearing my coat. Her wife, No teeth. My coat.

My coat!

My Lord! This is not a coat for a plane ride to Paris or Milan or a secret KGB meeting. This is Harry's wife. She is wearing my coat. Her wife, No teeth. My coat.

I make bug eyes at the husband, bug eyes at the coat, bug eyes at the husband, until finally he gets it. He says, "Oh, my neck," he says.

"One more observation," I say. "It may be too fashionable-looking. That's what I mean when I say that I don't know where I'd wear it. I'd want to wear it on a plane to — Paris, or Milan, I'd want to wear it to Moscow, to a secret meeting with the KGB, and I'd have a long cigarette holder."

It's jutting his head forward, trying to follow.

"I'd be a spy from Romania, wearing heavy eyeliner and a fake birthmark on my cheekbone."

"Just buy the coat," he says.

In the end, I do. Actually, I buy two. This is because I can't decide on the size. The S is a little too S, and the M is a little too M. The sales clerk and I discuss the matter at length, and she's the one who recommends taking both home, so I can assess in privacy. I love a woman who understands.

Two weeks go by. I have

need time after making a garment purchase. "Time to claim ownership and time to give the ones you let go." He is actually winning. The pain in his neck is likely arthritis-related, the doctor said, and not marriage-related. "The doctor said he could stick a needle in the husband's neck, inject some goo and maybe give him relief."

In the lobby of the pain doctor's office, there is rock salt on the floor from many people's boots. We're stopping our feet. I push the elevator button. A man walks up and pushes it again. "Irray, she already pushed it!" a woman snaps at the man. I turn to look at the man. He is all talk, huncher over, appears to be about 90. She shouldn't have snapped at him. I turn to look at her.

She is wearing my coat. Faux shearing, cheetah surprise, the coat is perfect. Exactly Harry's wife. She is about 90.

Neck, schneck. He gets his shot. The whole ride home, we talk about the coat emergency. I have nothing against Harry's wife. For that matter, I have nothing against wearing an old lady coat. "But choosing to wear an old lady coat as a fashion statement is quite a bit different from choosing to wear a fashion statement that turns out to be an old lady coat," I'm saying.

"Oh, my neck —"

"Why didn't you tell me?" I ask. "You did know the whole time it was an old lady coat? You could have stopped me. Why didn't you stop me?"

"I am never, ever, shopping with you again," he says.

"Well, I don't see how that's going to solve anything."

By Denise Flaim Newsway

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Indeed, Striker is not alone. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has received five dog mutilations involving shredders, and what is not known is how many cases go unreported.

In February 2006, a young boxer puppy named Cross from Succotee, S.C., caught his tongue on a home shredder, mangling an inch of it into what he overheard Clark, called "hamburger meat."

In 2005, in South Spokane, Wash., a 7-month-old mix named Alice Lane licked a paper shredder, which in turn ground up all of her tongue. "I will never forget the sound it made when she pulled away her, owner Adam Forney, told reporters. In her panic, the puppy bit off part of Forney's pinky. Like Striker, the dog had

# Focus on fulfilling the future, Scorpio

**IF FEB. 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Hang onto solid values and remain attentive to the splendors of love and take that is a necessity in the business world during the coming months.

**HOROSCOPE**  
Ieraline Saunders

Keep a low profile in August and September. Avoid launching important plans, borrowing money or signing agreements — these matters could turn into a royal pain in the neck over the long term. Don't be discouraged by what seems like a setback or a restriction. In November and December, new friends and beneficial opportunities might turn your life around for the better. Whatever you begin during that time will very likely have a favorable outcome or create a permanent improvement.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Start firing on all cylinders. Get the heart rate pounding shoot some baskets or find another form of exercise to clear out the cobwebs. Romance might be a major factor in the week ahead.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Charm the socks off someone. In the week to come you might find that your attractive powers reach a peak. This is a good day to repair a relationship, offer apologies or ask for favors.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Values are valuable. Make principles an asset and steer clear of leery and ideas that might merely be fool's gold. You could be asked to make an important job commitment in the next few days.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Forgive and forget. Like the mythical scales to mend a tear in a relationship, Love and affecting might knock on your door this week. An office colleague might have his or her heart set on you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on fulfilling the future. Every hour that passes takes you an hour closer to what is yet to come. Concentrate on objectives and cherished commitments and cherish commitments.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): The fiercest indignation wisely. You could feel a need to act on your beliefs. Physical exertion through sports, or work around the house, burns off steam in a constructive manner.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Throw plenty of pennies in the wishing well. A little luck can come your way if you have faith in the universe this week. It is the good will of others, not your cleverness, that will get you "fend gardens with care. Lively, the most beautiful flowers are improved by good sense. This week's theme might revolve around cultivating, unshrinking and strengthening relationships."

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Beat the clock. Time might stand still when you are with a special someone later this week. Partners and other close companions may have plenty of enthusiasm for your ideas.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 20): Wave not flag furiously and fearlessly. It is OK to let everyone know what you think and what you believe. Go for the gusto by learning all you can about a favorite subject this week.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Put family first. Although you might be pressured to conform to certain business models in the week to come, close relationships should receive their due. Think commitment to a cause.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Sacrifice on the altar of plenty. When you have extra dollars in your pocket it is easy to make generous gestures in public. Question whether you are doing good things for others or your reputation.

# Paper shredders pose hazard to pets

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Even dogs that are lucky enough to survive lead come promised lives. Lutz says: "They have to be on soft diets; and they have to learn how to swallow again," for an average dog like Striker, his favorite pastime — going through the woods — would have been an impossibility, she says, because there was too much damage to his tongue to allow him to pump.

Not surprisingly, Lutz no longer has a shredder. "Before this happened, I was the shredding queen," she says. "And while I know they're really important in our lives to help disclose secrets, and preserve identity, that's going to be a long time before I'm going to have one in the house again."

Some simple precautions can ensure that accidents such as Striker do not happen. Among them:

- Unplug shredders when not in use.
- Store shredders out of reach of animals (and, especially children, especially those under 5, who can also be victims of shredder accidents).
- Make sure that the shredder is located in a place that is "poison proof": Acrobatic kitties that jump atop shredders can also do terrible damage to shredders.
- To avoid attracting animals, never put food wrappers through shredders.
- Do not leave shredders out. "When buying a shredder, look for one with a protective bar over the opening."

To ensure that Striker's death was not in vain, Lutz has embarked on an awareness campaign to alert owners to the perils of unattended paper shredders. She will e-mail flyers to anyone who requests them. (Contact [strikerlu@Yahoo.com](mailto:strikerlu@Yahoo.com).)

# A will ensures grandchildren get their due

**DEAR ABBY:** My elderly mother-in-law, "Marsha," is in failing health. Lately she has been talking about how she "won't be here next year," implying that she thinks she will be dead.

But there is one thing she refuses to do. Marsha will not have a will made up or sign an advanced directive. She thinks that if she does, it will be signing her own death warrant.

Marsha is facing major surgery in the spring. She owns her own house, and she has many medical bills and debts. She has said that after she's gone, it will be "up to other people" to "handle those debts."

Her children cannot be trusted to agree on wise decisions about her estate, and I have seen other such unplanned estates eaten up by court-appointed administrators who take more than a year to settle matters.

Because we often discuss my newspaper column, I am hoping you might convince my mother-in-law that while she can't sign a will, she can make one that will ensure the legacy for her grandchildren that she



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

the wisdom of preplanning for the inevitable.

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— **UNSURE IN TEXAS**

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Before you stop using it, ask the person what he or she would prefer to be called. That way you won't cause any misunderstandings or hard feelings.

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ENGAGEMENTS

KEETCH-HALL

**JEROME** — Val and Laurie Keetch of Montpelier announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Kaye Keetch, to Scott Nelson Hall, son of John and Lorene Tolman of Jerome.

Keetch graduated from Bear Lake High School in 2004 and attends the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in radiology. She is employed at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Hall attended Jerome High School and is employed by



**Sandra Keetch and Scott Hall**  
Don Ford frigation in Jerome. The wedding is planned for Friday, March 16, at The Risk in Jerome. A reception will follow.

LAMMERS-MOSS

**JEROME** — Rachel Lammers and Brian Moss announce their engagement.

Lammers is the daughter of Randy and Kris Lammers of Jerome. She is employed by Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls.

Moss is the son of Brad and Cheryl Moss of Winnemucca, Nev. He is employed by Barrick Gold Strike near Elko, Nev.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, March 1.



**Brian Moss and Rachel Lammers**  
The couple will reside in Elko.

RAYMOND-MCCABE

**TWIN FALLS** — Emily Raymond and Brock McCabe announce their engagement.

Raymond is the daughter of the late Roy and Verna Marie Raymond. She attended Twin Falls High School and Pepperdine University. She is a teacher in the Los Angeles area.

McCabe is the son of Lance and Trudy McCabe of San Clemente, Calif. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern California. He is a material science engineer in



**Emily Raymond and Brock McCabe**  
The wedding and reception are planned for Saturday, July 14, in Malibu, Calif.

STANGER-NORRIS

**KIMBERLY** — Mark and MaryAnn Stanger of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Nadine Stanger, to Gregory Carl Norris, son of Marvin and Marcia Norris of Hansen.

Stanger is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho with a degree in business. She is the office manager at Xtreme MotorSports & RV.

Norris recently returned from serving a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Charleston, W.Va. He attends CSI and farms with his parents.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Feb. 23, in the Logan



**Gregory Norris and Rebecca Stanger**  
LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Kimberly Stake Center, one mile north of Kimberly. The couple will reside in Hansen.

CRAWFORD-HALE

**HEYBURN** — Rhonda and Kerry Bal of Heyburn and James and Pamela Crawford of San Diego announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Chantal Crawford, to Kirby Y. Hale, son of Suzi and Dave Thomas of Rupert and Dave and Eva Hale of Heyburn.

Crawford is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School and a 2004 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is a registered nurse at Burley Davita, a hemodialysis center.

Hale is a 2001 graduate of Minico High and attended CSI. He is a partner with his father



**Kirby Hale and Lindsay Crawford**  
at Hale Farms in Heyburn. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 24, at the First Christian Church in Rupert. A reception will follow at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Rupert.

ANNIVERSARY

THE SLUDERS

**BELLEVUE** — Donald "Duke" and Mary Sluder of Bellevue will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 21.

Donald Sluder and Mary McWilliams were married Feb. 21, 1957, in Shoshone.

They raised their family in Montana and Utah. He graduated from Idaho State University in 1981 and worked 35 years for the Federal Aviation Administration in Montana, Utah and Idaho. She graduated from the College of Great Falls in Great Falls, Mont., in 1974 and was an agricultural laboratory technician in Montana and Utah.

The Sluders retired in 1996 and moved to Bellevue, where they, along with their sons, built their retirement home.

Their children are Donald L.



**Donald and Mary Sluder**  
Sluder Jr. of Bellevue, Charles E. Sluder of Layton, Utah, and Julann M. Gray of Boise. They have eight grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

ROBERTSON-WHITEHURST

**BURLEY** — Trish Robertson and Jack Whitehurst celebrated their marriage Feb. 10 at the Best Western Burley Inn.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Becky Robertson of Paul. The groom is the son of Jackson and Charlene Whitehurst of Williston, Fla.

A reception will be held Sunday, Feb. 25, at the home of the groom's parents in Florida.



**Jack and Trish Whitehurst**  
The couple will reside in Nampa.

MORRIS-HIRST

**BURLEY** — Anna Lindsey Morris and Richard Paul Hirst were married Feb. 16 in Farmington, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Brent and Shauna Morris of Fruit Heights, Utah.

The groom is the son of Richard and Fern Hirst of Burley.

An open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the LDS Institute



**Richard and Anna Hirst**  
Building, 1649 Parke Ave. in Burley.

JOHNSON-CHRISTENSEN

**RUPERT** — Tyna Rite Johnson and Kim Christensen were married Feb. 16. A reception followed at the Rupert West Stake Center.

The bride is the daughter of Alton and Terri Johnson of Rupert. She is a graduate of Minico High School, Brigham Young University-Idaho and Idaho State University. She attends University of Phoenix online and is a fifth-grade teacher at Heyburn Elementary School.

The groom is the son of Thelma Christensen of Heyburn and the late Land



**Kim and Tyna Christensen**  
Christensen. He is a graduate of Minico High and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He owns Christensen Tackery and is a reservist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and a custodian at Heyburn Elementary.

Announcements

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Still hip to be square

By Stephen Kiehl  
The Baltimore Sun

Rubik's rises again. The multicolored cube that swept the U.S. when it was first released in 1980 is surging in popularity, buoyed by its presence in the recent hit movie "The Pursuit of Happiness" and a renewed interest in back-to-basics toys. Barbie dolls, Cabbage Patch Kids and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are hot — no batteries or instruction manuals required.

But only the Rubik's Cube is featured in "Happiness," in which Will Smith's character solves a cube during a job interview with an executive he is trying to impress. After the executive goes into spasms trying to solve the cube, Smith takes the toy from him and says he can do it. "No one can," says the executive.

Smith's successful cube-solving lands him an internship that's an opportunity for a better life for him and his son. The cube first was invented in 1980, one year after the cube was released in the U.S. In its first three years on the market, more than 100 million Rubik's Cubes were sold. Another 150 million have been sold since.

The cube never really went away. But now it's being discovered by a new generation. Hasbro Inc., which distributes the Rubik's Cube, says sales were up 73 percent in 2005 and were expected to be up another 80 percent in 2006. And an electronic version of the cube will go on sale next summer.

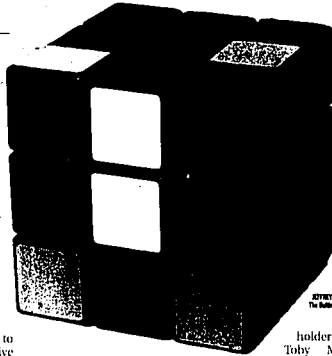
While "Happiness" is expected to give the cube a bump — a product placement that Hasbro did not solicit nor pay for — there are other reasons for the Rubik's revival. The generation that grew up in the '80s is having children and purchasing toys it played with 20 years ago for their kids. Also, in an era where video game systems can run \$600, the \$10 cube can be an appealingly low-tech alternative toy.

"It provides balance in the toy box," said Adrienne Citrin, spokeswoman for the Toy Industry Association. "We see so many electronic and high-tech gadgets. This is a swing back to basics. It's something people can understand."

The cube is in high demand at Toys "R" Us, though the retailer would disclose specific sales figures. Spokesman Bob Friedland said the toys that are coming back were popular for a reason — they're undeniably fun to play — and that hasn't changed.

"A lot of it is really just the fun of the toy," Friedland said. "What might be classic to an adult is new to a child."

Erno Rubik created the cube



holder is Toby Mao, 17, of Burlingame, Calif.

in Budapest, Hungary, in 1974. A lecturer in interior design, Rubik wanted to create a puzzle more challenging than any in existence. But he never gave any thought to producing it on a mass scale. He just wanted to share it with friends.

It was such a hit, though, that a manufacturer was enlisted. The first Magic Cubes, as the toy was then called, hit Budapest toy stores in late 1977. Just as today, the twistable cube had six sides, each with nine movable pieces. The pieces were grouped into six colors — white, red, yellow, orange, blue and green.

The cube has more than 43 quintillion possible configurations — actually 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 — but only one possible solution. Books and Web sites, which weren't around to help players in 1980, demonstrate how to solve the cube in mind-boggling detail. Speed-cube associations have taken form in the past few years. With them, the world record for solving the cube has been broken repeatedly.

The current world-record

was set in August 2005, when he can put on a blindfold and solve it in less than two minutes.

"Happiness" producers hired Tyson and Toby Mao to teach Will Smith how to solve the cube. Smith was a quick study. Tyson said, indeed, on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Smith solved the cube in two minutes (though he wasn't blindfolded).

Hasbro points to several factors in explaining the cube's revival. The Internet has allowed cube enthusiasts like the Maos to connect and form cubing communities. And the increased interest in brain training has also benefited the Rubik's Cube, said Hasbro spokeswoman Pat Biso.

"With our aging population, folks are interested in not only keeping their bodies in good shape but their minds as well," she said.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Elisa Monique Tapia, daughter of Jaylene Laurene Galvan of Gooding, was born Jan. 28, 2007.

Kylie Emma Barker, daughter of Jessica Joy Barker and Samuel Harrison Barker of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 6, 2007.

Kristopher Logan McClure, son of Taeli Jannet McClure and Roy Wesley McClure of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 6, 2007.

Thane Robert Whittle, son of Trista Lynn Whittle and James Robert Whittle of Gooding, was born Feb. 6, 2007.

Howard Buddy McCulston, son of Martha McCulston and Buddy Robert McCulston of Jerome, was born Feb. 7, 2007.

Kyle Grace Roehl, daughter of Kerri Ann Roehl and Hugh Chad Roehl of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 7, 2007.

Michael Wayne Skeen, son of Tanya Lene Skeen and Jeffrey Wayne Skeen of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 7, 2007.

Seth Rockwell Capps, son of Amanda Lene Capps and Bradley Dennis Capps of Jerome, was born Feb. 7, 2007.

Dustin Daniel Deltrick, son of Kimberly Leannette Pratt and Daniel Lyle Deltrick of Eler, was born Feb. 8, 2007.

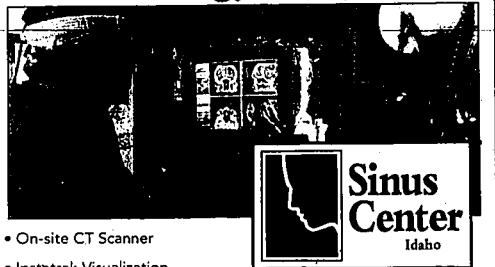
Makiah Leigh Cole, daughter of Mandy Jo Novis and Cory Lee Cole of Jerome, was born Feb. 9, 2007.

Marlee Marie Fairbanks, daughter of Heather Marie White and Michael Lee Fairbanks of Kimberly, was born Feb. 11, 2007.

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# Natural talent:

## Maryland teen is young wildlife photographer of year

By Tracy Grant  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rick Stanley can't remember a time when he didn't love nature — prowling around in the forest and learning about animals. But he definitely

remembers his first camera, which was given to him by his mom when he was 8. That gift allowed Rick to turn his love of nature into award-winning photography.

Rick, now 17 and a student at Georgetown Day School in Washington, was named

Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year for 2006. The annual competition is held by the Natural History Museum in London and BBC Wildlife Magazine.

His winning photograph, selected from more than 750 entries by kids 17 and younger, shows a tree frog in the Dominican Republic about to be eaten by a snake. Rick had been exploring with a friend when they heard the frog's squeaks of distress.

"I photographed the drama as the frog dangled in front of me, but Rubio [his friend] was unable to resist helping the victim and gently touched the snake, which promptly dropped its meal and slithered away," Rick wrote in describing his photograph.

Rick said he felt sorry for the frog, too, and was glad to see it get away. But "if I had been on my own, I probably would have left it alone."

That's because Rick thinks that one of the most important lessons a nature photographer can learn is to let nature be nature. "Try not to disturb what you photograph too much," he says.

While some photographers set out knowing what they want to take a picture of, Rick has a different approach. "I like to be ready for whatever I happen to see," he says. "Whenever you go out into the woods, you're going to see something interesting."

Preserving nature is important to Rick, a Bethesda, Md., resident who plans to study biology at Harvard University in the fall. But he doesn't plan on giving up photography. "I want to do (biology) work in the field and take photographs," he says.



Rick Stanley, 17, winner of the International Young Wildlife Photographer competition, says photographers should try not to disturb nature.



Rick Stanley, of Bethesda, Md., was named Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year for 2006. While on an expedition in the Dominican Republic, he snapped a picture of a tree frog's struggle with a green tree snake before his friend Rubio caused the snake to release its prey.



Kylie Dickerson, of South Africa, concentrated on this dice moth caterpillar while his parents photographed a bird at the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. He received a commendation in the Young Wildlife Photographer competition division for 11- to 14-year-olds.

### Snap to it!

Rick Stanley, of Bethesda, Md., has been photographing nature for nine years. He has some tips for young photographers:

- Take pictures. It sounds silly, but "practice is really the best way to get good at this," Rick says. He started out "just taking pictures to document nature, but then I got into the more artistic side of it."

- Nature is everywhere. "There's lots of interesting stuff locally to photograph.... Some of the best pictures are of common things that most people overlook."

- Learn about your subjects.

Having "knowledge of (what) you're photographing helps you notice things about them."

- Never try to pose an animal. "Pictures where the subject is stressed-out never work. (Getting a good picture is never worth harming or disturbing the subject too much."

Rick has seen the other award-winning photographs. "It's really amazing. It seems

that every year they get better photographs, especially from the younger photographers."

he says. "I almost feel guilty beating some of their pictures."

### BOOK REVIEW

## 'Give Me Liberty'

The Washington Post

By L.M. Elliott, for ages 9 and older

English-born Nathaniel Dunn, 13, arrives in colonial Virginia and finds a tough life. His family, which had no money for the voyage, is split up, and he is sold as an indentured servant to help pay off the debt. He is beaten and isolated by his employer.

Eventually, Nathaniel is sold to a nicer master who takes him to Williamsburg, the heart of the colony just before the Revolutionary War. Nathaniel struggles to understand the issues of the day. He must resolve his feelings about the English king and wrestle with ideas

about individual liberties (as a servant, he has no freedom). He puzzles over how Virginians want independence for white people like him but not his African friend Moses. As the colony moves closer to war, Nathaniel isn't sure how to respond.

This is a complicated story that might confuse some younger readers.

But some kids will enjoy reading about the Battle of Great Bridge, near Norfolk, Va., which some historians think was nearly as important as the well-known Battle of Concord in Massachusetts.



## Talking with singer Ali Lohan

By Kevin Clark, Brittany Green-Hall and Lindsay Weaver  
Kidsday reporters, Newbury

... We met 13-year-old Ali Lohan recently. Ali, who is the younger sister of actress Lindsay Lohan, released her first CD, "Lohan Holiday," last year.

Question: Who helped you the most with your singing career?

Answer: My mom has helped me through everything.

My sister has also told me what I have done wrong and what I have done right, and

that has helped me a lot.

Q: Besides singing, would you like to act as well?

A: Yes. I love them both. I do have a couple of things in the works.

Q: What was your favorite song you have recorded?

A: "Winter Wonderland." That was a really fun song to sing. It was easy for me because I am an alto.

Q: What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?

A: Basically everything that is going on now.

Visit her Web site: [alliohan-music.com](http://alliohan-music.com).

## 100 tales bring out the 'story' in U.S. history

By Tracy Grant  
The Washington Post

We all know that George Washington is on a skin and a coin across the Potomac River, that his teeth weren't made of wood and that he didn't wear a wig. As funny or famous as those stories might be, they're made up.

But what might amaze you is that the story of our country is made up of monumental moments and silly stories. You can't not all the stories that make up our history have to do with presidents, wars and documents. Some of our nation's most fascinating tales have to do with murder, aliens and molasses floods.

A new book called "The American Story" is a collection of 100 stories; some are silly, some are serious and all of them tell you something you might not have known about this country you call home. For example, did you know that when bananas were introduced here, they were considered so exotic that they were eaten only on special occasions?

The 100 true (and short) tales that Jennifer Armstrong recounts in this book are bound to intrigue and amaze you — and astound and impress your parents and teachers. A reporter who studied history in college learned a few things reading this book. Here are some of her favorite stories.

### 1. Who's Uncle Sam?

You've probably seen the red-white-and-blue figure in parades on the Fourth of July. But how did Uncle Sam come to stand for the nation's government? You can thank a butcher in New York named Sam Wilson.

During the War of 1812, barrels with goods (from guns to boots to food) were stamped with "U.S." — for "United States." — in the town of Troy, N.Y. Sam Wilson was known as Uncle Sam, and the local people began to tease him that the "U.S." stamp really stood for "Uncle Sam."

In 1961 Congress formally recognized Sam Wilson as the inspiration for the Uncle Sam symbol.

### 2. Unlikely Friends

You might know who Mark Twain was. That was the name Samuel Clemens used when writing his famous novels about Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. You might also know the story of Helen Keller, who was deaf and blind from an early age but learned to communicate with the help of her teacher.

Both Clemens and Keller were pretty famous in the 1890s. One day the two of them met at a party. Later that day, Keller astonished Clemens by recognizing him. Even though she could neither see nor hear him, she said she recognized his smell!

The two remained friends until Clemens died in 1910.

### 3. What's In That Package?

Henry Brown was a slave in the mid-1800s and lived not far from Richmond, Va. Wanting to be free, he came up with an incredible idea: He would mail himself to a city in the North.

Brown shared his wild idea with James Smith, a white Virginian who was against slavery. Despite concerns that Brown would not survive the journey, Smith agreed to help him. Smith built a special box, drilled holes in it, stamped "This Side Up" on one side and mailed it to anti-slavery activists in Philadelphia.

Brown arrived — sore and stiff but free.

### 4. It's in the Paper, It Must Be True

On Aug. 25, 1835, the New York Sun newspaper began pub-

lishing a series about life on the moon.

One story included descriptions of furry, winged people. They averaged four feet in height; were covered, except on the face, with short and glossy copper-colored hair; and had wings composed of a thin membrane.

The next month the newspaper admitted that the series was a hoax, designed to get more people to read the paper.

### 5. Pac-Mania

It's hard to believe, but there was a time when video games were lame. In the 1970s, an electronic version of table tennis called Pong had what passed for cool graphics.

Then came Pac-Man. Created in Japan, it gobbled its way through arcades in the United States very quickly, at 25 cents a game. Pac-Man cleared the way for many of the video games you play today.

