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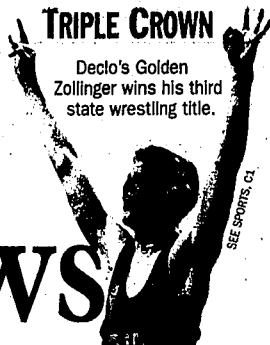
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Wounded and waiting

Idaho officers hurt in line of duty face uncertain future

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Raising money in the Magic Valley for a wounded Idaho State Police trooper has proven successful.

But at the Capitol, getting more money and better coverage from the state has been anything but simple.

Since Trooper Chris Glenn was shot and paralyzed from the chest down in December, troopers, businesses and community members have raised more than \$220,000 for Glenn and his family.



Chris Glenn

Community comes together for Glenn.

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With two bills pending in the Legislature, Idaho law enforcement officers want Glenn to receive more help from the state, making him less dependent on hometown solutions.

When Trooper Steve Hobbs was shot in 1991 alongside Interstate 84 — crippling his vision, his hand and eliminating a portion of his short-term memory — he did not qualify for the state's disability retirement. To qualify before 1993, a trooper had to spend five years on the force.

By 2000, Hobbs' impaired mobility and vision brought up too many safety questions and legislators, with a push from law enforcement, passed the informally dubbed "Steve Hobbs law." It ensured that officers with less than five years of experience who were injured on

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"The whole focus is stopping the big guys. But (the county) doesn't realize they're hurting the smaller guys as well."

— Matt Thompson, dairy industry consultant

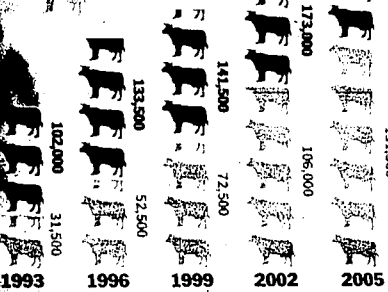
CORRALLING DAIRIES



Gooding County cows

All cows, including beef cows and dairy cows both in and out of production

Dairy cows in production



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service. Graphic by Megan Otto

Expert: New CAFO ordinance could derail Gooding dairy industry

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Gooding CAFO ordinance

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

GOODING — County officials are changing the regulations for dairy operators here, and the rules of the game just got a lot stricter.

A specially formed citizens' committee and the Gooding County planning and zoning board have finished a draft of a long-awaited agriculture ordinance that dictates how dairies — and other confined-animal feeding operations, or CAFOs — function in the county.

The proposed ordinance is a more stringent version of the existing rule in Gooding County, where more than a quarter of the state's milk-producing cows reside, and

could serve as a template for other Magic Valley counties that have expressed interest in updating their own CAFO ordinances.

Not everyone is celebrating the proposed change. Dairy experts say the ordinance is outrageous and could kill an industry in one of the most prolific milk-producing counties in the U.S.

The numbers

According to a 2006 report by researchers at Boise State

University, Gooding County ranks No. 8 in milk production out of more than 3,000 American counties.

Since 1990, Gooding County has increased its milk-cow population by an average of nearly 13 percent each year. In 1990, the county had about 22,000 milk cows. By 2005, that number had climbed to 131,500. In Idaho, only Elmore County, which has about 7,000 milk cows, saw a larger average annual percent increase in the same time period, according to the study.

Milk cows, which the report listed, are sometimes just a fraction of the total cows on a dairy because cows don't produce milk all the time.

The history

Commissioners, residents and the dairy industry have waited more than a year for a draft of the new ordinance that was written by a joint committee of planning and zoning board members and nearly 30 concerned citizens.

The draft was motivated in part by a grassroots movement of residents who were fighting to keep additional dairies out.

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Good Morning



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Length of school day under review across nation, in Congress

By Nancy Zuckelbrod and Melissa Trujillo
Associated Press writers

BOSTON — School principal Robin Harris used to see the clock on her office wall as the enemy, its steady ticking a reminder that time was not on her side.

But these days Harris smiles when the clock hits 1:55 p.m. There are still two more hours in the school day — two more hours to teach math and reading, art and drama.

Harris runs Fletcher-Maynard Academy, a combined public elementary and middle school in Cambridge, Mass., that is experimenting with an extended, eight-hour school day.

"It has sort of loosened up the pace," Harris said. "It's not as rushed and frenzied."

The school, which serves mostly poor, minority students, is one of 10 in the state experimenting with a longer day as part of a \$6.5 million program.

While Massachusetts is leading in putting in place the longer-day model, lawmakers in Minnesota, New York, New York and Washington, D.C., also have



Students at Everett Middle School in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston practice in an elective dance class as part of the extended school day Jan. 11.

debated whether to lengthen the school day or year.

In addition, individual districts such as Miami-Dade in Florida are experimenting with added hours in some schools.

On average, U.S. students go to school 6.5 hours a day, 180 days a year, fewer than in many other industrialized countries, according to a report by the Education

Sector, a Washington-based think tank.

One model that traditional public schools are looking to is the Knowledge Is Power Program, which oversees public charter schools nationwide. Those schools typically serve low-income middle-school students.

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Polygamy a prominent feature in Mitt Romney's family tree

By Jennifer Dobeer and Glen Johnson
Associated Press writers

SALT LAKE CITY — While Mitt Romney condemns polygamy and its prior practice by his Mormon church, the Republican presidential candidate's great-grandfather had five wives and at least one of his great-great-grandfathers had 12.

Polygamy was not just a historical footnote, but a prominent element in the family tree of the former Massachusetts governor now seeking to become the first Mormon president.

Romney's great-grandfather, Miles Park Romney, married his fifth wife in 1897. That was more than six years after Mormon leaders banned polygamy and more than three decades after a federal law barred the practice.

Romney's great-grandmother, Hannah Hood Hill, was the daughter of polygamists. She wrote vividly in her autobiography



Former Massachusetts governor and Republican candidate for president Gov. MITT Romney, speaks to reporters as his wife, Ann, looks on Wednesday during a visit to Atlanta.

raphy about how she "used to walk the floor and shed tears of sorrow" over her own husband's multiple marriages.

Romney's great-great-grandfather, Parley Pratt, an apostle

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS	Today	Tonight	Monday
	Breezy with rain and light snow showers	Mostly cloudy, light snow showers	Scattered rain and snow showers
	High 43	Low 28	41 / 32

MINI-CASSIA
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 Tonight: Light snow showers with small accumulations possible. Lows in the mid-to-lows 20s.
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and chilly with scattered snow showers. Highs near 40, lows upper 20s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
 Magic Valley Symphony, with Solist Gary Garofano, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$9 reserved tickets and \$6 general admission, 732-6288.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
 Twin Falls Girls State competition for family friends and contributors, selection of five girls and an alternate sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 7, 1:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, Seastrom Avenue, Twin Falls, refreshments served, 733-6898.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 733-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
 Feb. 26 — Samaraboulay, string trio from France with original music, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$12 for adults and \$9 for children, 732-6288.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS
 Feb. 26 — Twin Falls High School Band Spaghetti Feed, with spaghetti dinner, silent auction, door prizes and entertainment by THE Bands, Robert Stuart Junior High Bands and THE Drum Corps, 5 to 7 p.m., THE Cafeteria, Twin Falls, \$5 for single, \$10 for couple (no cost for children under age 5) and \$20 for a family, proceeds to be used for band equipment, music, supplies and scholarships, 733-6551.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
 Feb. 27 — Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, workshop at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., plus: El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome, (P. 2 bring finger foods), 734-4647.

Feb. 28 — Twin Falls County Democrats Central Committee Meeting, planning activities for 2008 election support and information at Frink Church Banquet (March 3) in Boise, 7 p.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, open to the public, 543-4419.

EDUCATION
 Feb. 28 — Registration for March 5 "Computers for All Ages" class, intro. to word processing, e-mail and Internet use sponsored by Jerome Recreation District and Jerome High School Tech Club, Jerome Recreation District, Jerome, 510, 324-3389 or jerome.recreation@idstate.gov.

Feb. 28 — A Daughter of Irish Pioneers genealogy class, taught by Captain Lujuana Winder for members interested in learning more about tracing their pioneer heritage, 2 p.m., the Rupert West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W., Rupert, 436-2055.

EXHIBITS
 Feb. 26, 27 — Idaho National Guard NASCAR, all day (Mall hours), Magic Valley Mall center court, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-3000.

FAMILY
 Feb. 26 — 7th Annual "Stop the Violence" Conference, with education and motivational speaker Steffy Nobles-Bearna, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Century Cinemas, 454 E. 5th N., Burley, \$25, (208) 436-0987, (208) 312-3344 or phrasers@pmi.org.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
 Feb. 26, 27 — AARP Driver Safety Class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Health and Welfare Building, 601 Potelone Road, Twin Falls, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-9680.

Feb. 26 — Eating Healthy "How to Interpret My Pyramid," taught by Maxine Schroeder provided by L.I.F.E. (Learning, Interests, Family and Entertainment) Groups, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Clover Infinity Lutheran School, 3552 N. 1825 E., Buhl, no cost (open to the public), 543-8579 or idahoranch@windnet.net.
 Feb. 28 — Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for Cats, sponsored by The Sheena Foundation and limited to the first 50 cats, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Larue Veterinary Clinic; 3893 N. 2250 E., Filer, (208) 328-8646 for cost and appointment.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS
 Feb. 26 — Let's Talk "Rag Time Quilting," taught by Sonya Denton provided by L.I.F.E. Groups, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Clover Infinity Lutheran School, 3552 N. 1825 E., Buhl, no cost (open to the public), 734-8613 or sonyadenton@hotmail.com.
 Feb. 27 — Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208) 670-4868 or rbcurtis2@gmail.com.
 Feb. 27 — Sewing Basics, a "hands on" class for practicing decorative techniques, 6 to 9 p.m., Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-3244.

Feb. 28 — Barona vs. 5 software mastery, 3 to 5 p.m., Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-3244.

WHAT'S ON THE WEB

Reporter Sandy Miller talks to new owners of Vinifera Wines.
 Robbery suspects caught on surveillance video.
 See it at magicvalley.com

MAGIC VALLEY

Big crowd turns out to support ISP trooper
TWIN FALLS — Do it for Chris. He did it for you. So read T-shirts for sale at the much-anticipated Chris Glenn benefit held Saturday night at The Ballroom. The Idaho State Police trooper and Kimberly resident was shot and paralyzed in December while stopping a suspect in an armed robbery. See PAGE B1.

Ex-cemetery clerk accused of embezzlement

BUIH — For more than 25 years Colleen Brewer was considered an exemplary clerk for the West End Cemetery District. On Monday, she heads into 5th District Court for an arraignment on grand theft charges. Brewer, 75, has been accused of taking more than \$30,000 from the cemetery over a two-year period. See PAGE B1.



Grieving woman offers organ donation awareness

HEROME — The anniversary of a tragedy is often a time to revisit grief, to mourn those who were lost. But a year after Christa Anderson lost her 17-year-old daughter and 11-month-old granddaughter in a 2003 car wreck, she decided to make the occasion a time of remembrance and gratitude. "I didn't want the anniversary of their deaths to be a sad time," Christa said, smiling despite eyes filled with tears. Instead, she thanked the firefighters, paramedics, doctors, nurses and police officers who had cared for the girls. Christa has also turned to serving others through volunteer work with an agency that helped her daughter before the wreck. See PAGE E1.

Agriculture issues comes to forefront

As lawmakers introduced routine legislation aimed at keeping this session shorter than usual — bills on taxes or hunting come to mind — they may be overlooking the one issue that could keep them from checking out sooner rather than later. Agriculture has emerged in the last two weeks as a contentious issue and one with direct impact on the Magic Valley. The debate continues to dominate the Senate and House, and the farming and livestock industries are still present in the chamber lobbies. See PAGE B1.

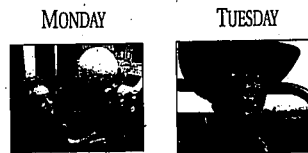
Wendell looks to start new Lions Club

WENDELL — When two students at Wendell Elementary School needed glasses, Laurie Lancaster, district personnel clerk, knew just who to tell: the Lions Club. See PAGE B1.

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 Fitness for seniors — even when they travel.



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 A youngster wins honors on horseback.

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SATURDAY



IS TIME UP
 The debate about the book of Revelation heats up.
 RELIGION

MINI EDITORIAL

Safe Harbor a community treasure
 One frequent — and often, justified — criticism of Christians is that they're like the devout, rich man Jesus met in Mark 10:21. "One thing you lack," Christ said. "Go your way, sell whatsoever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven."
 Safe Harbor, a group of mostly Christian volunteers who provide Saturday meals to the needy, is such a community treasure.
 To help, call Phyllis Berg at 735-8707. — Steve Crump

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IDAHO/WEST

Police say plastic-wrap roadblocks dangerous

BOISE — The prankster stretching sheets of plastic wrap across a Boise road needs to stop before someone gets hurt, police say. For the second time in as

many months, Boise police responded to a report from a motorist last week who struck one of the see-through barriers, which had been stretched between two power poles and wrapped around several times.

SPORTS

CSI men drop thriller to Snow College

EPHRAIM, Utah — Forty minutes of frenzied basketball came down to five seconds that didn't even tick off the clock.
 Down 76-75 with 5.7 seconds left and the ball, College of Southern Idaho head men's basketball coach Barrett Peery drew up what he hoped would be the game-winning play. How that play would have worked out, nobody will ever know. Sophomore point guard Paul Wayne was called for a five-second inbound violation, the ball going to host Snow College. Tyler Quinley was quickly fouled and hit the first of two free-throws to put the Badgers up 77-75 with 2.3 seconds left before Wayne's last-ditch shot missed, giving Snow the win Saturday night in Ephraim, Utah. See PAGE C1.



Twin Falls grapplers fall in state finals

POCATELLO — Twin Falls junior grapplers Grayson Stone and Brent Martinez were the first to reach the finals since Dusty Scott in the 100-pound final in 2003. Unfortunately, like Scott, they had to settle for second place as the success of Friday's semifinals could not be duplicated for Saturday's 160- and 171-pound championship finals at Holt Arena. See PAGE C1.

NATION/WORLD

Bomb blast kills 39 near Iraq mosque

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide-truck bomber sent a deadly storm of metal, stone and jagged plaster through worshippers leaving a Sunni mosque Saturday, killing at least 39 in a possible sign of escalating internal Sunni battles between insurgents and those who oppose them. The motive for the attack was not immediately clear. See PAGE A7.

'Profound regret' for role in slavery

RICHMOND, Va. — Meeting on the grounds of the former Confederate Capitol, the Virginia General Assembly voted unanimously Saturday to express "profound regret" for the state's role in slavery. Sponsors of the resolution say they know of no other state that has apologized for slavery, although Missouri lawmakers are considering such a measure. See PAGE A7.

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Dairies

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The resistance led commissioners to pass two moratoriums on additional CAFOs in the past two years that were meant to slow dairy growth until a new ordinance could be passed.

The most recent moratorium is still in effect and will likely expire once the new ordinance is approved by commissioners, which could happen as early as April.

The details

The proposed ordinance cuts in half the number of animal units allowed per acre, increases the distance CAFOs must be set from roads and adjacent properties and gives more power to commissioners to punish ordinance violators.

The proposed ordinance is based on a rough draft penned by commissioners and submitted to the planning and zoning board for review, and in

addition to stricter rules, other changes include new wording that closes loopholes, said Judy Davis, Gooding County's planning and zoning administrator.

The controversy

Not everyone is pleased with the committee's efforts, namely the dairy industry.

Matt Thompson, an industry consultant, sat on the concerned citizens' committee that helped write the proposal. "Our input was not considered during the process," Thompson said. The county planning and zoning board made changes to the document after the citizens' committee was dismissed, according to Thompson.

He said those 11th-hour changes will kill any potential for dairy growth in the county because the proposed ordinance is much too strict. "The whole focus is stopping,

the big guys," he said. "But (the county) doesn't realize they're hurting the smaller guys as well."

The future

Despite industry resistance, Gooding County's proposed CAFO ordinance may serve as a template for other Magic Valley counties that worry about dairy growth. Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell has spoken with officials in Gooding County at least once about the proposed ordinance, particularly a segment that addresses who is allowed to testify at CAFO hearings.

But the Gooding ordinance must be approved by commissioners before it can set precedence for the region — and that could take several more weeks. The planning and zoning commission could make more recommendations to the commissioners, who can also

suggest changes. The planning and zoning board may need to meet on the proposed ordinance at least one more time should commissioners suggest dramatic changes.

At this point, those close to the issue aren't sure how the commissioners will react or if the new proposal is as strict as they'd like. Commissioner Terrell Williams declined to comment on the ordinance or the process by which it was written. Commissioner Helen Edwards is ill and could not be reached for comment, and Commissioner Tom Faulkner did not return phone calls or e-mails.

The draft will be reviewed at a public hearing at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gooding County fairgrounds.

Times-Herald reporter Matt Christensen covers natural resources. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@ec.net.

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Romney

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in the church, had 12 wives. In a 1852 sermon, Parley Pratt brother and fellow apostle, Orson Pratt, became the first church official to publicly proclaim and defend polygamy as a direct revelation from God.

Romney's father, former Michigan Gov. George Romney, was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, where Mormons fled in the 1860s to escape religious persecution and U.S. laws forbidding polygamy. He and his family did not return to the United States until 1912, more than two decades after the church issued "The Manifesto" banning polygamy.

"When you read the family's history, you realize how important polygamy was to them," said Todd Compton, a Mormon and independent historian who wrote a book about the polygamist life of the church's founder, Joseph Smith.

"They left America and started again as pioneers, after they had done it over and over again previously."

R. Carrion Hardy, a polygamy expert and retired history professor at California State University-Fullerton, said polygamy was "a very important part of Miles Park Romney's family."

Hardy added: "Now, very gradually, as you moved farther away from it, it became less a part of it. But during the time of Miles Park Romney, it was an essential principle of the Romney family life."

Other Mormons have run for the White House, including Romney's father in 1968 and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, in 2000. But Mitt Romney's stature as a leading 2008 contender has renewed questions about his faith and its doctrines.

Romney has joked about polygamy, saying in various settings that to him, "marriage is between a man and a woman... and a woman and a woman." But in serious moments he has called the practice "bizarre" and noted his church excommunicates those who engage in it.

Joseph Smith, who founded the Mormon church in 1830, quietly introduced polygamy. He believed it had roots in the Old Testament and was necessary to reach the highest salvation in heaven. Smith is believed to have had 33 wives.

Brigham Young expanded the practice after the church's migration from the Midwest to Utah, which began in 1846. He is said to have had 55 wives. Historical texts show Young also asked Orson Pratt to publicly proclaim the church's belief in polygamy in 1852.

In 1862, while Utah was a territory, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Anti-Bigamy Act, banning plural marriage. In 1882, Congress also passed the Edmunds Act, an anti-polygamy law. That was followed in 1887 by the Edmunds-Tucker Act, which incorporated the church and threatened to seize its non-religious real estate as part of the crackdown on polygamy.

In 1960, Mormon President Wilford Woodruff issued "The

Manifesto," in which he declared the church no longer taught or permitted plural marriages.

Mormon genealogical records, among the most detailed and complete of any religion, show that two of Mitt Romney's great-great grandfathers, Miles Romney and Parley Pratt, had 12 wives each.

Compton, the polygamy scholar, disputes that. He believes Miles Romney only had one wife because the records do not show the dates for his other 11 marriages or any offspring from them.



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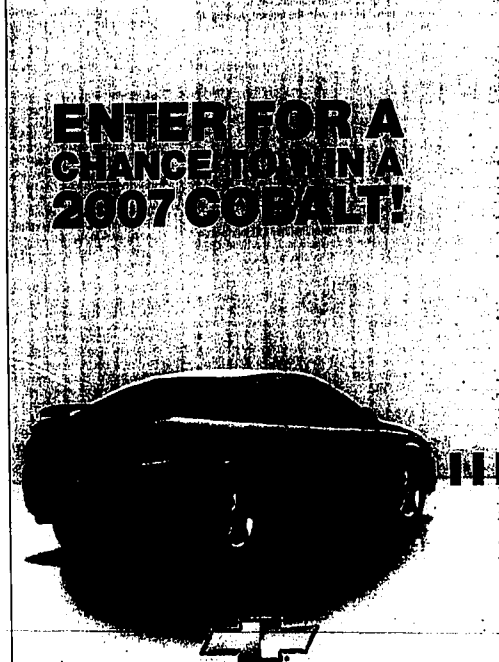
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 the job, such as Hobbs and later Glenn, would receive treatment equal to what a more-senior trooper would receive.

But in 1991, before he helped change state law, Hobbs relied on his friends at the Idaho State Police and Rupert Police Department for jobs as a trooper. He would not go and his family would not be broke.

Idaho, like its six bordering states, negotiates settlements with seriously-disabled troopers. Montana and Nevada give substantially more money to senior officers who are injured on the job. Washington state effectively keeps injured troopers on the payroll with all of their benefits and half of their salaries.

Expanding benefits in Idaho has brought up many questions. Why should troopers get breaks and not teachers or other state employees? And what on-the-job injuries should the state cover?

Senate Majority Leader Brad Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said one bill introduced to a committee last week tosses together officers who slip on ice and officers shot in the line of duty.

Under the bill, the state would pay city, county and state law enforcement officers' salaries from when they are injured for up to one year when the officer is either deemed permanently disabled or until he goes back to work. Workers' compensation already pays a nontaxable 67 percent of an injured officer's gross wages until he resumes work or goes on permanent disability. Usually that amount alone equals his full pay.

"Police officers intentionally put themselves in harm's way," said Brent Wright, president of the Idaho State Lodge for the Fraternal Order of Police and president of Twin Falls FOP Lodge 22. "Other work groups are not intentionally putting themselves in harm's way every day."

The bill, which singles out aid for law enforcement officers, addresses officers injured responding to a call, officers in hot pursuit, officers conducting an investigation and officers patrolling the community, Wright said.

Broad definition of who qualifies will end costing taxpayers a lot of money for officers injured mainly in traffic accidents, according to Edward Connors, president of the Institute for Law and Justice, a Virginia-based nonprofit corporation dedicated to criminal justice research.

"In many big cities, it was very liberal 10 years ago to get out on disability leave with mental distress or a heart condition — it was very common," Connors said. "Most places that I work with have cracked down very significantly in the past years. They are starting to take this very seriously. I just don't

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— Ted Deeds, Law Enforcement Officer Alliance of America

think you are ever going to see legislators trying to make it more liberal. It just costs taxpayers too much money."

But Ted Deeds, a national spokesman for the Law Enforcement Officer Alliance of America, a Virginia-based nonprofit coalition of law enforcement professionals, said you cannot single out only officers who are injured heroically in the line of duty.

"A cop who is hurt is a cop who is hurt," he said. "Whatever your system is, it should be fair, uniform and consistent."

He said an example of an unfair system is the one Idaho State Police currently has that provides temporary compensation only to some of its officers.

ISP ensures a full paycheck only if the injury was "induced by the negligent, malicious, or intentional act ... during a chargeable misdemeanor or felony," according to state statute.

Deeds said you cannot differentiate chargeable offenses from non-chargeable accidents.

"There is a very complex matrix of threats out there," he said. "If you are directing traffic, what's the difference between slipping on ice and getting a herniated disc and being slammed by a lead pipe? Is it as easy? No. Is it going to affect him? Yes."

A second reason is it puts a bounty out for police to find a guilty party, he said.

"If that's the position of the state, it is going to get sued into oblivion," Deeds said. "If you have an employer that is trying to its officer that we are going to give you a bounty if you make the arrest, that's like paying for a corpse. That's not the way

policing is done in the 21st century."

Wright said the ISP coverage is too restrictive.

"If an officer gets ran over, by the state's definition the guy lost control on a state road and did not get charged," Wright said. "The officer would not get covered."

Hobbs said Band-Aid solutions such as keeping crippled officers on the payroll no longer works.

"The ratio of officers getting wounded in the line of duty is getting worse," Hobbs said. "The incidences of officers getting shot are snowballing like an avalanche coming down on our state, as opposed to what it was in 1984 when I started. I think we are finally at the point where our officers are starting to be taken care of for putting their lives on the line every single day. And I hope it gets better."

Under current law, one year after an officer's injury, he can apply to workers' compensation to pay him up to \$584 per month and pay for his medical necessary bills. Thirty months after the injury, long-term disability insurance may provide up to 60 percent of the officer's salary. But lingering for these benefits can be a disaster.

"Here in Idaho, you have

almost got to be in the grave to receive somewhat of a decent disability income at all," said Idaho State Police Sgt. Doug McFall, Glenn's supervisor. "If it can be shown that you can go out and do virtually any type of (job), it's pretty tough to get any kind of disability at all."

Rick Thompson, administrator of insurance and internal support for the Department of Administration, said the intent is to get people back to work.

That leaves McFall worried his trooper may not get the support he needs if he does not accept "reasonable work accommodations" — which could mean stamping tickets at the airport parking lot, according to Thompson.

A second bill would have the state pay full health-care coverage for wounded officers and their families.

Hobbs said the key issue is to ensure Glenn continues to find the support he needs. And that takes monitoring.

"Let's just keep an eye on him to make sure that five to 10 years down the road he is still being taken care of," Hobbs said. "Let's have an alert come on your Palm Pilot say 'Go check on Chris. Make sure he's got everything he needs.' People have their pride and they don't want to go asking for help."

Although officers wounded in the line of duty are fairly rare in Idaho, Glenn will not be the last officer to be wounded. Nationwide, about 60,000 officers are assaulted every year,

according to Deeds.

"It's happening more and more," said Cpl. Fred Rice, chairman of the board of directors for the Idaho State Police Association. "When a guy gets

shot and paralyzed, it comes down to this: 'I am a 34-year-old officer with a wife and kid. I have no health insurance.' Why wouldn't we take care of that person for the rest of his life?"

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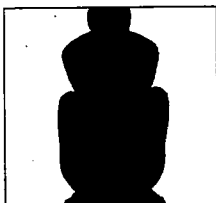


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and their test scores show success. Students generally go from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week and for a few hours every other Saturday. They also go to school for several weeks in the summer.

That amounts to at least 50 percent more instructional time for students in such programs than in traditional public schools, according to the report.

The extended-day schedule costs on average about \$1,200 extra per student, program spokesman Stephen Mancini said.

Massachusetts is spending about \$1,300 per student extra on its extended-day effort.

Most of the extra cost goes into added pay for teachers. At Fletcher-Maynard, senior teachers can make up to \$20,000 more per year for the extended hours, Harris said. Not all of the schools' teachers have opted to work longer hours.

The National Education Association president, Reg Weaver, said teachers probably would support the idea if, like in Massachusetts, they could choose whether to work the longer hours.

He also said teachers must be adequately compensated and should have a say in setting the goals of any such effort.

An important impetus for the debate around extending school hours is the federal No Child Left Behind law.

The five-year-old law requires annual testing in reading and math for grades three through eight, and again in high school. All students are expected to be working on grade level by 2014.

Schools that fail to meet annual benchmarks are labeled as needing improvement and have to take steps to address the problem.

Up against such a tough requirement, extending the day makes sense, Harris said. "If you want kids to read, and you want to teach them how to read, they have to have time reading," she said.

Kathy Christie, a policy analyst at the Denver-based Education Commission of the States, said that law "has put enough pressure on more people to realize that the traditional school day is not enough to catch kids up."

Christie, whose Denver-based nonprofit focuses on school reform, added, "You can't keep taking away recess."

Schools that are experimenting with longer days are adding more down time and enrichment courses, as well as reading and math.

At Edwards Middle School, an extended-day school in Boston, students are staging musicals, designing book covers for favorite novels and coming up with new cheers to boost school spirit — an activity favored by 13-year-old Janice Tung.

"This is a class where I can express myself, be active," Tung said one afternoon after she pumped her arms in the air during a girls-only class that incorporates cheering with topics such as sex education and discouraging smoking. "It's very cool, and I have fun in it."

Massachusetts' education commissioner, David Driscoll, said the offbeat classes get kids excited about a longer day.

"Once they're engaged, they'll learn other lessons," Driscoll said. "I think the big mistake that everybody makes is they think that education is all about the academics."

The No Child Left Behind law is due to be updated this year, and the lawmakers involved are eyeing the Massachusetts model.

U.S. Rep. George Miller, the chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, said he likes the way schools in Massachusetts have invited community organizations to help with some enrichment courses.

"If you're just extending the day to have the hell out of the child, why don't we all just go home and save the overtime. You've got to rethink these models," said Miller, D-Calif.

U.S. Sen. Democrat Edward Kennedy, chairman of the Senate committee overseeing education, is considering allowing schools that fail to meet annual progress goals to extend their day.

Extending the day has not been tackled extensively in high schools where many

students have after-school jobs or play sports.

The idea is not always applauded by parents, at least initially. Dawn Oliver was so apprehensive about a plan this year to expand the day at her daughter's middle school in Fall River, Mass., that she considered pulling 11-year-old Brittany out.

"We all had the same thought in our head, which was, 'Oh my God, these kids are going to have their head in a book for

the same amount of time as working a full-time job,'" Oliver said.

She said her fears began to fade, however, when she saw the list of electives the kids could take in the afternoon, including cooking and forensics. Those reinforce core lessons, Oliver said.

"They're making a magazine. She's an advice columnist," she said of Brittany. "The kids get so involved in these things because it's not all book work."

"I think the big mistake that everybody makes is they think that education is all about the academics."

— David Driscoll, Massachusetts' education commissioner

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Truck bomb kills 39 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide truck bomber sent a deadly storm of metal, stone and jagged shrapnel through workshoppers, leaving a Sunni mosque Saturday, killing at least 39 in a possible sign of escalating internal Sunni battles between insurgents and those who oppose them.

The motive for the attack was not immediately clear. But it carried the hallmarks of an increasingly bloody struggle for control of Anbar province — a hotbed of anti-U.S. guerrillas since the uprising in Fallujah in 2004 that galvanized the insurgency.

U.S. military envoys and pro-government leaders have worked hard to sway clan chiefs and other influential Anbar figures to turn against the militants, who include foreign jihadists fighting under the banner of al-Qaida in Iraq.

The blast in Habibiyah — in the heart of insurgent territory about 50 miles west of Baghdad — was among the deadliest against civilians in Anbar.

The Imam of the mosque had spoken out against extremists — most recently in this Friday's sermon, residents said. Many people in the neighborhood work for the Iraqi military and police forces, who frequently come under militant attack.

Lawmakers express regret for slavery

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Meeting on the grounds of the former Confederate Capitol, the Virginia General Assembly voted unanimously Saturday to express "profound regret" for the state's role in slavery.

Sponsors of the resolution say they know of no other state that has apologized for slavery, although Missouri lawmakers are considering such a measure.

The resolution does not carry the weight of law and sends an important symbolic message, supporters said.

This session will be remembered for a lot of things, but 20 years hence I suspect one of those things will be the fact that we came together and passed this resolution," said Delegate A. Donald McEachin, a Democrat who sponsored it in the House of Delegates.

The resolution passed the House 96-0 and cleared the 10-member Senate on a unanimous voice vote. It does not require Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's approval.

The measure also expressed regret for "the exploitation of Native Americans."

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The resolution was introduced as Virginia begins its celebration of the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, where the first Africans arrived in 1619. Richmond, home to a popular boulevard lined with statues of Confederate heroes, later became another point of arrival for Africans and a slave-trade hub.

Candidates lean on governors for support

WASHINGTON — Seven governors already have made endorsements early in the 2008 White House race and pressure is growing for others to choose soon, bringing along their networks of fundraisers and activists.

Their support can prove influential, some analysts say, because the most effective governors have an election-tested base of motivated voters, willing donors and the ability to help sway undecided primary voters.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has the support of three governors and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., the backing of two. Two former GOP governors — Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Mike Huckabee of Arkansas — each has picked up the endorsement of one governor. And one current governor, Democrat Bill Richardson of New Mexico, is in the race himself.

"They all call," Gov. Deval Patrick, D-Mass., said Saturday as the state leaders attended their annual winter meeting. "I'll get involved in the primary, but not yet."

Breakthroughs expected for gay-rights legislation

NEW YORK — Anti-gay bias has flared up in Hollywood and pro basketball recently, and now the topic will be thrust dramatically into a new forum — a reshaped Congress likely to pass the first major federal gay-rights bills.

Wary conservative leaders, as well as gay-rights advocates, share a belief that at least two measures will win approval this year: a hate-crimes bill that would cover offenses motivated by anti-gay bias, and a measure that would outlaw workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Also on the table — although with more doubtful prospects — will be a measure to be introduced Wednesday seeking repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that bans

openly gay and lesbian Americans from serving in the military.

All three measures surfaced in previous sessions of Congress, at times winning significant bipartisan backing but always falling short of final passage. This year, with Democrats now in control and many Republicans likely to join in support, the hate-crimes and workplace bills are widely expected to prevail.

"With liberals in control, there's a good possibility they'll both pass," said Matt Barber, a policy director with the conservative group Concerned Women for America. "They're both dangerous to freedom of conscience, to religious liberties, to free speech."

If approved by Congress, the bills would head to the White House. Activists on both the left and right are unsure whether President Bush would sign or veto them.

For gay-rights leaders — whose efforts to legalize same-sex marriage have been rebuffed by many states — the congressional votes are keenly anticipated after years of lobbying.

"This is a major step in our struggle," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "I know there's a lot of despair on the other side."

Bomb drill tests government response

WASHINGTON — Dozens of high-level officials joined in a White House drill Saturday to see how the government would respond if several cities were attacked simultaneously by bombs similar to those commonly used against U.S. troops in Iraq.

White House homeland security adviser Frank Townsend presided over the three-hour exercise that brought the government's highest level homeland security officials to the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House. All Cabinet agencies were represented by their secretaries or other high-ranking officials, with a total of about 90 participants, said Scott Stanzel, a White House spokesman.

Stanzel said the drill revealed gaps where the government needs to work to improve its response, but also showed progress since Hurricane Katrina exposed federal inadequacies when it devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005. For instance, coordination with state and local authorities and the ability to get federal resources in place quickly.

— The Associated Press

New Indiana lockup houses terror suspects

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has quietly opened a new prison unit in Indiana that houses a hodge-podge of second-tier terrorism inmates, most of them Arab Muslims, whose ability to communicate with the outside world has been tightly restricted.

Management Unit, or CMU, in Terre Haute, Ind., all telephone calls and mail are monitored, the number of phone calls is limited and visits are restricted to a total of four hours per month, according to special rules enforced by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

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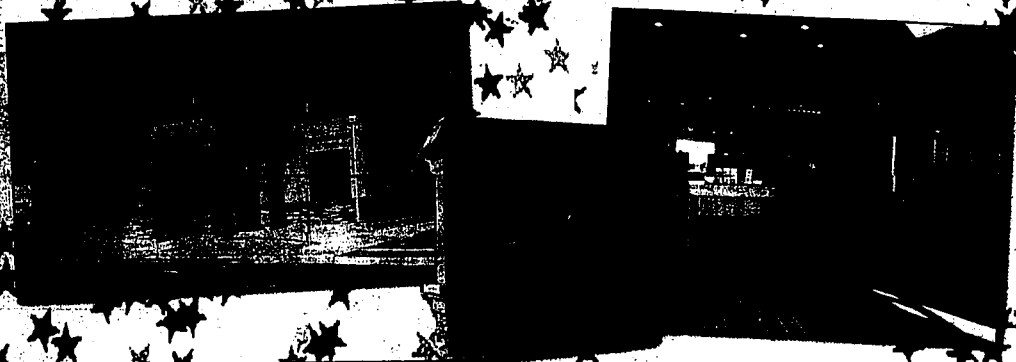
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By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Regardless of whether you'll be getting money back from Uncle Sam or writing him a check for taxes, the first thing you need to do is prepare and file your return.

This year, taxpayers have until April 17 to get their tax return in the mail. And even if you're tax situation is simple and straightforward, the Internal Revenue Service requires you to be able to back up your return with documents proving your income and expenses. Sitting down and organizing all that information will make completing your return a whole lot easier. And it will save you money in the long run.

"The first thing every taxpayer needs to do is collect information pertaining to documentation of earnings," said Delbert Tree, owner of the H & J Block, which has offices in Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome, Gooding and Halley. "That will be on forms like the W-2 of 1099. Anything that has to do with money you earned is something you're going to need."

Tree pointed out that taxpayers need to have records on hand to back up any information on the return just in case the IRS has questions, or worse yet, picks you for an audit.

Tree explained that his tax preparer can tally up and organize a taxpayer's receipts, but they'll have to pay a book-keeping fee.

"We don't need to have the receipts to complete the return, but you're going to want them just in case," Tree said. "You don't want to be unprepared."

It is worth your time to itemize your deductions when you'll need proof of your charitable contributions, home mortgage interest, property taxes, medical expenses,

Tax Tips



Get ready ahead of time

Here are some of the records you'll need for filing your taxes:
Income: W-2 statements, bank statements, brokerage statements
Expenses: Sales slips, invoices, receipts, canceled checks and other proofs of payment
Home: Closing statements, sales invoices, proofs of payment, insurance records
Investments: Brokerage statements, mutual fund statements

receipts for any non-reimbursed work expenses and mileage logs for business use of your car, just to name a few.

The IRS suggests you keep your records in an orderly fashion and in a safe place. Keep them by year and type of income and expense. One method is to keep all records related to a particular item in a designated envelope. That way, you'll be able to complete your return quickly and accurately.

You'll also need some identification numbers.

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Ruth Stevens Pierce, president and chief executive officer of Stevens Pierce & Associates in Twin Falls, works with a client on his taxes.

For businesses, even little expenses add up to substantial tax savings for owners

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to paying taxes, the lower your income the better. And there are ways small business owners can maximize their deductions to make their taxable income as low as possible.

Business owners should save every receipt, said Bill Baxter, a certified public accountant with Stevens Pierce and Associates in Twin Falls.

"Little expenses that you may overlook can add up to larger deductions in the long run," Baxter said. "And the more deductions you can take mean a lower tax bill."

Here are some common business deductions you don't want to miss.

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Small business owners can find more tips on how they can save on their taxes on the Internal Revenue Service's Web site at www.irs.gov.

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fees can cost a pretty penny, so make sure and deduct them as a current expense.

You can usually deduct the cost of institutional or good-will advertising if it relates to your business, according to the Internal Revenue Service. Business cards and advertising in newspapers and the Yellow

The two methods for claiming such expenses are the actual expense method — keeping track of and deducting all actual business-related expenses — and the standard mileage deduction. On 2006 returns, the standard mileage rate is 44.5 cents per mile and is set to cover all expenses and depreciation.

The key to claiming vehicle expenses is to keep track of how many miles are driven for personal use and business use. If you use the vehicle for both business and pleasure, only the portion for business is deductible. That means that if you drive a total of 10,000 miles and only 7,500 miles are used for business, you can write off 75 percent of expenses for the vehicle.

"People need to keep all of their receipts for vehicle expenses," Baxter said. "Whether they are for car washes or an engine overhaul, you need to back up the

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Pages can all be deducted.

Auto expenses

Operating a vehicle for business purposes can be costly, but the good news is that those dollars spent on new tires, oil changes and even depreciation can be written off.

Bush's stealth tax increase

Alternative minimum tax brings in billions for the government to offset expenses

By Patty Marcaro
The Washington Post

Even President Bush acknowledges that he can't balance the budget without raising taxes.

The president would never put it that way, of course. In fact, his message is exactly the opposite. But the coming tax increase is the unavoidable, unattractive subject of his supposedly balanced-by-2012 budget.

The reason is the governmental cash cow known as the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Assume for the moment that the administration could somehow convince the newly Democratic Congress to accede to its pincer-tight domestic spending levels and to significant reductions in entitlement spending.

Assume also that the administration is right about how much tax revenue the government will take in — though the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that the administration's forecast of tax revenue is \$155 billion too high for 2012.

Even then, the only way the administra-

tion achieves its balance is by assuming that it will continue to rake in billions of dollars in revenue from the alternative minimum tax. More than billions, actually: CBO estimates that if left unchanged, the AMT would bring in an extra \$1 trillion through 2017.

So the president achieves balance only with a stealth tax increase in the form of the AMT. If he means, as he says and nearly everyone agrees, to fix the AMT, that revenue has to come from somewhere else.

The AMT, as you may have had the misfortune of discovering, is hitting growing numbers of taxpayers who are further down the income scale. That's because (1) the level at which it takes effect isn't adjusted for inflation, so more taxpayers find themselves covered over time and (2) the Bush tax cuts lowered regular income tax rates, sweeping additional taxpayers into the alternative system.

Figures compiled by the Urban

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THE AMT AND BUSH'S TAX CUTS

How the alternative minimum tax would affect the Bush individual income tax cuts in 2012.

Taxpayer Income (In thousands)*	Percent of total taxpayers	Percent of tax cuts taken back by AMT
Less than \$30	40.4%	**
\$30-\$50	18.7	1.2
\$50-\$75	14.3	6.4
\$75-\$100	9.2	25.9
\$100-\$200	12.6	56.6
\$200-\$500	3.6	73.9
\$500-\$1,000	0.6	25.7
More than \$1,000	0.3	72.2
All incomes	99.7	31.9%

* 2006 dollars; ** less than 0.05 percent

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center

Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center demonstrate the AMT's dramatic effect. If nothing is done to fix the AMT and the Bush tax cuts are extended as he wants, 89 percent of married families with two or more children and incomes

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Tips before crunch time

By Kathleen Day
The Washington Post

Here are five things to keep in mind when working on your 2006 taxes:

• 2006 tax returns are due April 17 because the usual April 15 deadline falls on a Sunday and the next day is Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

• U.S.-based workers and former workers of foreign embassies, consular offices and international organizations who have failed to file or filed incomplete tax returns for past years, have through Feb. 20 to accept a one-time settlement offer with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). U.S. citizens, green-card holders and foreign workers who owe tax must by that date amend or file returns for 2003, 2004 and 2005 to have fines cut and taxes forgotten. Those who don't file face possible audits.

• As of Sunday, the IRS can process 2006 returns claim-

ing breaks that Congress extended at the last minute, including deductions for state and local sales taxes, higher-education tuition and fees, and teacher expenses. Electronic filings claiming any of these breaks that were sent before Feb. 3 must be resubmitted. Mailed filings with these claims that were received before Feb. 3 were sent aside at the agency, which will be processing them now.

• Many low-income wage earners who claim the earned-income credit may also be eligible for the saver's credit, which Congress has made permanent. A family earning \$50,000 or less that put money into an employer's retirement program can claim the saver's credit, which can cut up to \$1,000 from a tax bill or add that much to a refund.

• Taxpayers with adjusted gross income of \$52,000 or less can have their taxes prepared free through the IRS "Free File" program on the agency's website, www.irs.gov.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

FORMER GOVERNOR HONORED



The Snake River Sugar Company, a grower-owned Cooperative, recently honored John V. Evans Sr., President of D. L. Evans Bank and former Governor of Idaho at their 10th Annual Shareholders Meeting in Boise, Idaho in recognition of his contributions to the agricultural community of Idaho. D. L. Evans Bank, under the guidance of Governor Evans, played an integral role in the financial formation of the Cooperative. His leadership helped to solidify the financial base which made the Snake River Sugar Company a reality. As former Governor of Idaho, John V. Evans Sr. has been instrumental in finding ways to stimulate Idaho's economy. One of his major successes as governor was the creation of the Department of Commerce to attract business and industry to the state. He continues to support Idaho through his ongoing involvement in the Region IV Loan Committee, Southern Idaho Learning Center, Burley Rotary, Burley Chamber of Commerce, IBA State Affairs Committee, Epilepsy Foundation, the Mini-Cassia Festival of Trees and the Minidoka Hospital Foundation.

STORE WINS HONOR



Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark recently won the Hallmark George Strait "Fresh Cut Christmas CD" contest. The contest was based on the percentage retail sold of CDs compared to total Hallmark retail sold. Kurt's had the highest percentage in the Seattle district, and also had the highest percentage for the Western region, outside of Texas. The prize for winning the contest was a Fender guitar signed by George Strait. Owners, Kurt and Karen Helzer, have been in business for 21 years. The guitar will be on display at Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark at 1203 Silver Ave. E. in the Lymwood Shopping Center in Twin Falls. Pictured from left are, front row: Rosemarie Krutchenberg; Norma Nelson, manager; Karen Helzer, owner; Mylena Baxter, assistant manager; Tom Probst; back row: Kala Sells; Beth Carson, floor supervisor; and Pam Naatz.

Burley chiropractic company changes name

We Care Chiropractic has changed its name to "Hurst Chiropractic Center." The business is still located at 2311 Park Ave., Suite 1 in Burley. The phone number will also remain the same at 679-8184. Dr. Tyler Hurst attended the University of Idaho and has a Bachelor of Science in human anatomy and a Bachelor's degree in health and wellness. He is a 2006 graduate of Parker College of Chiropractic which recently received the highest level of accreditation of any chiropractic college. Hurst received training in nine chiropractic techniques including pregnancy and pediatric care, and extremity adjusting taught by the leading chiropractor of that specialty. He has lived in Magic Valley for five months since taking over for Dr. H. Wade Davis.

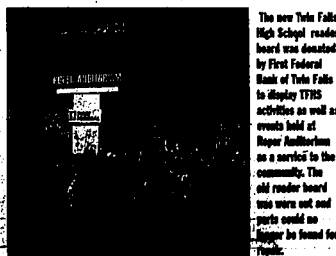
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PAINT AND SPRAY SUPPLY DONATES TO CSI



The College of Southern Idaho accepted a \$5,000 check recently from Paint and Spray Supply of Twin Falls. The money was used to help construct a new paint booth in CSI's Auto Body Technology lab and helped with course fees for two students, Desiree Torwan and Aimee Wetzel. Pictured from left are Jeff Pock and Joel Johnson of Paint and Spray Supply; CSI President Jerry Back; CSI Auto Painting Instructor Tim Pierce; Desiree Torwan; Aimee Wetzel; and Auto Body Technology Professor Richard Fry.

TFHS GETS NEW SIGN



The new Twin Falls High School reader board was donated by First Federal Bank of Twin Falls to display TFHS activities as well as events held at River Amphitheater as a service to the community. The old reader board was worn and parts could no longer be found for repair.

SPECIAL PROJECT



ABOVE: Dr. Howard Nelbing, Extension Water Management Engineer, University of Idaho Extension shows a monitor/data box at the Burley nitrate groundwater project meeting. High levels of nitrates in the groundwater are a serious health concern. High levels of nitrates have been linked to blue baby syndrome, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and cancer. These health concerns are connected not only with humans, but with animals as well. This concern is being addressed by West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District. RIGHT: Twyla Hill, project coordinator, shows soil monitors at the Burley nitrate groundwater project meeting. High levels of nitrates in the groundwater are a serious health concern. High levels of nitrates have been linked to blue baby syndrome, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and cancer. These health concerns are connected not only with humans, but with animals as well. This concern is being addressed by West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District.



Nitrate project taking place in Burley

BURLEY — A Burley nitrate groundwater project meeting was held recently at the Burley Masonic Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to landowners on the project and to encourage participation in the project. The meeting included presentations by Twyla Hill, project coordinator, Dr. Howard Nelbing, Extension Water Management Engineer, University of Idaho Extension, and Dick Johnson, State Nutrient Management

Specialist with the State Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Boise. The three main focus points of the Burley nitrate groundwater project include soil sampling, nutrient management, and irrigation water management. Land owners are encouraged to volunteer to participate in any of the three areas. The nutrient management section of the project is not required in order to partici-

pate in the other two areas. The soil sampling is free to participants. This is a great way to evaluate and make improvements in your own operation. The Burley Nitrate Groundwater Project is sponsored by West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District. The information collected is privacy protected using codes for name protection. More producers are still needed to participate in this study. Data collected will be

evaluated and recommendations will be given to land owners for their own use. The overall goal for the project is to collect data on current nitrate levels and to reduce nitrate levels reaching the groundwater. For more information or to participate in the project, come into the Soil District office and talk to project coordinator, Twyla Hill at 1361 East 16th Street in Burley. Hill can also be reached by calling 679-1225 ext 109.

Impressions Hair and Spa to hold grand opening

Impressions Hair and Spa will hold a grand opening Saturday at their new location, 204 E. Main St., Twin Falls. The grand opening will include food, prizes, special sales, free massages and demonstrations. In 1987, entrepreneur Sandy Roberts opened Hair Impressions a full service hair salon. She

had a vision of being in the business of serving people and living out one of America's finest dreams. Twenty years later, after three moves, tripling her clientele, adding more product offerings and more staff, she has witnessed a dream come true. A locally owned and operated business, Roberts

has in fact been the odds of small business failure by being successful in a small rural community. Today, Impressions Hair and Spa is offering hair and nail retail products and many new services which include a full variety of massage including Swedish, deep tissue, trigger point and chair and offers a

full line of nail enhancements for toes and fingers, spa pedicures and facials with Arbonne products, traditional tanning beds, stand up tanning for a complete uniform tan, and a full spectrum of hair services for men and women, using Redken, Matrix, Sexy Hair, and Paul Mitchell Product lines.

Impressions Hair and Spa employees include:

Sandy Roberts
Sandy Roberts is the owner and operator at the Impressions Hair and Spa, 204 East Main Street. Roberts opened the Impressions Hair and Spa bringing 28 plus years of successful experience in hair styling and care for both men and women. She has an extensive background in hair styling along with skillful coloring and new tinting tools. All owner and operator.

Judy Owens
Judy Owens has joined the Staff at Impressions Hair and Spa as a Nail Technician. Owens has 15 years of experience in hair styling and care for both men and women. She has an extensive background in hair styling along with skillful coloring and new tinting tools. Kim Woodbury has joined the Staff at Impressions Hair and Spa as a Massage Therapist. Arost has years of experience in massage.

Staff at Impressions Hair and Spa as a Nail Technician. She has over eight years of successful experience in nail art and care. She has an extensive background in acrylics for toes and fingers along with skillful free hand nail art. Jacquelline Arost has joined the Staff at Impressions Hair and Spa as a Massage Therapist. Arost has years of experience in massage.

Staff at Impressions Hair and Spa as a Massage Therapist. Graduating from Magic Valley Academy of Massage Therapy, she has an extensive background in all forms of massage, with specializing in Body Sweeps. Cheary Haney has joined the Staff at Impressions Hair and Spa as a Massage Therapist. Haney has years of experience in massage therapy. Graduating from Massage Therapy School, she has an extensive background in all forms of massage, with specializing in deep tissue, trigger point, Swedish and chair.

CAREER MOVES

Ariel Hansen
TWIN FALLS — Ariel Hansen has joined the Times-News staff as a features reporter. A Washington State native, Hansen graduated from Haverford College in Pennsylvania before returning to the Pacific Northwest. After a few years in Portland, Ore., Hansen moved to Sequim, Wash., on the Olympic Peninsula, where she was a reporter with the Sequim Gazette from 2004 to 2007 covering government, science and feature stories. Hansen, who lives in Twin Falls, will do most of her writing for the daily features sections of the Times-News.

Kary Zollinger
TWIN FALLS — Kary Zollinger was recently awarded Top Route Sales Representative for 2006 for Frito-Lay Inc. Twin Falls District. He accomplished this distinguished distinction by aggressively selling big displays and controlling expenses. Zollinger has been with Frito-Lay for seven years. He resides in Twin Falls with his wife Joan and their two children. **First Horizon employees**
TWIN FALLS — National lender — First Horizon announced the addition of two new employees.

Jeff Bluck has recently been hired as a home loan professional at the Twin Falls branch. He brings 10 years of experience in the real estate industry to his new position. He was formerly with Western Real Estate Group, and has held positions as manager at The Argonaut and owner at J. Bluck Medical Consultants. Bluck earned his Bachelor of Science in Advertising at the University of Idaho and currently

belongs to the Twin Falls Association of Realtors, the Magic Valley Vandal Boosters, the National Vandal Boosters and the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. George Turner has recently been hired as a home loan professional at the Twin Falls branch. He brings over 40 years of experience in the reverse mortgage industry to his new position and will be servicing all of Southwest Idaho. Formerly with Wells Fargo, he has also held positions at a personal banker at US Bank and as an insurance agent at Mutual of Omaha. He earned his Associates Degree of Science at the Technical Trade School in Grand Junction, Colo. As a First Horizon reverse mortgage specialist, George is a member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

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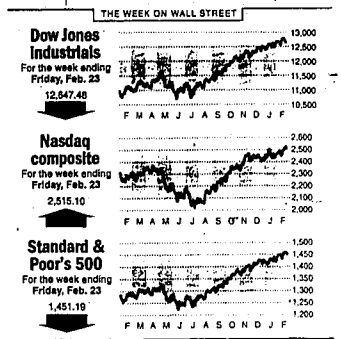


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Bob Barton
HAZELTON — Bob Barton, building sales specialist for Cleary Building Corp., was recently awarded the "President's Award" for 2006 sales greater than \$1,000,000 at the Cleary Building Corp. National Sales Meeting in Milwaukee, Wis.

CONTRIBUTIONS
Denise Fuller
TWIN FALLS — Neil and Associates Chartered announced that Denise Fuller has been hired as an associate. Fuller grew up on a farm in the Magic Valley and graduated with Degree in Accounting from Boise State University in 1997. She has experience in agriculture, retail and public accounting. She is a Certified QuickBooks user and is well versed in QuickBooks Point of Sale, Peachtree Accounting and Microsoft Accounting. Fuller has been preparing Individual and Corporate tax returns since 1997.

CONTRIBUTIONS
U.S. Bank donates to Rupert theatre
U.S. Bank recently donated \$5,000 to the Historic Wilson Building and Theatre in Rupert, which will go toward finishing the roof over the actual theater area. "U.S. Bank has been a great supporter of this community project, donating \$12,000 in 2006 to assist in operating expenses and now \$5,000 to help with our roof," executive director Chris Jackson said. "The renovation project and operations are funded with grants, donations and fundraisers. Local taxpayers dollars aren't used," Jackson said. It takes the process a little slower, but doesn't put anyone of a tax burden on the community. The mission of the Renaissance Arts Center, Inc. board of directors is to enhance the quality of life through cultural arts, education, historical preservation, social and economic development, while maintaining the historic integrity of this 1920s facility, Jackson noted.

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The highest incomes, the rather comfortable end up subsidizing Bush's tax cuts for the super-rich. Instead of dealing with the AMT, the administration has simply slipped on another one-year fix. It says it wants a permanent solution but in the context of revenue-neutral comprehensive tax reform. This is Washington-speak for we have to find the money somewhere, but we're not ready to say how yet. So where will the money come from? The Tax Gap Fairy isn't going to leave fairly under the budget pillow, the administrator's calculation of how much owed but uncollected tax revenue can be brought in comes to just \$29 billion over the next decade. The working poor don't pay income taxes — in fact, they get money back through the earned-income tax credit and the refundable child tax credit, and even this administration isn't proposing to do away with them. That leaves the middle class, the better-off and corporations to carry the tax bill. In that context, does it really make sense to permanently repeal the estate tax? To leave in place lower tax rates for the richest Americans? To continue to tax capital gains and dividends at far lower rates than ordinary income? These are the choices that the Bush budget entails, even if it fails, deliberately, to spell them out.

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MONEY

Some tax breaks to consider before expiration date

**By Ellen Ambrose
The Battersman Sun**

You already have a lot on your plate making sure you get your tax return on time. But it's not too early to start thinking about trimming your 2007 tax bill.

One usual strategy is to contribute to tax-friendly retirement accounts. Thanks to changes this year, more people will be eligible for individual retirement accounts.

But some tax breaks are around only for this year, and you can lose out if you don't act in the coming months. For example, a tax credit for making energy-saving improvements to your home expires at year's end.

Here are some tax breaks to consider:
Mortgage Insurance Deduction: Congress inserted

this temporary tax break into legislation passed late last year. If you buy a house or refinance a mortgage this year, you may be able to deduct all or part of your mortgage insurance premiums.

"It's only good for one year and it's only for mortgages issued in 2007," says Donna LeValley, contributing editor of I.K. Lasser's Your Income Tax 2007.

Lenders usually require home buyers to take out mortgage insurance when their down payment is less than 20 percent.

The Mortgage Insurance Companies of America estimates the deduction will save a homeowner an average of \$300 to \$400.

You must meet certain hurdles to qualify, though. You will be able to deduct full premiums, whether single or a joint filer, if your adjusted gross

income is \$100,000 or less. After that, the deduction is gradually reduced and phases out once income tops \$109,000.

Retirement Accounts: Contribution limits to individual retirement accounts stay the same: \$4,000 a year, plus an extra \$1,000 if you're 50 or older.

But the income limits to be eligible this year for a deductible IRA or Roth IRA went up, so more taxpayers will qualify.

If you're already covered by a retirement plan at work, you will be able to deduct all or part of your contributions to a traditional IRA if you're single with adjusted gross income up to \$2,000. For joint filers, that limit is \$3,000.

Money in a deductible IRA will be taxed as regular income when you make withdrawals in retirement.

With a Roth, there is no upfront tax deduction, but withdrawals are tax-free later. To make a full or partial contribution to a Roth, your adjusted gross income can't exceed \$114,000 if single or \$166,000 if filing jointly (whether or not you have a retirement plan at work).

Charitable IRA Distributions: Since last year, those 70 1/2 and older have been able to have money taken out of a traditional IRA and directly transferred to a charity without having to pay any income taxes on the withdrawal. Another benefit: the donation counts toward the older IRA owners must make each year.

Act fast. This tax break disappears at the end of this year. "If you're 70 1/2 or older and inclined to give anyway, this is

a great deal," says Rande Spiegelman, vice president of financial planning for Schwab Center for Investment Research.

The most you can donate tax-free from an IRA this year is \$100,000. But you don't have to be rich to benefit from this tax break, Spiegelman says.

Drive Green, Save Green: Those who buy a new hybrid are entitled to a credit worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars depending on the model. Credits phase out based on how many cars the manufacturer sells.

For instance, if you have your heart set on the popular Toyota Prius, buy it before April. The original credit for the Prius was cut in half in October, and now stands at \$1,575. In April, the credit is...chopped in half again to \$787.50. In

October, it disappears.

Home Energy Credits: Time is running out to earn a credit for making your home energy efficient by adding insulation and exterior windows or putting in a qualified hot water boiler or other improvements. The maximum credit is \$500 for improvements made last year and this year.

Congress recently extended the life of another credit worth up to \$2,000 each year for the cost of adding solar panels or a solar water heater in your home. It now expires at the end of next year.

Cash Donations: A reminder: As of January, even the smallest cash donation to a charity must be documented if you want to deduct it. Proof can be a receipt from the charity, a canceled check or other bank statement.

Trims

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 care, you'll need the name, address and tax ID number for the person or business providing care for your child," said Bill Baxter, a certified public accountant with Stevens Pierce and Associates of Twin Falls.
 You will also need to have

Social Security numbers for everyone on your return, even infants. If you don't have a Social Security number for your newborn, contact the Social Security Administration right away. Without proper identification of your dependents and exemptions, you won't be

able to take those deductions.

"If you don't think you have enough time to prepare your taxes it might be best to get an extension on filing your tax form."

"If you're going to be procrastinating to get your return, or just don't have the

time to get them, it is better to file an extension than have things wrong on your return," said Jill Trowell, marketing director at Stevens Pierce and Associates.

Filing an IRS Form 4868 will get you an additional six months to complete your return.

Costs

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 expensive paid for. It is also imperative that businesses keep detailed mileage logs so that at year's end you can go back and figure the percentage of business miles and personal miles."

If you use the actual expense method, depreciation of the vehicle can also be deducted. However, you must use the standard rate if accelerated depreciation such as a Section 179 deduction has been claimed in previous years.

"Pick your method for auto expenses wisely because you can't switch back and forth," Baxter said. "Usually the best bang for your buck is the standard method."

Bad debts

Depending on the kind of business you operate, bad debts can be deductible. IRS guidelines state that if your business provides a service no deduction is allowed for time spent with a client who doesn't pay. However, if your business sells goods, the cost of goods sold but not paid for are deductible.

Business start-up costs

You can deduct costs to start up your business, but not until your doors are open. Instead of taking common costs like advertising, utilities and building repairs as current expenses, they are capitalized and deducted over the first five years you are in business.

Continued education expenses

You can usually deduct edu-

cation expenses as long as they're related to your current trade.

"If you go to a seminar or class that pertains to your current job, those expenses are deductible," Baxter said. "But if you are a dentist and training to be a lawyer, those costs are not deductible as business expenses."

Entertaining and travel expenses

When you entertain a current or prospective customer, you may deduct 50 percent of the cost as long as it is directly related or associated with your business.

"If you take a customer out make sure you take notes right away on who was there and what was discussed," Baxter said.

Travel costs, including plane fare, costs of operating your car, taxi service, lodging, meals, telephone calls, fares and tips are all deductible expenses. It is OK to mix a business trip with pleasure as long as business is the primary purpose. But only your costs are deductible, not the costs of the entire family.

Retirement plan contributions

A Simplified Employee Pension Plan is a retirement plan designed for small business owners and the self-employed.

"This is a really important IRA for businesses because it is the only one you can still set-up and pay into now to reap benefits on 2006 taxes," said William Stevens, a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Twin Falls.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made up to 25 percent of your compensation — as much as \$4,000 for the 2006 plan year. Investments grow tax-deferred until withdrawal of funds.

The Section 179 deduction

Some businesses can write off the full cost of assets in the year bought instead of capitalizing them or deducting their costs over a number of years. In 2006, Section 179 of the IRS code, explains that you can deduct up to \$108,000, subject to a phase-out if you placed more than \$430,000 of equipment in service in any one year.

"You have to have enough income to take this deduction," Baxter said. "It can't create a loss for your business, meaning that any 'left-over' amount will be carried forward into future years."

Some assets, like real estate, inventory bought for resale and property purchased from a close relative don't qualify for the deduction and automobiles are also subject to special rules,

Baxter warns.

Taxes

Incurred taxes on operating your business are generally deductible, but how and when they are deducted depends on the type of tax.


Sales taxes on items purchased for the day-to-day operation of your business are deductible as part of the cost of the items. Excise and fuel taxes are deductible as separate expenses.

State income tax can be deductible as an itemized deduction on your federal return, but not as a business expense. Federal income tax on business income is never deductible.

Real estate tax paid on property used for business is deductible. Assessments for repairs or maintenance is also deductible, but if it is for an improvement, those costs must be deducted over a number of years.

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The next big 'deal'

As values rise, high-tech entrepreneurs grapple with build-or-sell dilemma

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — As Facebook.com's mastermind, Mark Zuckerberg is sitting on a potential gold mine that could make him the next Silicon Valley whiz kid to strike it rich.

But the 22-year-old founder of the Internet's second largest social-networking site also could turn into the next poster boy for missed opportunities if he waits too long to cash in on Facebook Inc., which is expected to generate revenue of more than \$100 million this year. The bright outlook is one reason Zuckerberg felt justified spurning several takeover bids last year, including a \$1 billion offer from Yahoo Inc.

"We clearly have a bias toward building than selling," Zuckerberg said in a recent interview. "We think there is a lot more to unlock here."

The build-or-sell dilemma facing Zuckerberg is becoming more common among the precocious entrepreneurs immersed in the latest Internet craze, a communal concept of content-sharing that has been dubbed "Web 2.0."

Besides Facebook, other Web 2.0 startups frequently mentioned as prime takeover targets include online video site Metacafe Inc. and Photobucket Inc., which has emerged as one of the Internet's busiest destinations by hosting personal videos and photos that are routinely linked to top social-networking sites like MySpace and Facebook.

These sites find themselves at a critical juncture reached several years ago by the Internet's first big social-networking site, Friendster.com, which chose to stay independent instead of selling. That decision is now regarded as one of Silicon Valley's biggest blunders.

Web 2.0 startups have emerged as hot commodities because they are drawing more people away from television, newspapers and other media traditionally used for advertising. Online - video channels and social networks, a catchall phrase attached to sites that enable people with common interests to connect and deepen their bonds, are paid attention.

Deep-pocketed companies are now angling for a piece of the Web 2.0 action — a quest that already has yielded a couple big jackpots, helping to propel the sales prices of startups to their highest levels since the dot-com boom.

News Corp. paid \$580 million in 2005 to buy MySpace, the largest social-networking site, and Google Inc. snapped up video-sharing pioneer YouTube Inc. for \$1.76 billion late last year.



Facebook.com's mastermind, Mark Zuckerberg smiles at his office in Palo Alto, Calif., Feb. 5. He is sitting on a potential gold mine that could make him the next Silicon Valley whiz kid to strike it rich.

"I'm surprised a lot more companies haven't already been bought."

— Reid Hoffman, a veteran Silicon Valley executive who has invested in many startups, including Facebook

"I'm surprised a lot more companies haven't already been bought," said Reid Hoffman, a veteran Silicon Valley executive who has invested in many startups, including Facebook. "My hunch is the deals are only going to get more expensive in 2008 and 2009."

In 2006, the average price paid for a startup funded by venture capitalists rose 19 percent to \$114 million. That was the highest amount since the dot-com frenzy of 2000 when the average price of venture-backed startups peaked at \$337 million, according to data from Thomson Financial and the National Venture Capital Association.

If the dealmaking market continues to heat up, Zuckerberg will end up looking smart for rebuffing Yahoo and other suitors that included Microsoft Corp. and Viacom Inc.

Assuming Facebook hits its financial targets, the Palo Alto-based company should be able to command a sales price well above \$1 billion or pursue an even more lucrative initial public offering of stock

Flying starts

The average price paid for a startup rose 19 percent in 2006. Average value of startups \$359 million



SOURCES: Thomson Financial, National Venture Capital Association AP

in the tradition of Google, Yahoo Inc., eBay Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. — a group of Internet icons now worth a combined \$250 billion.

A Facebook sale or IPO is bound to happen eventually so the startup's early investors, consisting mostly of venture capitalists, can realize some profits. Facebook has raised about \$38.5 million since Zuckerberg started the site in 2004 while he was still a sophomore at Harvard University. Zuckerberg has some flexibility in deciding when to cash out because Facebook already is profitable.

An IPO or sale will "make sense at some point for the company, but I never think that's the goal," said Zuckerberg, who is believed to control nearly one-third of Facebook's stock. "The goal is to ... continue introducing certain revolutionary products that push us to the next level."

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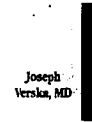
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Questions loom large with aquifer recharge

Idaho's lengthy efforts to recharge the Snake River Plain Aquifer finally may be coming together. But one of the most slippery concerns appears to be floating to the surface.

Namely, who's going to be flip the bill for this project, and at what price?

The obvious answer would be you, the Idaho taxpayer, in addition to most water users and irrigators. But state lawmakers are showing some caution to the price tag.

We hope they go even further with their questions this week as the Legislature studies the aquifer recharge proposal.

Aquifer recharge proponents have the right intentions, and asking the state to pay up is warranted. The over-appropriation of water rights that has occurred in the past four or five decades occurred on the state's watch.

Recharge occurs when irrigation water is pumped into the underground aquifer that stretches across southern Idaho from Ashton to King Hill.

The Snake River Plain Aquifer is the key source of water for farms, hatcheries, dairies and numerous towns.

But when the proposal, called the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan, was presented to legislators this week, the water boards \$10 million request earned some sour faces.

Committee members weren't impressed with the price tag, as well as the prioritizing of purchasing water rights in the face of legal uncertainty.

Their doubts are certainly valid, considering a number of factors: • Availability of water — The water year looked promising in December, but has dried up since then.

Unless showers hit Idaho's southern belt in coming weeks, the chances for recharge in the 2007 season aren't looking good.

"They have more recharge capacities than they do water," said House Resources member Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley.

Regional interests — While Magic Valley and eastern Idaho legislators know the needs involved with aquifer recharge, Treasure Valley and north Idaho may not see the benefit.

Unless board members can fully explain how \$10 million would be used, those lawmakers won't be ready to buy it.

"We don't have an answer for how they would use the money, or access the money," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "They may be in an awkward (legal) position because they can't even discuss their decisions."

A looming legal case — The Supreme Court's verdict on conjunctive management of groundwater and surface water rights has not been decided. Only once that ruling is released will all the parties involved, including municipalities and domestic well users, have a full urgency to push for recharge.

Two years ago the Legislature appropriated \$24.4 million for the buyout of Bell Rapids region water rights. The water board was able to acquire water rights knowing that water was available, and knowing that the money would come back from federal government's repayments for leased water.

But those kinds of returns on risk are missing in this recharge package. In the meantime, some senior water rights holders near Hagerman are already lining up to sell or subordinate their rights, yet the money for these transactions isn't even secured.

Unless board members can give more indication about how this plan would unfold in the coming season, how the money would be spent, and where the recharge will occur, legislators are wise to be cautious about the plan.

Our view: A \$10 million aquifer recharge funding plan needs more details to pass legislative muster. What do you think? We welcome your views from our readers on this and other issues.

They're just dying to be divas

Between hourly updates on the decomposing body of Anna Nicole Smith and the balding of Britney Spears, we can confidently declare that the Jerry Springerization of America is complete.

The travails of these two tragic characters would be of little interest in a normal world, but "celebrity" is the new normal. Like it or not, we're all in this together.

Britney and Anna Nicole, after all, are our inventions. We made them celebrities, awarded them lion status, gave them life. Now, like Dr. Frankenstein upon retooling he's created a monster, they've become instruments of their undoing.

Anyone who has turned on a TV the past few days has been witness to the spectacle in Fort Lauderdale, where hearings have been in progress to decide what to do with Anna Nicole's body.

In death as in life, it's all about the body. Who gets it? I confess that I took a few minutes watching the probate proceedings to realize that it wasn't a spoon or a soap opera. The posturing and pontificating of Judge Larry Seidlin, clearly enjoying his 15 minutes of fame, makes Lance IV, of O.J. Simpson trial fame, look like Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Also at issue is the paternity of Anna Nicole's 5-month-old baby girl, Danielle. The subject to the entire mess is, of course, money — the other defining concern of the former Playboy model's short unhappy life.

Anna Nicole spent most of her public life trying to get out from the estate of her deceased oil-tycoon husband, J. Howard Marshall, who died in 1995 at age 90. Now that same money is up for possible grabs among her survivors.

Voluptuous, titillating, merged with the macabre as mortals clamored over the bombshell's remains like the ravenous widows in "Zebra the Greek." The weird got weirder when the disembodied voice of the Broward County medical examiner was piped into the courtroom via speakerphone to issue a decomposition status report.

Better hurry up with that funeral, he said. Things are deteriorating fast around here. No kidding. And then everyone took a lunch break to visit Anna Nicole at the morgue.

While you're mulling that image, we switch channels to the other coast, where Britney has shaved her head and checked in and out of rehab. Theories vary as to why Britney clipped her hair. The most recent is that she was reacting to estranged husband Kevin Federline's alleged threat to have her hair tested



KATHLEEN PARKER

for drugs in a custody battle over their two children. If Federline indeed wants one of those strands, he'll have to take a number and bid on the sheared tresses, now for sale by the owner of the salon where the shearing took place.

At "Buy Britneys (sic) Hair Dot Com," bids start at \$1 million. "This is the Ultimate Britney Spears Experience!" boasts the site.

At the same time we might recoil from these prurient displays, we're also involuntarily mesmerized. The human wrecks of Britney and Anna Nicole transcend the usual road kill metaphor, however, because we're participants — not just spectators, but also investigators.

We are the mirrors to their vanities. For former child stars like Britney, who didn't get to develop a normal sense of self, identity comes from what is projected by the audience. What happens when the projection stops, or when it shifts from admiring to critical?

If you're Britney, apparently,

you take out the shears and turn the rage on yourself.

Anna Nicole, who was without talent except the ability to attract our attention, existed only as an object. She posed; we ogled. But what happens when no one's looking? If you're Anna Nicole, apparently, you take more drugs and make a spectacle of yourself as a slurring, stumbling bimbo with her own reality TV show.

The parallel sagas of these two sad divas — one dead and one self-destructing — have the feel of reality TV that has spiraled out of control. Too much exposure. Too much celebrity. Too much attention — if never enough.

The desperation that drove them both to extremes, and then to the brink, may have been born of the truth that reveals itself to all celebrities eventually: What the public gives, the public also taketh away.

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Move the glitz: Oscars for the Windy City

I am not exactly sure when it occurred to me that Chicago ought to outbid Los Angeles to be the host city for the Oscars, as well as for the Olympics. I believe that it might have come to me in a dream. I had about how ravishing Helen Mirren's eyebrows would look on a red carpet in a mink or a parka.

Chicago could throw a very cool Academy Awards, given a chance, so give it some thought. We have red carpets — miles and miles of them. Unlike most of you who live in California, which is clean, here in the Midwest we have a real but almost pathological need to wipe our feet.

And what right does LA have to act as if actors and actresses do their acting no place else? Hollywood is no longer the motion picture capital of the world. Who thinks films in Hollywood anymore anyhow? The only thing being shot at Universal Studios these days is by a tourist from Iowa with a camcorder.

As for our first little premise, she has grown into a beautiful young woman who became a veterinarian and is currently practicing in Washington state. Our second premise is a beautiful young woman who is a forensic scientist for the Indiana State Police. In Indianapolis, Indiana, our third premise is still a "work in progress" as he is a sophomore at Twin Falls High School.

Many thanks to "all" the unnamed volunteers who make all the little children the special "beliefs" that they are and for loving them and caring so much.

We wish Julia Jacob a full and wonderful life and send our best wishes to her and his family.

PAM WOODS Twin Falls

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then hang a left.

We lost movies here. We make movies here. Most of you have made and seen a movie made in Chicago, as well as the movies you have made that are supposed to be Chicago but shot in Toronto. I disagree most of you would adore spending Oscar night in Illinois, knowing that you will go home with a swag bag stocked with Polish sausage and ChapStick.

We're exceptionally good at dealing with weather. We will have an usher to brush the slush off your tax or strapless gown and, of course, one of those really nice electric shoe buffers to clean the ends off your Jimmy Choes.

I can think of no downside to letting Chicago host your Oscars once in a while. OK, so maybe in February a drawback would be that if a Hillary Swank, say, ventured outdoors for a breath of fresh air with an Oscar in her hand, it would freeze to her palm. You know, like that kid from "A Christmas Story" whose tongue stuck to the play-

ground pole.

And so what if the lips of a reporter from "Access Hollywood" would turn blue while waiting outside to interview some of you? Wouldn't a lot of actors like to see somebody from "Access Hollywood" cold and stiff?

Do not dismiss this notion out of hand. Chicago would treat you Academy members right. Oprah will give everybody in the audience a free car. Vince Vaughn will take you on a guided tour. Just like in "The Break-Up." The four losers in each category will be given season tickets to Cubs games, where losers are always made to feel at home.

Best of all, we set our Oscars after dark here. You wouldn't have to put on your evening wear and climb into a limo at 3 p.m. So come on, come to the tinsel and glitz of the Midwest next time. When you win, the only agent you are going to need to thank is your travel agent.

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Young preemies grow up to make big impact

What a wonderful heart-warming story about little Jacob Palmer (Jan. 18 and his blanket.

Many memories of another small (3 lb. 12 oz.) baby girl, who was born six weeks early 31 years ago came flooding back.

With the Washington State Highway Patrol leading the way, our little girl was transported by ambulance on a dolly to Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle, Wash., where she was immediately placed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The doctors, nurses and support staff were wonderful as they watched over her for several weeks. The first pictures we took of her was her sleeping, wrapped in a cozy blanket with stuffed toys surrounding her (all supplied by wonderful volunteers of the hospital) as she lay in her isolate.

We have since had two more babies, also preemies, all born in different parts of the country but all receiving loving care from all they came in contact with.

We cannot say enough about the wonderful "volunteer" programs at "all" of the hospitals and highway patrolman around this great country. They are simply "angels in disguise."

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the job is life threatening. Sen. Barr Davis of Idaho Falls stated, "My main worry is that compensation could be provided to an officer falling on ice as well as one getting shot."

If an officer falls on the ice coming to my aid as my car is sinking in the frozen canal, where I ended up after an accident and he dies or gets totally disabled from performing his duties, then he should be totally protected.

I don't think Davis wants an officer to wonder, "If I go into that burning home or that car upside down and I get myself critically injured or killed, is my family going to get \$300 a month. Maybe we should just wait for the tow truck to pull

Mr. Davis and his vehicle out of that canal or the fire to burn itself out.

We have entitlement programs for the so-called needy, but we don't make 100 percent sure our police and firemen that die or are crippled saving our lives and property are protected. Shame on us.

Let's help protect them and their families and quit having to have fundraisers just so people like Trooper Glenn know his actions weren't taken in vain.

Thanks to all law enforcement and the department personnel that put their lives on the line for me and mine. ROBERT B. NORTON Twin Falls

Mitt Romney's extreme makeover

Precisely two years ago, Mitt Romney, then the governor of Massachusetts but already eyeing a 2008 presidential bid, sat in the coffee shop of a Washington hotel, doing his best not to explain his views on abortion.

Romney was speaking to a few of us from *The Washington Post*, and my colleague Dan Balz noted the similarity between Romney's expressed views on abortion rights and the stance of another Massachusetts politician, Sen. John F. Kerry: Both men said they were personally opposed to abortion but did not support making it illegal.

From there, Romney proceeded to expound one of the older positions I've heard in years of listening to politicians talk about a subject most would prefer to avoid: "Can you tell you what my position is, and it's in a very narrowly defined sphere, as candidate for governor and as governor of Massachusetts," he said. "What I said to people was that I personally did not favor abortion, that I am personally pro-life. However, as governor I would not change the laws of the commonwealth relating to abortion."

"Now I don't try and put a bow around that and say what does that mean you are — does that mean you're pro-life or pro-choice, because that whole package — meaning I'm personally pro-life but I won't change the laws, you could describe that as — well, I don't think you can describe it in one hyphenated word."

Got it? Didn't, and I asked, "Do you support making abortion illegal? I'm not talking about what you would do as governor of Massachusetts." Romney: "But that's the furthest I'm going to take you right now. I'm governor of Massachusetts, and I'm telling you exactly what I will do as governor of Massachusetts, but I'm not going to tell you what I'd do as mayor of Boston or a congressman or any of those positions."

I reprint so much of Romney's answer (you can read it later in full online) because its baroque circumlocutions seemed to say so much about him. It was hard to know what Romney actually thought about abortion rights other than that this was a political minefield it was best to avoid stepping into for as long as possible.

But it was also hard to see how a man with deeply held convictions on abortion rights — either for or against — could take a position so calibrated and inconclusive. Listening to Romney that day was like watching a chameleon in the fleeting moment that its colors change to suit its environment. Indeed, several months later, after vetoing a bill to expand access to emergency contracep-

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tion, Romney wrote in the *Boston Globe* about how his views on the subject had "evolved and deepened."

Evolved, indeed. During his Massachusetts tenure, Romney paraded his conviction that "abortion should be safe and legal in this country" and promised that "you will not see me wavering" on Roe vs. Wade. Now Romney says he opposes abortion except in cases of rape and incest or to save the life of the mother, and supports overturning Roe. At the National Review Institute Conservative Summit last month — at the very hotel where he had told us of his commitment to not altering that position — Romney boasted that each time an issue involving reproductive rights came up during his governorship, "on every single one of them I came down on the side of respecting human life."

Romney's "Extreme Makeover: Political Edition" goes beyond abortion rights. Once he supported allowing gays to serve openly in the military and backed a federal law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation — not anymore. He's gone from saying "I don't line up with the MIL" to becoming, last August, a life member. Romney told the *Boston Globe* in 1994 that, as a registered independent, he voted in the 1992 Democratic primary for Paul Tsongas because Tsongas was from Massachusetts and he favored Tsongas' ideas over Bill Clinton's. Appearing last weekend on ABC's "This Week," Romney offered a contradictory explanation: "When there was no real contest in the Republican primary, I'd vote in the Democrat primary, vote for the person who I thought would be the weakest opponent for a Republican."

Surely a man with a Harvard MBA could do better than that. At the time of the primary, Tsongas was doing better than Clinton in matchups against George H.W. Bush. And Tsongas didn't need Romney's help trouncing Clinton in his home state. To give this explanation the credit it clearly deserves, Romney's rationale boils down to arguing that he didn't really mean his vote; he was just trying to game the political process. Those considering Romney in 2008 have reason to wonder what a politician who admits so freely to that kind of manipulation is willing to do to win their votes.

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Cheap words for cheap patriotism

The United States has fought many wars since 1941, but never again declared one. Abroad, no one declares war anymore either, perhaps because that is the anachronistic feel of an aristocratic challenge.

Whatever the reason, today Congress doesn't declare war; it "authorizes" the "use of force."

In October 2002, both houses of Congress did exactly that with open eyes and large majorities. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, a Democratic member of the Senate Intelligence Committee who has access to all the relevant information at the time, said, "I have come to the inescapable conclusion that the threat posed to America by Saddam's weapons of mass destruction is so serious that despite the risks — and there should not minimize the risks — we must authorize the president to take the necessary steps to deal with that threat."

Now, more than four years later, the Democrats want out of the resulting war. Most, such as Rep. John Murtha, want to do so for a simple reason: They think the war is lost. If you believe that, then getting out is the most reasonable and honorable and patriotic policy. Congress has the power to do that by cutting off the funds. But Democrats will not, because it is politically dangerous. Instead, they are seeking other ways, clever ways. The House is pursuing a method, developed by Murtha and deemed "ingenious" by anti-war activist Tom Andrews of Win Without War, to impose a conditional cutoff of funds, ostensibly in the name of protecting the troops. Unless the troops are given the precise equipment, training and amount of rest Murtha stipulates — no funds.

Unfortunately for the Democrats, Murtha is not



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disingenuous enough to have concealed the real motives for these ostensibly pro-readiness, pro-troops conditions. He has chosen conditions he knows are impossible to meet — "We have analyzed this and we have come to the conclusion that it can't be done" — in order to make the continued prosecution of the war very difficult, if not impossible, for the commanders in the field.

But think of what that entails. It leaves the existing 130,000 troops out there without the reinforcements and tactical flexibility that the commander, Gen. David H. Petraeus, says he needs to win. Of course, the Democrats believe that the war cannot be won. But if that's the case, they should order a withdrawal by cutting off the funds.

They shouldn't micro-manage the war in a way that will make winning impossible. That not only endangers the troops remaining in the field, it makes the Democrats' the war-is-lost mantra a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Murtha's rise is so transparent that even Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, who opposes the war, will not countenance it: "I think that sends the wrong message to our troops."

Levin has a different idea — change the original October 2002 authorization. "Well, he's looking at modification of that authorization in order to limit the mission of American troops to a support mission, instead of a combat mission," says Levin. "That is very differ-

ent from cutting off funds."

While this idea is not as perverse as Murtha's, it is totally illogical. There is something exceedingly strange about authorizing the use of force — except for combat. That is an oxymoron. Changing the language of authorization means — if it means anything — that Petraeus will have to surround himself with lawyers who will tell him, every time he wants to deploy a unit, whether he is ordering a legal "support" mission or an illegal "combat" mission.

If Levin wants to withdraw our forces from the civil war in the cities to more secure bases from which we can continue training and launching operations against al-Qaida, he should present that to the

country as an alternative to (or fallback after) the administration's troop surge. But to force it on our commanders through legalisms is simply to undermine their ability to fight the war occurring on the ground today.

Slowly bleeding our forces by defunding what our commanders think they need to win (the House approach) or restricting the authorization the use of force so that lawyers decide what operations are to be launched (the Senate approach) is no way to fight a war.

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Abbas ends Europe tour with no commitments on ending sanctions

PARIS (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ended his European tour Saturday without persuading any country to end crippling economic sanctions based on his power-sharing deal with the rival Islamic militant Hamas.

The bright spot in his trip was a promise Saturday from French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy to work with a government that

includes Hamas and Abbas' more moderate Fatah party. His comments were more positive than those of other European leaders during Abbas' four-country tour. But Douste-Blazy made no commitments on resuming aid frozen since Hamas won parliamentary elections a year ago.

Europe's governments remained firm: Any new Palestinian govern-

ment must recognize Israel's right to exist before direct international aid can resume.

"I encourage Mr. Abbas to persevere in his efforts to quickly form a national unity government," Douste-Blazy told reporters.

If the government is formed according to the power-sharing deal worked out in the Islamic holy city of Mecca last month, "France will be

ready to cooperate with it," Douste-Blazy said. "And our country will plead in its behalf within the European Union and with other partners in the international community."

Abbas, who also traveled to Britain, Germany and Belgium, welcomed the pledge from France. But it was unclear how far France could go in supporting the Palestinians.

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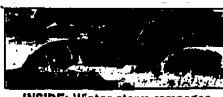
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Do the math: It's a long 42 days until Easter

We're five days into Lent, and I still haven't decided what I'm giving up this year. I'm not Catholic, but I went to Catholic school, which means that the 40 days before Easter will always have particular resonance for me.

**DON'T ASK ME**
Steve Crump

They have to. I was the only non-Catholic in my grade school.

Every February, our teacher — usually a nun — would devote one day's catechism class to asking each student what he or she would sacrifice for this season of penitence and reflection.

There was a lot of giving up candy, some forgoing of Saturday morning TV, the occasional quip about doing without a younger brother or sister. And then Sister Mary Francis's gaze would focus on me.

"Steven?" she'd say, with the expression of a deputy prosecuting attorney. "What are you renouncing for the Lord?"

This was problematic because, due to my stubborn Protestantism, I wasn't strictly required to eschew anything. Shoot, I even ate hamburgers on Fridays while all of my classmates were trying to choke down yet another cold, grilled-veal-and-dill pickle sandwich.

But peer pressure is relentless when you're 10 years old. I had to think of something.

"Fish," I blurted. "I'll give up fish for Lent!"

I hated fish, but my Catholic schoolmates dined on mackerel, cod and scrod every Friday year-round and pretty much every evening during the Lenten season.

All 45 of my classmates turned at me. "You can't give up fish for Lent," Sister Mary Francis explained at last.

"Fish is something you give up something else for."

"That's what I'm doing, sister. I tried. I'm giving up fish for ... forever."

Our teacher remained patient. But what will you eat when you give up meat?" she asked.

"Twinkies!" I said, a little too enthusiastically.

That earned me what would later be called a "time-out" alone in the school-supplies closet at the back of the classroom.

After 10 minutes or so, Sister Mary Francis opened the door.

"Have you thought about what you will surrender for Jesus?" she said.

"February!" I responded. "I'll skip the rest of February."

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Former cemetery clerk arraigned Monday

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — For more than 25 years Colleen Brewer was considered an exemplary clerk for the West End Cemetery District.

On Monday, she heads into Fifth District Court for an arraignment on grand theft charges. Brewer, 75, has been accused of taking more than \$30,000 from the cemetery over a two-year period.

In October, district commissioners Bob Linderman of Buhl and Curtis Darrow of Castletree were notified that the district's bank account was

overdrawn. "After investigating the account we found where she had written extra checks, made to herself, each month. It happened for about two years," Darrow said. "It came as a complete surprise."

Past cemetery district Commissioner Garth Jensen of Buhl said he worked with Brewer for six years and was surprised at the news. "This is something that seems to have cropped up really recently," Jensen said. "We had an audit done regularly and everything that was paid had to be approved by the board monthly."

When Darrow and Linderman were both appointed to the board in 2004 they thought they were fortunate to have someone with so much experience taking care of day-to-day business with the cemetery. "Colleen had been there a long time. We took her lead and didn't really question things because we had complete confidence in her," Darrow said.

"They trusted her so much that district commissioners didn't think twice to pre-signing checks that always seemed to be justified."

"The checks needed two signatures and Colleen would tell us that she

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Do it for Chris



Chris Glenn, center, an Idaho State Police trooper who was wounded in December in the line of duty, sits with his wife, Alifsha, Saturday night during a fundraising dinner in his honor at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

Community pulls together to help trooper

By Jami Whited
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Do it for Chris. He did it for you.

So read T-shirts for sale at the much-anticipated Chris Glenn benefit held Saturday night at The Ballroom. The Idaho State Police trooper and Kimberly resident was shot and paralyzed in December while stopping a suspect in an armed robbery.

Since the injury, Idahoans have joined together to support Glenn and on Saturday night he made a special trip to Twin Falls to thank them.

"I've been hearing about it all for about two months," he said. "I just can't believe how many people are here."

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— Chris Glenn

Glenn shook hands from his wheelchair and greeted visitors with a smile. "I'm totally amazed by the community support," said an ISP detective who asked not to be identified. "We typically don't see this. We usually deal with the bad guys."

When the detective asked for donations, he said he was never turned down.

"Items came in from all over the state," he said. "It's completely overwhelming to see the way the community has stepped up on this."

Tables filled with raffle items, silent and live auction items lined the walls. Johnny U and Crossfire entertained while people ate dinner and danced.

Items up for grabs included a trip for two to Costa Rica, a Sun Valley river trip, a deer or antelope mount, two Boise State University footballs signed by the Fiesta Bowl's Most Valuable Player Jan Johnson and a freezer with one-quarter buffalo cut and wrapped.

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Snowpack Levels

Where	% of Avg	% Season
Salmon	80%	61%
Big Wood	71%	55%
Little Wood	62%	50%
Big Lost	67%	49%
Little Lost	78%	55%
Henry's Fork/John	78%	60%
Upper Snake Basin	76%	58%
Oakley	81%	65%
Salmon Falls	73%	58%

As of Feb. 24

* A comparison of best snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average.

** An indicator of best snowpack, based on the entire season, which peaks in spring.



Agriculture issues spark debate

As lawmakers introduce routine legislative items aimed at keeping this session shorter than usual — bills on taxes or hunting come to mind — they may be overlooking the one issue that could keep them from checking out sooner rather than later.

Agriculture has emerged in the last two weeks as a contentious issue and one with direct impact on the Magic Valley. The debate continues to dominate the Senate and House, and the farming and livestock industries are still present in the chamber lobbies.

One of the biggest regional stories two weeks ago escalated last week when the Senate overwhelmingly passed, 30-4, a bill to allow people living beyond one-mile of proposed confined-feeding animal operations to

**LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK**
Jared S. Hopkins

testify at public hearings.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, called the one-mile issue the "most important" debate held by the Senate so far, and they went on to debate for almost an hour. (Granted, a House bill on the grocery tax-credit just got to them last week.)

But the CAFO bill's fate remains unknown, despite avoiding the House Agricultural Affairs Committee where it likely would have died and instead going to the 10-member local government committee.

Somehow, the committee has not yet met. It's expected to meet with representatives of the facility, including those in the dairy

industry, on Wednesday.

In yet another agricultural issue, changes continue to chafe the controversial bill to seek sealed certain test results from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. The issue is being split into two bills, one for livestock records and another for seeds. It will be introduced Monday.

The citizen Legislature promised the state it would head home before April 1. Such a scenario is still likely, but the session — and debate over whose CAFO should go where — is just beginning.

As House Speaker Lawrence Denney, a farmer from Midvale, joked to a page Thursday. "You'll be busier. We're starting to move now."

Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 343-0901. jhopkins@magvalley.com.

Wendell tries to organize Lions Club

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — When two students at Wendell Elementary School needed glasses, Laurie Lancaster, district personnel clerk, knew just who to tell: the Lions Club.

When Lions Club officials stopped by the district office, looking to recruit new members, Lancaster told them that two legally blind siblings needed glasses.

How to help

"They were going to cost the family about \$800 a pair and they couldn't afford them," Lancaster said. "So when the club came by I told them about what a week and half week and half week those students had no glasses. I was impressed by that."

Since then, Lancaster has joined the ranks of a handful of other Wendell residents trying to get a club started in the area.

"I know that they could provide vision screens for the elementary and even possibly to the middle school," Lancaster said. "Since Wendell doesn't have a club the schools can't

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Crash sends Kimberly man to Utah hospital

TIMES-NEWS

JEROME — A Kimberly man was sent to the hospital Saturday afternoon after the vehicle he was driving rolled several times on Interstate 84.

Lake Lindley, 23, was eastbound on I-84 in his white Honda Passport when for an unknown reason his vehicle went into the median at about 3 p.m. near the Juniper Forest Area 41 mile marker 267. After overcorrecting and coming back onto the interstate, the vehicle rolled off the roadway and went off the right shoulder.

The vehicle rolled two more times, coming to rest on the passenger side. Lindley was wearing a seatbelt and had to be extricated from the vehicle. He was taken to McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah.

Weather and alcohol are not believed to be a factor in this crash.

The crash is under investigation by Cpl. L. Torix.

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Anna L. Christensen

RUPERT — Anna Laura Christensen, the 13-year-old daughter of David Eddie and Sam Louise Jolley Christensen of Rupert, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Milwaukie Memorial Hospital. She was born Sept. 1, 1993, in Burley, Idaho. She attended Dvorzhak Elementary, White Pine Intermediate and East Milwaukie Middle schools, where she was involved with their special education programs. She was known as "Angel Eyes." Many special teachers, aides and friends were made. Anna attended the Rupert Area Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Anna's father said, "Anna was an angel in our world. She was sent by God to bless us all. Her spirit touched everyone she came in contact with, by knowing her you knew the love that our Father in Heaven has for us all." Anna's mother said, "Her angel eyes could always calm my mind. Her sweet spirit was the light of my life." Anna will be missed by all who love her. She returned home to our Father in Heaven who loves her too. Today, she

runs and plays with God. We all love you Anna and we always will. Anna is survived by her parents, Eddie and Sara of Rupert; two brothers, Tyson E. Christensen (age 16) of Jerome and Bryan E. Christensen (age 8) of Rupert; one sister, Brittany E. Christensen (age 9) of Rupert; her grandparents, Lovell "Chris" B. and Mary Louise Christensen, and James E. and Helen B. Jolley, all of Rupert; and a myriad of cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Rupert Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th St., with Bishop Steve R. Bradshaw officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Bismarck Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Norma Lou Miller

TWIN FALLS — Norma Lou Miller, 72, of Twin Falls, went to her heavenly home to be with Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior on Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, in her home with family at her side after an 18-month battle with cancer. Norma was born in Twin Falls to George and Flossie McGregor on Dec. 20, 1934. She attended schools in Berger, Hollister and graduated from Filer High School, where she met her lifelong friend and soulmate, Joe Miller. They were married June 21, 1953, and lived on the Salmon Tract, where they farmed, raised cattle and buffalo until retirement. Norma loved to cook, sew, paint and read. She shared these talents with many hungry souls, and always with a smile and an encouraging word. She enjoyed spending time outdoors. She was an active member for over 50 years of the Filer First Baptist Church, a Golden Star member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the "Gideon's Auxiliary."



Norma is survived by her husband, Joe; children, Rose Buckley of Twin Falls, Pam Barber (Jim) of Wall, S.D., Tom Miller of Filer, Mary (Roger) Marose of Nampa, Robert Tim (Tracey) Miller of Twin Falls; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Helen (Bill) Matney of Queen Valley, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, and great-grandson. A celebration of Norma's life will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Filer First Baptist Church with Pastors Gary Gilman and John Bibb officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

In lieu of flowers, it was Norma's wish that donations be made to Hospice Visions, 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or Filer First Baptist Church Building Fund, 254 Highway 30, Filer, ID 83324. "You fought a brave battle, mama, setting an example of deep faith in our Lord, and now it is time for us to carry on your legacy. We love you and look forward to that day when we will all be together again."

DEATH NOTICES

Louene G. Simpson

Louene G. Simpson, 70, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Posetta Assisted Living and Rehabilitation in Burley. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Shaws Mortuary Chapel. A viewing for family and friends will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Eva L. Craner

HAZZLETON — Eva Lou Craner, 67, of Hazelton, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A service of remembrance will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Blvd. in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Cemetery

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needed a couple of extra checks signed in case a bill came through," Darrow said. "Unfortunately, we weren't going back and making sure the checks were going where she told us." Since then, the cemetery

district has tightened the reins on its bookkeeping. "We now have hired an independent bookkeeper that writes out checks once a month," Darrow said. If convicted on the felony charges, Brewer could be sentenced to a maximum 15-year

SERVICES

Carl Clayton Simmers of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Monday at the 7th Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Emanuel Will of Jerome, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Jerome Cemetery; friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before

service time (Ilove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

John Harvey Fairchild of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Vada Joyce Parran of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. II in Jerome (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Crump

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and come back to school in March." Later in the day, the foregoing conversation was reported in its entirety by Sister Mary Francis to my mother, who taught third grade in the same school. Mom, also a Protestant, had an alternative solution. "Instead of giving something up for Lent, I think you should add something," she said. "You know that 30 minutes each night that I make you practice the piano? From now

until Easter, it's 90 minutes." "But Mom!" I pleaded. "And on Saturday nights, you can practice the piano for an hour and a half right after you watch the Lawrence Welk show with me." Can I get a witness? The following Lent, I discovered that subtraction was easier than addition. You gonna eat the rest of that McFlisa sandwich? Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@magicvalley.com.

Lions

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got that service." I hasn't always been that way. I was in the Suckland, who is also interested in getting a club together. "In the past, prior to my being here, there was a club and I think that Wendell should start another one," he said. "As a child and just up to about seven years ago, before my LASIK surgery, I wore glasses. Your eyes are very important and I support their efforts 100 percent." Although about 15 residents have expressed interest in getting a club started it is going to take more, said Darrell Hixfeld, vice-district governor of District 39W, which encompasses south central Idaho and eastern Oregon. The Lions provided equipment for the two students at no cost to the family, Hatfield said, and they could do even more. "We need 20 people to sign up before we can charter a

club," Hatfield said. "So we are canvassing the community to raise awareness about the club and to see if we can get people excited as to what we can do." The group is trying to target younger participation but is struggling. "The younger generation seems to be so busy, it seems that they are so involved with their children's activities and they are definitely competing with that," Hatfield said. The Lions Club has begun establishing school-based service through the Leo Club program, targeted to junior high and high school students. "My generation had to learn responsibility through chores, hard work and being involved and young kids just don't have those responsibilities," Hatfield said. "We want to get these kids involved in some kind of service and prepare them for life and being involved later in life. If you don't get and target younger people to join then the group dies."

Glenn

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If that wasn't enough, schools, community groups, businesses and individuals donated plenty of items for the silent auction. The live auction featured furniture, diamond earrings, a scenic plane ride, a horseback adventure, a gun safe, a pheasant hunting package and much more. Dely — Johnson of Everybody's Business donated to the auction and also sold tickets for the event. She remarked on how many people from all walks of life were there for Glenn. "When I saw (her husband) and I heard about it, it really hit us emotionally," she said. "Everybody who came in to buy tickets talked about how great it was that the community would come together to put this on. They were very open about talking about

Officer Glenn and his sacrifice. "When something like this happens it affects everyone, and then the community comes together for the benefit of the person," Johnson said. "And I think it makes everyone feel good." Aric Roeloffs of the Southfield Dairy in Wendell held a benefit dinner and auction for Glenn two weeks ago with the agriculture community. They expected to raise about \$40,000 from the 250 invitations they sent out. They made more than \$91,000 and about 350 people attended. "This is a great turnout," he said, looking around the room. "I hope they outdo the benefit two weeks ago." Jani Willard can be reached at jwillard@cahline.net.

NEW SOROPTMISTS

Soroptmist International of Idaho installed five new members at their December business meeting. They were welcomed with a pillow and installed by president Nancy MacNeil (far right). New members are, from left, Jay Neuhom, Chris Short, Marlene Page, Suz Cane and Janice Harper.

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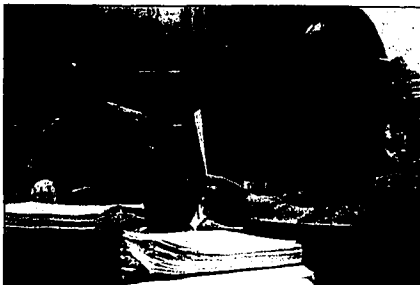
By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The shoulder patch worn by Josephine County sheriff's deputies pictures a logging truck, a reminder of bygone days when timber cut from federal lands paid for their wages and all of county government, without property taxes.

Recession in the 1980s that cut housing starts and 1990s logging cutbacks to protect fish and wildlife pulled the curtain on these days forever, and Congress approved first one safety net and then another to ease the pain.

The pain is back. Last December, Congress refused to enact legislation that paid \$2.9 billion over six years to 700 counties in 39 states to make up for cutbacks in national forest logging. Prospects for renewal appear dim.

Nowhere feels the pain like Oregon timber country, which got about \$250 million a year, more than half the outlays under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.



Josephine County Sheriff's Deputy Duayne Durham, left, goes over his reports with Corporal Ray Webb during a briefing Tuesday in Grants Pass, Ore. The shoulder patch worn by Josephine County sheriff's deputies depicts a logging truck, a reminder of bygone days. AP/Wide World

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., author of the act, told a town hall meeting Friday that renewing it is his top priority. But he noted that Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has said Oregon's share will have to be smaller, and he does not want to make the money permanent.

The last year of payments to Oregon included \$33 million the state shares with schools around the state, \$92 million for county roads in 31 of the 36 counties, and \$108 million for general funds in 32 counties.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski supports renewing the federal payments, but says that beyond schools, the state can't make up

the difference. "Some of these counties are going to have to make some tough calls," he said.

Five counties in heavily forested western Oregon lost a third to two-thirds of their general fund budgets. They are considering a future with only the most dangerous criminals in jail, sheriff's patrol cars dispatched only for life-or-death emergencies, prosecutors ignoring burglaries and drug crimes to concentrate on murders and assaults, and paved roads turning to gravel, and snowplow roads going unplowed.

"That would take us back into a time of the not-too-distant

past of what was called the Wild, Wild West," Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilherson told state legislators.

Wind farm inks 20-year contract

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A central Utah wind farm has signed a 20-year contract to supply 43,000 California homes with wind-generated electricity.

UPC Wind of Milford signed the \$270 million contract with Southern California Public

Power Authority, which made the deal for 200 megawatts of electricity on behalf of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the cities of Burbank and Pasadena.

In the past the cities have purchased coal-fired power from Utah companies.

West End Community Auction

will be held Thursday, March 15, 2007, at the rodeo grounds in Buhl, Idaho.

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SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice has openings for volunteers who can help in the home, visiting with patients or relieving the caregivers. The volunteers can help run errands or be available for the families. Office assistance is also welcome. For information about the volunteer program and training, call Heidi at 734-4061 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

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 camps. The first camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls. Mentors will be trained before the event, and a background check is required. For information, call Hevis at 732-6688 or 404-3210; Bruce at 736-2122, ext. 2393; or Debra at 736-0900.

Volunteers — The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteers to visit residents in skilled nursing and residential care facilities. Volunteers can be advocates for residents and improve elderly care. Training and mentoring will be provided. Call Mary or Laurance at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

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 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 324-5842.

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.

Mattresses/clothing — The College of Southern Idaho Home Center is in need of clean, twin-size mattress/box spring sets, clothing for adults, and bikes in good condition. To donate items, bring them to the office from 8 a.m. to 4:30

Want to help?

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

p.m. Monday through Friday at 1526 Highland Ave. E. (the office is closed from noon to 1 p.m.)

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A suspenseful Academy Awards

Best-picture award could boost television ratings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A classic Hollywood cliffhanger will conclude Sunday's Academy Awards, and organizers hope the suspense of an up-for-grabs best-picture race will be enough to keep TV audiences tuned in through the finale.

Hollywood's biggest party has lost some of its luster for viewers in some ways over the last decade, with TV ratings on a general decline and smaller movies that fewer people have seen dominating key Oscar categories.

Fewer eyeballs on the movies usually translates to fewer eyeballs on the Oscar ceremony, as the TV audience feels less vested in the outcome.

This time, though, the best-picture race is as wide open as it has been in years, lacking the usual front-runner or two that everyone just knows will end up winning.

Earlier film awards that serve as a dress rehearsal for the main event have been all over the place, their top prizes spread out among so many different movies that any one of the five nominees conceivably could walk off with best picture.

"The chatter about this being a wide-open year I think encourages viewership," said Sid Ganis, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "And it's a diverse year in terms of the combination of ethnicity and nationality. The films come from all over the place this year, and lord knows, we have nominees in all shades and colors."

Five blacks, two Hispanics and an Asian are among the 20



Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst rehearse for the 79th Academy Awards on Saturday in Los Angeles. The award show takes place today.

acting nominees, including best-actor front-runners Forest Whitaker and supporting-acting favorites Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson.

And the best-picture race presents a notably international scope, including a road trip on America's byways ("Little Miss Sunshine"), a classy British drama ("The Queen"), a Japanese-language war tale ("Letters From Iwo Jima") and a globe-trotting ensemble story ("Babel").

Unlike the previous two years, this season's best-picture crop has a \$100 million hit going into Oscar night, the cops-and-mobsters epic "The Departed." The other nominees have ranged from about \$12 million to \$50 million at the box office.

Collectively, the five best-picture nominees had taken in a modest \$256 million through last weekend, translating to about 38.5 million moviegoers.

That continued a trend over the last three years in which more intimate films with smaller audiences have ruled at the Oscars, unlike blockbuster years when 100 million people or more had seen best-picture contenders.

"There aren't a lot of people cheering on these films."

Unfortunately, the Oscars are being punished for the evolution of filmmaking and where it is today, with the great movies being made by independent filmmakers," said Tom O'Neil, a columnist for the Los Angeles Times' awards site TheEnvelope.com. "The great movies are no longer the studio-packaged blockbusters like they used to be, like 'Rain Man' or even 'Gladiator.' The best movies being made are more art house."

The largest TV audience the Oscar ceremony has ever drawn came in 1998, when 55 million people tuned in to see king-of-the-blockbusters "Titanic" crowned best picture. The number of viewers has been down since, averaging about 40 million over the last five years.

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Utah Supreme Court upholds return of polygamist's children

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A juvenile court judge was right to return the children of a well-known polygamist to their mother's care after a custody battle with the state, the Utah Supreme Court said Friday.

Justices said 3rd District Court Judge Elizabeth Lindsey only erred in not allowing expert testimony from a child psychologist during custody hearings. Lindsey barred the testimony because Kristin Brewer, director of the Guardian as Litem's office failed to give adequate notice that they planned to call psychologist Doug Goldsmith as a witness.

But in an unanimous decision, justice said the error was "harmless," because it did not violate the children's due process rights and because Goldsmith had testified at previous hearings.

Brewer declined comment on the ruling Friday, as did Assistant Attorney General Carolyn Nichols, who represented the state.

Mattiny said she was delighted by the ruling. "I'm pleased, too, with the fact that they ruled on the issue itself" whether the judge erred in sending the children home "rather than just saying it wasn't timely for the Office of the Guardian ad Litem" to appeal it," she said.

The state's custody battle over the children of Heidi Mattiny and polygamist John Daniel Kingston began in 2004 after a dispute between the parents and their two oldest daughters, who had pierced their ears without permission.

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The girls were removed from the home, sparking allegations of child abuse that led to the removal of eight other children several months later.

Two boys were returned to Mattiny after six months. Six other children were returned in August 2005. Mattiny and Kingston, who have a total of 11 children, voluntarily relinquished their parental rights to the two oldest girls, now 15 and 18.

Lindsey closed the case in December. She took over the case in June 2005.

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Remembering a Declo 'dynasty'

By Lovell Turner
For the Times-News

DECLO — At age 87, I wish to take a little liberty to write about a Declo family that is not only a family but a "dynasty," defined in Webster as a "powerful group or family that maintains its position for a considerable time."

The Leon and Katie Osterhout family best fits Webster's definition as a "powerful group or family." Their fourth son, Seymour, died Feb. 14 at age 69, and now only sons Carl and Kenneth remain of the original nine.

Leon, pronounced "Lyin," and his wife, Katie, bought a small farm on Marsh Creek a mile north of Declo at a time when Declo was called Marshfield and the county seat was in Albion.

To this union came nine boys in fairly quick succession. No girls. All nine were born in the home; none in a hospital.

I attended Seymour's funeral on Feb. 19 and was amazed that Carl, age 96, was able to rise from his seat unaided, walk to the pulpit and give a fine talk without a note in his hand.

At the viewing, I remarked to Carl about him and Kenneth being the only survivors.

Noting that Welton, the youngest, passed away first, Carl was quick to quote the scripture, "the last shall be first and the first shall be last." Seymour and I chased around together during our growing-up years and celebrated a common birthday on Oct. 15, him being two years older.

All nine sons married and remained in Declo. If a girl married one of these sons, she better be prepared to stay married. I recall no divorces among the nine.



The Osterhout family included, from left, front, Kenneth, Katie, Leon, Owen and Carl; and back, Devon, Welton, Milton, Seymour, Win and Roy. This family was the foundation of the more than 30 Osterhout families now living in the Mini-Cassia area.

I was lucky to get a seat on the back row in the Stake Chapel, the rest were all used by the descendants of the original nine, which led me to conclude that this was not the end of a dynasty, but the beginning.

From my back-seat viewpoint I was able to plainly see the thick, short necks of the descendants of the nine. Some heads appeared to be glued directly to the shoulders. Is this why Carl and Mitt were such great football players for the University of Idaho?

In closing, I must add these final words to demonstrate the unity of the original nine.

In the 1950s, the Osterhout boys organized a church-sponsored softball team, including two or three strays, me being the pitcher. We beat every team in the area and earned the right to enter the Nyssa, Ore., tournament. We

beat a Canadian team, then met the Nyssa team wearing their beautiful new uniforms. They were so sure they could beat this bunch of farm hicks, dressed in their bib overalls, that they started their second pitcher.

Before they could blink their eyes we had five or six runs in. When it got to the later innings and when they thought they might possibly be beaten, their burly catcher started getting mouthy and obnoxious.

He got to third base, and sensing a close play at home plate, he knew all he had to do was smash Carl, our catcher, into the dirt and cause a fumble.

With a grimace on his face, muscles flexed and running at full speed, he knew he could accomplish this.

Carl braced and caught him on his right shoulder and sent him out to my pitcher's box,

rolling in the dirt. He immediately headed for Carl with both fists clenched tight.

Within about 10 seconds eight other Osterhouts had formed a tight circle around him. I then told him that these were all brothers.

His eyes rolled quickly around the circle, after which he bellowed, "Let's play ball," to which I responded, "That's a good idea."

We went to the All Church Tournament in Salt Lake City, and lost to a Wellsville team in the semifinals.

LDS church President George Albert Smith had his picture taken with the nine boys and they were referred to in the Deseret News as a "ton of brothers."

Lovell Turner lives in Declo.

(The Osterhouts are) a "dynasty," defined in Webster as a "powerful group or family that maintains its position for a considerable time."

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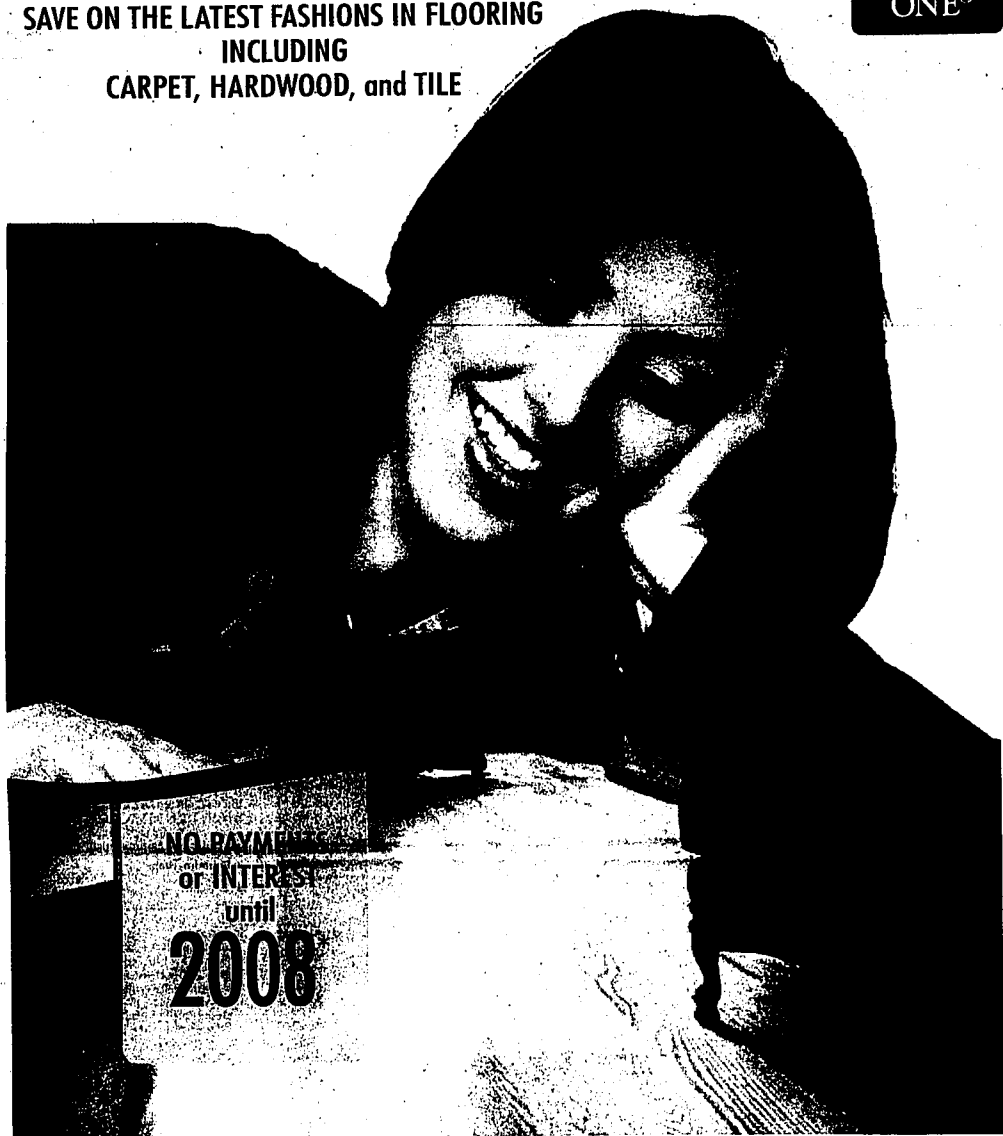
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Golden Eagles, Bruins dead even

Single inning keeps CSI from Saturday sweep

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Disappointment over a weekend split is a begrudgingly accepted luxury only good teams can afford.

The College of Southern Idaho baseball team finished its first weekend of Scenic West Athletic Conference play with a four-game split against visiting Salt Lake Community College after winning Saturday's first game 7-2 and dropping Game 2 at Skip Walker Field by a 5-3 margin. The 9-5 (2-2 SWAC) Golden Eagles played well at times, but the overwhelming response to the conference season-opening split

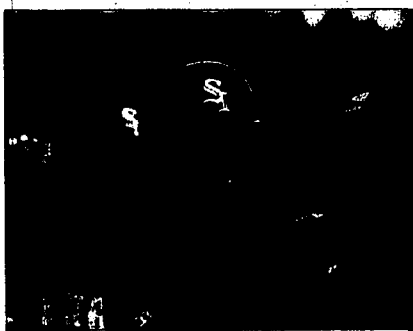
is that CSI can do much better. "It's kind of a disappointment," sophomore second baseman Tony Altavilla said. "They're not one of the top teams in the conference, and we were looking to take four of four, and if not, three of four."

While CSI's enthusiasm for the weekend's events was tempered by the Game 2 loss, the Golden Eagles had Skip Walker Field buzzing during the sixth inning of the first game. After a Zachary Swasey single broke up CSI starting pitcher James Wallace's no-hitter, Bruins shortstop Casey Carling put his team ahead 2-1

with a two-RBI double to left-center. The three straight hits forced Wallace out of the game, replaced by freshman lefty Jason Oatman, who promptly gave up a no-out single to Leonard Zalopany to put runners on the corners.

It was looking all downhill as pinch hitter Aaron Binks lofted a would-be sacrifice fly to right, but CSI outfielder Brad Mady caught the ball and fired a rope to home plate that caught Carling by a step for the second out. The Golden Eagles weren't done yet, as catcher Grant Vickers zipped the ball to third, catching Zalopany in a rundown. Third baseman Nik Gurneson's throw to the second allowed Altavilla to tag the SLCC first baseman out for a rare triple play.

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The College of Southern Idaho catcher Grant Vickers celebrates with teammates Saturday after scoring a run for the Golden Eagles in a 7-2 victory over Salt Lake Community College at CSI.

Triple crown

Declo's Zollinger claims third title

By Ryan Howe
For the Times-News

POCATELLO — As Declo's Golden Zollinger lay on the mat, down 7-2 in the third period, he had only one thought on his mind: "I can win this."

Zollinger did what champions do — he never gave up. First thing first, he had to get out from under Teton's Brynden Buxton. He maneuvered a reversal, scoring two points, but he was still down 7-4 with the clock ticking. Then, Buxton acted like a beached whale and was dinged twice for stalling, making the count 7-6. That set up Zollinger's final move: With less than 20 seconds remaining, he came alive, almost pinning Buxton, and scoring the last two points to give him an 8-7 decision.

"Heart and desperation," Zollinger said of earning the Class 3A 135-pound title at the State Wrestling Championships at Holt Arena Saturday.

The Declo senior finished his high school wrestling career as a three-time state champion. As the final whistle blew, Zollinger bounced to his feet and held up three fingers to celebrate the accomplishment.

"Golden is a terrific example of hard work and dedicating yourself to something," said Declo coach Kelly Kidd. "I'm just so proud of him. He came from behind and he never gave up and never quit."

Three years ago, a coaching shuffle left Declo without a wrestling coach. Kidd, who had spent 10 years as the wrestling coach before dedicating himself fully to coaching football, decided to return to the mats mainly because of Zollinger.

"I couldn't stand to see a kid who put in so much time and dedication sitting there without a wrestling coach," Kidd said. "Never once did I expect him to be a three-time state champion. This is very gratifying."

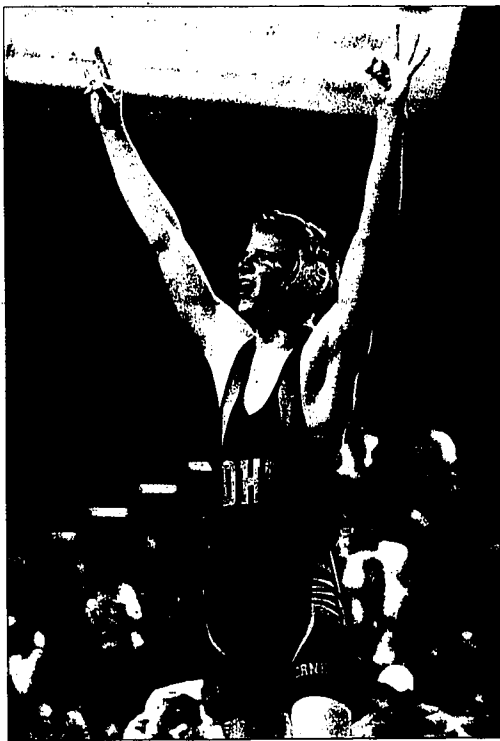
Over the past year, Zollinger had to overcome one of the hardest things that can happen to a wrestler — a growth spurt. He grew about a foot in height and put on some weight, forcing him to make the jump from the 112-pound class to 135.

"It's been a total different level of competition," Zollinger said.

But Zollinger rose to the challenge, finishing his senior year with a 31-2 record.

The Hornets finished 15th overall in team scoring. Shwiley easily ran away with the Class 3A title with 270 points. American Falls was second with 187.5 points and Welser was third with 174.

Senior Jordan Monroe was Declo's only other state placer. The senior finished fifth at 160 pounds.



Declo senior Golden Zollinger raises three fingers to celebrate his third career state title during the State Wrestling Championships at Holt Arena in Pocatello Saturday. Zollinger rallied to win the Class 3A 135-pound title.



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Bruin grapplers Stone, Martinez fall in finals

Valley's Rogers, Barnes take second place

By Bradley Gaine
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Twin Falls junior grapplers Grapson Stone and Brent Martinez were the first to reach the finals since Dusty Scott in the 189-pound final in 2004. Unfortunately, like Scott, they had to settle for second place as the success of Friday's semifinals could not be duplicated for Saturday's 160- and 171-pound championship finals at Holt Arena.

Stone's 160-pound match with the 2005 152-pound champion

Jeremy Zabel of Coeur d'Alene was the squash Stone experienced on Friday, rather a long and drawn-out 9-0 major decision that saw him on the defensive most of the time.

"He saw the way I wrestled (Friday) and made adjustments," Stone said. "He took away my offense."

Immediately after, Martinez hit the mat against Centennial's Kirk Smith, the defending 171-pound champ. He didn't fare much better as Smith took a 9-1 lead after the first period. Martinez struggled early in the second and at 12-2

was close to a technical fall. However, both shoulders touched the mat at 2 minutes, 47 seconds, ending Martinez's run.

"It's just good," Martinez said. "He never got out of his position."

While both can hold their heads high with a second place medal, they'll have to wait until February 2008 to stand atop the highest portion of the awards podium. It's a feeling that is somewhat comforting, yet also bothersome.

"It's the highest I've finished, so I'm satisfied," Martinez said. Teammate Stone added, "This will bug me until I win (first place)." Another Bruin also placed as Chance Requa scored a decision over Highland's Justin Allen for fifth place.

Class 2A/1A

The championship finals were not kind to the Valley Vikings either as Trey Rogers (215) and Jake Barnes (285) took second after losing their matches Saturday.

Rogers was a mere take-down away from a championship as he trailed 3-2 late in the third period, but he was unable to put Orofino's Tyler Brooks down for two points. Soon after, heavyweight wrestler Barnes was pinned at 2:47 after a near stalemate of a match with West Side's Nick Povey. "I guess it's pretty good," Barnes said of his second-place finish, the only time the senior has taken a medal.

Badgers draw even with CSI

Snow wins 77-75 thriller

Times-News

EPHRAIM, Utah — Forty minutes of frenzied basketball came down to five seconds that didn't even tick off the clock.

Down 76-75 with 57 seconds left and the ball, College of Southern Idaho head men's basketball coach Barrett Peery drew up what he hoped would be the game-winning play. How that play would have worked out, nobody will ever know.

Sophomore point guard Paul Wayne was called for a five-second inbounding violation, the ball going to host Snow College. Tyler Quinney was quickly fouled and hit the first of two free-throws to put the Badgers up 77-75 with 3.3 seconds left before Wayne's last-ditch shot missed, giving Snow the win Saturday night in Ephraim, Utah.

"My heart is broken," CSI head coach Barrett Peery told 1270 AM KTFH. "I thought the guys really sold out and played hard, played for the team. It's just a shame anybody else to lose that game."

It's especially a shame for a 23-5 CSI team that could have locked up the right to host the Region 18 Tournament in two weeks with a win Saturday. Instead, CSI and Snow are now tied atop the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings at 13-5 heading into the final week of the regular season. The No. 6 Golden Eagles host a dangerous College of Eastern Utah team this Friday and Saturday, while the Badgers travel to SWAC doormat Colorado Northwestern Community College for two games. If either team can draw ahead, it will earn the right to host the tournament outright. Otherwise, it will go down to a tie-breaker. The

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Eagles women recover at Snow

CSI earns SWAC road split

Times-News

EPHRAIM, Utah — Maria Moore's legs must have felt fresh.

Less than 24 hours after she played only 16 minutes before fouling out of Friday's five-point road loss to Snow College, the College of Southern Idaho point guard pumped in a game-high 33 points, 14 rebounds and four assists to lead the Golden Eagles to a 79-70 win Saturday night in Ephraim, Utah.

The win improves the No. 17 Golden Eagles' record to 22-6 on the season and 13-5 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

"I think she was just glad to be on the floor," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1270 AM KTFH.

Moore outscored Snow's Lindsay Wilson 21 to 20 in the first half, and kept going as Wilson cooled for only four second-half points for a team-high 24. The Golden Eagles turned up the intensity in the second half with their full-court press, pestering the Badgers guards into a number of turnovers that led to easy CSI transition baskets.

"I thought it was a good team effort, especially on the defensive end," Rogers said.

Alexis Tucker added 13 for CSI, while Maylene Ornelas chipped in 11. ShaNae Horner scored 14 for the 13-15 (6-12 SWAC) Badgers.

In Friday's late SWAC action, the College of Eastern Utah dropped third Salt Lake Community College 89-70, while Salt Lake Community College beat Colorado Northwestern Community College 81-67. The NIC loss puts CSI in solid position to take the

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SPORTS

Broncos fall to Wolf Pack

Fazekas leads No. 11 Nevada to win at BSU

BOISE (AP) — Senior forward Nick Fazekas scored 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead No. 11 Nevada to its ninth straight win, 95-81 over Boise State on Saturday night.

The Wolf Pack (26-2, 12-1 Western Athletic Conference) clinched their fourth straight conference title. Nevada will play its third straight road game at Utah State before getting a rematch with one of two teams to beat them, New Mexico State, at home on March 3.

Fazekas, the 2005 and 2006 WAC player of the year, overcame a slow start to score seven points in the last 3 minutes of the first half and 15 in the second half. Ramon Sessions added 17 points. Denis Kovlev had 14. Kyle Shiloh 12 and Marcus Kemp 10.

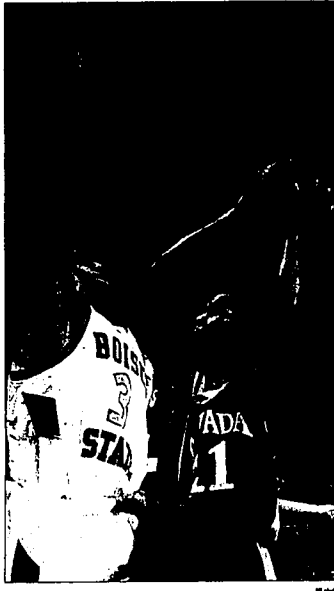
Matt Nelson and Coby Karl paced Boise State (16-11, 8-6) with 19 points apiece. Nelson also added 10 boards.

Nevada led 41-42 at the half and immediately went to work to start the second half.

A quick jumper by Fazekas, a 3-pointer by Kovlev and another jumper and free throw by Fazekas gave the Wolf Pack some immediate breathing room.

Shiloh then hit a layup to bring the lead to 54-44 before Kovlev and Kemp each hit 3s for a 60-46 lead.

Boise State got within six points at the 5:38 mark, but by a 3-pointer by freshman forward Tyrone Hanson and Fazekas' layup gave the Wolf Pack



Boise State's Eric Lane (3) puts a hand in front of the shot of Nevada's Ramon Sessions (11) Saturday in Boise, Nevada won 95-81.

another double-digit lead, and the Broncos never recovered.

The two teams traded baskets during a fast-paced first half in which both teams shot 60 percent from the field in the first 10 minutes.

Karl hit a pair of free throws to give Boise State a 19-14 lead, but Nevada roared back with a jumper by Fazekas and seven

straight points from Kemp.

Nevada also took a five-point lead at one point, when Hanson hit a 3-pointer, but the teams continued to trade points to end the half.

Shiloh also grabbed nine boards for the Wolf Pack.

Nevada hit 53 percent from the field, and 50 percent from 3-point range.

REGIONAL COLLEGE ROUNDUP

No. 21 BYU routed by Aztecs

SAN DIEGO — Brandon Heath scored 30 points and Mohamed Abukar had 27 to lead the San Diego State Aztecs to an 86-74 victory over Mountain West conference leader Brigham Young on Saturday, ending the No. 21 Cougars' eight-game winning streak.

The defending conference champion Aztecs (20-8, 9-5) were inspired from the start, beginning with a reverse dunk by Jerome Habel off the opening tip and continuing with an 18-0 run that gave them a 22-4 lead.

Heath, the reigning MWC Player of the Year, scored 12 of the Aztecs' first 20 points, including a 3-point shot and a three-point play.

Jerome Habel had 12 and Lorenzo Wade 10 for the Aztecs, who won for the seventh time in eight games.

BYU (21-7, 11-3 MWC) went almost seven minutes without field goals, and didn't reach double digits until Brent Plaisted made a three-point play with 9:26 left before halftime to make it 30-11.

That started a 9-0 BYU run. Jonathan Tavarnani made five 3-pointers in the second half and led BYU with 18 points. Austin Aling had 17 points, including five 3-pointers. Keena Young scored 16 and Plaisted 10.

San Diego led 61-40 midway through the second half before BYU whittled it down with a barrage of five 3-pointers by Tavarnani and four by Austin Aling.

Utah 93, New Mexico 91, 207

SALT LAKE CITY — After missing two free throws in the first overtime, Luke Nevill made a pair with 2.4 seconds left in the second overtime



Brigham Young's Keena Young, Jerome Habel, and Mohamed Abukar defend Saturday in San Diego.

Saturday to lift Utah to a 49-91 victory over New Mexico.

The victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the Utes (10-17, 5-9 Mountain West) and probably assured them of reaching the first round of the league tournament next month without having to win a play-in game.

Johnnie Bryant scored 23 points for Utah, including 13 in a row in the second half, and Shaun Green had 21 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Green nearly won the game in regulation, but a 3-pointer bounced off the rim as the horn sounded.

The Lobos (15-14, 4-10) nearly won in the first overtime when Nevill missed two free throws with 33.7 seconds left, but Daren Prentice didn't make a long 3-pointer in the final seconds.

Portland State 70, Idaho State 63

PORTLAND, Ore. —

Deonte Huff scored 18 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to lead Portland State to a 70-63 victory over Idaho State on Saturday afternoon.

Paul Hafford led Portland State (18-12, 9-7) with 19 points, and freshman Emmanuel Jenkins chipped in 10 points off the bench.

The victory assured the Vikings a spot in the Big Sky Tournament.

Logan Kinghorn and David Schroeder each scored 17 points for the Bengals (12-15, 7-7). Abba Abdul-Ahad added 13 points for Idaho State.

After trailing 33-26 late in the first half, Portland State outscored the Bengals 19-0 over an 11-minute stretch that spanned both halves. And they led 45-33 when Hafford connected on his 15.4 3-pointer of the game with 1:54 left to play.

Idaho State kept it close, with a 14-4 run midway through the second half and tied the game at 49-49 with 8:11 remaining on a tip-in by Nicholas Rhodes.

Less than a minute later, Jenkins scored seven straight points and gave the Vikings a 59-51 lead that they would not relinquish.

Louisiana Tech 84, Utah St. 71

HUSTON, La. — Jerome Richardson and Drew Wicksburg each scored 14 points Saturday as Louisiana Tech defeated Utah State 84-71 for coach Keith Richards' 150th career victory.

Chad McKenzie and Trey McDowell each had 13 points. Utah State (20-9, 8-6) got 27 points from Jaycee Carroll and 10 from Chris Session.

— The Associated Press

Jazz throttle Celtics

SALT LAKE CITY — Derek Fisher scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half and Carlos Boozer had 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Utah Jazz to a 105-87 win over the Boston Celtics on Saturday night.

Boozer had a double-double in his second game back after missing eight with a hairline fracture in his leg and the Jazz swept Boston for the first time since 1998.

Deron Williams missed with 10 assists and helped lead Utah's rally in the third quarter after Boston narrowed a 15-point margin down to one but never quite caught the Jazz, who were without starters Mehmet Okur (back) and Andrei Kirilenko (knee).

Paul Pierce had 19 points to lead the Celtics, who have lost 22 of 23.

Delonte West added 16 points and Al Jefferson finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds for Boston. Leon Powe and Gerald Green added 10 points apiece, though the Celtics' reserves were outscored 50-21 by Utah's backups.

Mavericks 115, Nuggets 95

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points, 11 rebounds and 4 assists as Dallas stretched its club-record home winning streak to 19 games.

Nowitzki fell two assists short of his first career triple-double and 28th in the history of the Mavericks, who won their 11th in a row overall.

Josh Howard, playing on a sore right ankle, added 27 points for the Mavericks. Jerry Stackhouse scored 16 for Dallas, which has won 46 of 51 after opening the season at 0-4.

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points and Allen Iverson had 26 for the Nuggets.

Spurs 102, SuperSonics 71

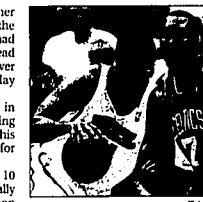
SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 21 points and Robert Horry added 17 to lead San Antonio to its fifth straight win.

Matt Bonner had 13 points. Manu Ginobili scored 15 and Tim Duncan added six points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs.

Ray Allen scored 12 points to lead the Sonics.

Bucks 109, 76ers 90

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd and Mo Williams each scored 26 points each and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Philadelphia 76ers 109-90 on Saturday night to snap a seven-game losing streak.



Utah Jazz center Jarron Collins heads to the basket around Boston Celtics forward Al Jefferson Saturday in Salt Lake City.

Redd started strong and Williams, who finished 10-of-13 from the field including 5-of-7 from 3-point range, helped finish off Philadelphia, which has now lost five of six.

Annie Trogouda, averaging 12.2 points, scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half and went 9-of-18 from the field for the 76ers. Samuel Dalembert added 15 points, Willie Green scored 11 and Andre Miller had 10 points and 11 assists.

Raptors 93, Bobcats 76

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Chris Bosh scored 14 of his 21 points in the second half and added 11 rebounds to help Toronto snap Charlotte's team-record four-game winning streak.

Bosh, who missed his first five shots and didn't score until midway through the third quarter, dominated the inside after Charlotte lost leading rebounder Emeke Okafor to a strained left calf in the third quarter.

Jose Calderon added 16 points and T.J. Ford scored 15 for the Raptors.

Clippers 103, Warriors 90

LOS ANGELES — Elton Brand had 31 points and 12 rebounds and tied a career high with eight blocked shots to help Los Angeles snap a four-game skid.

Cony Maggette scored eight of his 18 points in the final 5:18 in his sixth start of the season for the Clippers. Tim Thomas had 17 points and 10 rebounds before leaving the game because of back spasms in the fourth quarter.

Los Angeles has won 11 of its last 15 meetings and six straight at Staples Center.

— The Associated Press

Georgetown wins Big East showdown

WASHINGTON — The biggest Big East game of the regular season went to No. 12 Georgetown, whose tenacious defense made the difference in the final minutes of a 61-53 victory over No. 10 Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Jonathan Wallace scored 17 points. Jeff Green had 14 and Roy Hibbert added 12 for the Hoyas (22-5, 12-2), who won their 11th straight win and took sole possession of first place in the conference.

Sam Young and Ronald Harrison scored 11 points apiece for the Panthers (24-5, 11-3), who had won seven of eight. Center Aaron Gray, who wasn't expected to play because of a sprained left ankle, had 10 points and six rebounds as a reserve.

Jesse Sapp's layup with 3:17 remaining broke a 49-49 tie for the Hoyas. Wallace followed with a steal and layup, and Green made a steal and free Sapp for a layup that pushed the lead to 57-53. Georgetown made 4 of 6 free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

LSU 66, No. 3 Florida 56

BATON ROUGE, La. — Terry Martin scored 18 points and Garrett Temple added 17 to help the struggling Tigers pull off the upset.

Breaston Mitchell scored 11 for LSU (15-13, 4-10 Southeastern Conference), which had lost three straight and nine of 10 before hosting a team that had been No. 1 little more than a week ago.

Al Horford had 13 points for Florida (25-4, 12-2), which had already wrapped up the SEC regular season title and lost for the second time in three games.

No. 4 UCLA 75, Stanford 61

LOS ANGELES — Arron Affalo scored 20 points. Luc Richard Mbah a Moute added 13 and the Bruins scored out their first undefeated home season in 32 years.

The Bruins (25-3, 14-2 Pac-10) also clinched at least a share of the Pac-10 title for the second consecutive year. They wrap up the regular season next week at the Washington schools.

Stanford (17-10, 9-7) was led by Brook Lopez with 23 points and nine rebounds and Lawrence Hill added 13. The Cardinal, which had 16 turnovers, has lost four of six.

No. 6 Kansas 89, Iowa State 52

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Mario Chalmers scored 18 points to lead six Kansas players in double figures and the Jayhawks routed Iowa State.

Darrell Arthur added 15 points and 11 rebounds and Julian Wright had 12 points for the Jayhawks, who led by as many as 41 early in the second half and

swept the season series with Iowa State (14-14, 9-9 Big 12) for the second straight time.

Kansas (25-4, 12-2) remained tied with No. 8 Texas A&M for the Big 12 lead with two games left, at Oklahoma on Monday night and at home next Saturday against No. 19 Texas.

The Aggies' last two games are at Texas and home against Missouri.

No. 8 Texas A&M 97, Baylor 87

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Arie Lawson scored a season-high 31 points and the Aggies beat the Bears for the sixth straight time.

Texas A&M (24-4, 12-2 Big 12) led by two before Dominique Kirks scored 12 points, including 8s, in a 25-minute effort to push the Aggies lead to 58-49 with 13:45 to play. Kirks finished with 17 points.

No. 9 Washington State 58, Oregon State 54

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Mac Hopson's jumper with 35.5 seconds to go lifted Washington State over Oregon State.

Washington State (23-5, 12-4 Pac-10) was coming off a 64-59 loss to No. 23 Oregon on Thursday. The loss hurt the Cougars' chances of catching UCLA in the conference race.

The No. 4 Bruins clinched at least a share of the Pac-10 after Saturday's 75-61 victory over Stanford put them at 14-2. The Cougars host UCLA on Thursday, before closing out the regular season on Saturday against USC.

No. 13 Southern Illinois 76, Evansville 69

SPRINGDALE, Ill. — Randall Frazier scored a career-high 30 points on 13-of-15 shooting, leading Southern Illinois to victory over Evansville in both teams' regular-season finale.

Tony Young added 17 points and Jamaal Tamm had 15 for the Salukis (25-5, 15-3 Missouri Valley).

TCU 71, No. 14 Air Force 66

FORT WORTH, Texas — Ryan Ford scored 19 points and the Horned Frogs shot 75 percent in the second half to snap an 11-game losing streak.

Arlando Parker scored 12 points and Brent Hackett clipped in with 11 for TCU (11-15, 3-11 Mountain West), which had lost six straight games to ranked opponents.

Air Force (23-6, 10-5) beat TCU 72-39 on Jan. 23.

No. 15 Butler 56, Detroit 36

INDIANAPOLIS — Brandon Crose scored 17 points and Butler finished its

winning regular season by clinching a share of the Horizon League championship.

A.J. Graves and Mike Green added 13 points each for the Bulldogs (26-5, 13-3), who missed a chance for the outright title with a loss to Loyola of Chicago on Thursday night. They tied Wright State for the regular-season crown and will be the second seed in next week's conference tournament because of a tiebreaker.

Notre Dame 85, No. 16 Marquette 73

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Luke Hanngood scored 22 points and Tony Jackson added 21 — both career highs — to lead the Fighting Irish to victory.

The Irish (22-10, 10-5) trailed by as many as 13 points midway through the first half, but used an 11-0 run late to take a 42-30 halftime lead. Notre Dame finished the season unbeaten at home and beat a ranked team for the fourth time this season.

No. 19 Texas 68, Oklahoma 58

NORMAN, Okla. — Kevin Durant missed his career-high with five 3-pointers and scored 32 points and the Sooners won their fifth straight to stay in the Big 12 regular season title race.

Durant started Texas (21-7, 11-3 Big 12) to an early 15-point lead, and the Sooners never got back within striking distance. It was Durant's seventh 30-point game of the season.

Austin Johnson was demoted from the starting lineup last week, but made four 3-pointers and scored 14 points for the Sooners (15-12, 6-8).

No. 24 Virginia 75, Georgia Tech 69

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — J.R. Reynolds scored 25 points and the Cavaliers clinched a crucial bye in the first round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Sean Singletary added 24 points for the Cavaliers (19-8, 10-4 ACC), who got key baskets and three-point plays by Tunji Soyoye and Jason Cain in the final minutes to secure the comeback win.

Auburn 86, No. 25 Alabama 77

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Quan Proffitt and Korvonyo Barber each had 17 points and the Tigers handed the Crimson Tide its fourth loss in five games.

The Tigers (16-14, 6-8 Southeastern Conference) led by as many as 18 points in the second half and hit 14-of-18 free throws over the final 1:39 to counter a Tide rally.

— The Associated Press

California is NASCAR's true starter for many drivers

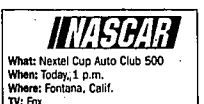
FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — For many Nextel Cup drivers, the real season begins Sunday at California Speedway.

All three of NASCAR's top professional series started last week at Daytona International Speedway, the culmination of offseason preparations.

At Daytona, NASCAR mandates horsepower-sapping, canicular restrictor plates to slow the Cup and Busch cars. Another device keeps the trucks in check on the high banks.

"That's a whole different kind of racing from what goes on at Fontona, where engines are unrestricted."

"I would agree that this is kind of the start to the real season," said Kevin Harvick, who won both the season-opening Busch race and the Daytona 500. "We always approach



What: Nextel Cup Auto Club 500 When: Today, 1 p.m. Where: Fontana, Calif. TV: Fox

Daytona as kind of a different thing from what we do the rest of the year. "We spend so much time preparing for what we do at Daytona all winter. Now we're at a downforce track and you (only) have a downforce test here and there during the winter. Everybody has been to (Las Vegas) with the Busch cars and the Cup cars to test, and now everybody is looking forward to just kind of getting into that week-to-week run."

The race at California's 2-mile oval

is the first of three in a row on NASCAR's intermediate and relatively flat tracks. The Cup drivers have next week off, then race on the 1.5-mile oval at Las Vegas and Atlanta.

Dale Jarrett, who has had to rely on the past champion's provisional to make the lineup at Daytona and for Sunday's Auto Club 500, is also looking forward to seeing what his new No. 44 Michael Waltrip Racing Toyota can get done over the next few weeks.

"It's more like what we do on a regular basis," the 1999 Cup champion said. "The Daytonas and Talladegas are four weekends a year and you have to do that, but this is about what we do all the time, where drivers, crews, everybody makes a big difference."

"Your handling comes into play, you need to have good engines and

you need to make good pit stops. So this is kind of where it all starts, even though last week was about points and money and a big victory for Kevin Harvick."

This year, there is the additional challenge of blending in NASCAR's new Car of Tomorrow, which will debut late next month at Bristol, the weekend after Atlanta. The bigger, bolder COT will be raced just 16 times in this year's 36-race schedule.

"I don't think you're going to get any real indication of where we all stand until you get seven or eight weeks, probably 10 weeks into the season," Harvick said. "There's some guys who had some bad luck at Daytona and there'll be some guys that will have some bad luck here that are going to have to rebound a little bit."

Kenseth gets Busch win

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Matt Kenseth took control in the closing laps Sunday night at California Speedway, driving off with his fourth NASCAR Busch Series victory in 12 tries on the 2-mile oval.

Casley Mears grabbed second place 12 laps from the end and gave a big effort to try to catch Kenseth, but the Roush Fenway Racing driver wouldn't let Mears get close enough for a serious challenge, driving across the finish line about five lengths ahead.

"It was really a lot of fun," said Kenseth, who earned his 22nd Busch victory in his 200th series start.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Streaking Ogilvy reaches final

MARANA, Ariz. — The streak is alive at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

And it belongs to Geoff Ogilvy. With so much attention on Tiger Woods' bid for an eighth straight PGA Tour victory, Ogilvy streaked into the championship match Saturday by winning his 10th and 11th in a row in a strong defense of his title. The U.S. Open champion has been so dominant that he hasn't played the 18th hole since a practice round Tuesday.

"All golf at the end of the day is hitting it on the fairway and making a lot of putts," Ogilvy said after a 3-and-2 victory over Chad Campbell. "If you do that in any format, you're doing to do well."

Next up for Ogilvy is a guy who hit it into a cactus and did just fine. Henrik Stenson of Sweden played bogey-free in a 3-and-2 victory over Trevor Immelman to reach the 36-hole final Sunday. But he might not have made it out of the quarterfinals without perhaps the most memorable shot this week at The Gallery.

He was all square in his match with Nick O'Leary on the 10th hole when Stenson came into a cactus left of the fairway, in such dice shape that he said caddy Fanny Sunesson "almost sacrificed her right arm to get the ball out."

He took a penalty drop into the firm desert sand, hopeful of getting up-and-down from 122 yards to extend the match. He hit it clean, and it checked up 2 feet from the hole. O'Leary was short of the green, chipped to 4 feet for par — the same distance from which Woods missed when he lost to the Aussie on Friday — and missed the putt to lose the match.

"Things turned out slightly in my favor," Stenson said. "That was a great bust and gave me sort of a free ticket into the next round. I went out and played pretty freely."

Stenson went out in 31 to



Geoff Ogilvy pounds his drive on the second hole during his semifinal match against Chad Campbell at the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship in Marana, Ariz., Saturday.

build a 3-up lead, and never give Immanuel a chance. Ogilvy cut out four straight birdies to seize control, and put an end to yet another streak — Campbell's loss meant this will be the first time in the nine-year history of this event that an American will not play for the title.

"I just didn't make enough birdies," Campbell said.

It was a busy day in the high desert, which began with sub-freezing temperatures that caused a one-hour frost delay and led Stenson to jog around the practice range "to get my heart beating." It ended in blissful sunshine with two guys left to play for \$1.35 million, both of them with a good vibes about this fickle format.

Ogilvy is 11-1 in his match play career, losing in the first round to Michael Campbell in the 2005 World Match Play Championship in England, and not losing since then. Since losing in the second round last year at La Costa, Stenson held the winning putt for Immanuel in the Ryder Cup at September, and has not trailed by more than two holes all week in Arizona.

"I'm knackered after playing two rounds," Stenson said, looking ahead to his 36-hole final.

Ogilvy can't complain of being worn out, certainly not compared to last year. He played four straight overtime matches a year ago at La Costa, and 10 times stood to the side of the green as his opponent had a putt to win the match. Ogilvy survived all those scares, then had an easier time in the final two matches to win.

What a turnaround in the high desert north of Tucson. He played 129 holes at La Costa. With only the 36-hole final left, Ogilvy has played only 79 holes this week.

"I'm probably less tired at this point," Ogilvy said. "I'm sure I'll be fresher tomorrow. But it turned out all right last year."

The quarterfinals was a duel of match play champions — Ogilvy at the Accenture, Casey Lee last September at the HSBC World Match Play Championship in England. They traded birdies in the early going until Casey got sloppy and Ogilvy broke away. Casey hit one shot so far left that he had to climb a locked cattle gate made of metal and barbed wire to get to his ball. Ogilvy ran off three straight birdies after the turn to pull away.

"Geoff can be quite aggressive,"

Casey said. "He's a fiery golfer, but he seemed to have a very good temperament out there. He doesn't give guys any holes. He keeps in play. I hope he goes on to win this thing."

Funk leads Mayakoba

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Fred Funk overcame back problems to shoot a 6-under 64 for a two-stroke lead over Argentina's Jose Cocheres after the third round of the Mayakoba Golf Classic, the first PGA Tour event in Mexico.

The 50-year-old Funk is trying to join Greg Stadler as the only players to win on the regular tour after winning a Champions Tour event. Funk's Champions victory came a month ago in Hawaii, when he won the Turtle Bay Golf Championship by 11 strokes.

Funk, who opened with a 62, had a 15-under 195 total. Cocheres shot a 65. Peter Lonard (67) and Cameron Beckman (69) were 10 under.

Doyle in front at ACE

NAPLES, Fla. — Allen Doyle shot a 5-under 67 in windy conditions to take the stroke lead over Bobby Wadkins and Champions Tour newcomer Mark O'Meara after the second round of the ACE Group Classic.

Prammanasudh wins Fields Open

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Stacy Prammanasudh shot a 4-under 68 to hold off Joe Young Lee by a stroke and complete a wire-to-wire victory in the Fields Open.

The 27-year-old Prammanasudh had five birdies and sealed her second LPGA Tour title by two-putting for par from 20 feet on No. 16 to finish at 14-under 202.

Lee closed with a bogey-free 68. Rookie Angela Park (71) was part of a three-way tie for third.

— The Associated Press

MLB: SPRING TRAINING



Biggio gears up to start chase for 3,000

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Craig Biggio's first love was football. He was a star running back in high school and only turned to baseball after slacking off in the classroom cost him a chance to earn a Division 1 football scholarship.

Back then, he never dreamed of becoming one of baseball's all-time greats. He just wanted to avoid injuries, last 10 years and earn a pension.

"You don't set personal goals," Biggio said. "You want to survive."

Two decades later, the 41-year-old Biggio is on the verge of joining one of baseball's elite clubs and securing his place in Cooperstown. He'll start his 20th season with the Houston Astros just 70 hits shy of becoming the 27th player to reach 3,000.

"It's not even the numbers anymore," Biggio said Friday. "It's the elite that you're having your name associated with in certain categories. That's overwhelming."

Biggio is Hall of Famers on several other career lists. He hit his 625th double June 4, passing Hank Aaron to move into ninth place.

"His next hit will move him past Rogers Hornsby and Jake Beckley into 30th."

His 2,709 games played ranks 25th, 21 behind Mel Ott. He has 10,359 at-bats ranks 16th, 68 behind Honus Wagner. "I think when you're done, you'll look back and say, 'I did some things well,'" Biggio said.

"You were a good role model for the team, a good role model for kids and you played the game the way it was supposed to be played."

A seven-time All-Star, Biggio played catcher in his first four seasons after he was drafted by the Astros out of Seton Hall.

He made his first All-Star game in 1991, but the Astros moved him to second base in 1992, a position he had never played. After he made the All-Star team again, ranking in the NLS top 10 in runs, walks and stolen bases.

Dice-K sharp in first batting practice

Daisuke Matsuzaka and Scott Kazmir faced hitters for the first time this spring, and just about everyone walked away impressed.

Matsuzaka threw batting practice for the Boston Red Sox on Saturday and was very sharp. Josh Beckett and Curt Schilling took the mound before him, but they might as well have been anonymous rookies. Every pitch was well-located for the Matsuzaka show.

"It's as advertised," Red Sox pitching coach John Farrell said in Fort Myers, Fla. "He really is."

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Kazmir faced five hitters for the first time since August and thought the session went well. Tampa Bay's All-Star left-hander missed the final six weeks of last season with an injury.

— The Associated Press

Now QBs Smith, Leak have to prove themselves all over again

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — For quarterbacks Troy Smith and Chris Leak, standing tall at the NFL combine is proving to be a big challenge.

With the Heisman Trophy safely tucked away in Ohio and the national championship trophy encased in Florida, the two quarterbacks who shared the grand stage at last month's title game are trying to prove the so-called experts wrong again.

Some critics contend Leak and Smith aren't tall enough to excel at the next level, a line that's followed them seemingly everywhere they've played. "You make it sound like being short is a disease or something," Smith said during the NFL's annual scouting combine. "I got to meet Drew Brees and he's a great guy and I understand why he has the success he's had — it's because he devotes himself to football."

The difference was that height had nothing to do with it. Smith, at 6-feet, and Leak, who is slightly shorter, now must convince the picky scouts who pore over tapes, times and measurements to make the right calls on draft weekend.

Sometimes they get things wrong. Jerry Rice was booed to go low. Barry Sanders too short and Tom Brady was knocked for his arm strength.

Throughout their careers, Smith and Leak

have routinely heard outsiders dismiss their smallish frames by saying they might be better suited at a different spot or given the non-descript position of "athlete."

Somewhat, they've always found a way to prove the detractors wrong.

Smith, who started his college career as a slash back and kickoff returner, established himself as the Buckeyes starter during his sophomore season. All he managed to do was become the second Ohio State quarterback to beat Michigan three times and the seventh Buckeye to bring home a Heisman Trophy. He threw for more than 4,700 yards and 46 touchdowns, 30 of them in 2006.

Leak was even more productive. The Gators starter since midyear through his freshman season, he finished his career with more than 11,000 yards passing, 88 touchdowns, and a national title.

"I think it speaks for itself," Leak said. "I think it reflects my hard work, my dedication to the team and the coaches to achieve that and become a national champion."

But in a world where every quarter-inch and extra pound is evaluated, past successes are not nearly enough. Smith checked in Friday at 6-feet, while Leak was a whisker shorter than that.

Duke lacrosse makes victorious return

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The players stood in an inflatable tunnel, waiting for their chance to run into the field. That's when Bob Carrington knew he couldn't keep pretending this was just another game.

Not with all those fans waiting to welcome back the Duke lacrosse program.

"It was one of those times in athletics that you only get a couple of," the junior said. "I was trying to talk to the younger guys and say, 'Take this in. This is amazing.'"

A season lost. Three players indicted for rape. Nearly a year of criticism for everyone associated with Duke lacrosse. On Saturday, for a few hours, it didn't seem to matter as much.

Playing their first game in 11 months, the blue Devils beat Dartmouth 17-11 in front of a big crowd cheering their every move. "It was a triumphant return after their season was canceled last spring amid the rape allegations that touched off a debate on sports, race, class and privilege at the elite university. And it was clear this



Duke's Michael Ward (9) celebrates his goal against Dartmouth during the game on Saturday in Durham, N.C., Saturday.

game was more than a game, from the steady stream of students who poured into Koskinen Stadium on a sunny February afternoon to the throng of reporters covering the event. "We hadn't been out there as a team playing like that in a while, and you almost forget what it feels like," senior midfielder Dan Oppeldiano said. "The big thing about today was

we're back on the field and having fun. And it couldn't have been more fun. It was unbelievable."

The crowd of 6,485 fans — a few hundred shy of the school record — seemed to rival that typically drawn by Duke's woe-filled football team. The fans packed the bleachers to support a team that until last year was lost in the shadows of Mike Krzyzewski's storied basketball team.

Duke tried to make the game special even if even bringing in that inflatable tunnel was a smoke machine for the players to make a grand entrance to the field.

Even the players — who said they were trying to be the game like any other earlier this week — seemed worked by all the attention as they ran out onto the field, jumped around and mobbed each other in a bouncing huddle.

"Just running through that tunnel and getting into that huddle before the game was just awesome," said senior attacker Matt Danowski, the son of first-year coach John Danowski.

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LADIES GAMES: Lena Hasby 187, Eda Huff 145, Camille Zach 141, Diane Schroeder 138.
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HASBY
 MEN'S SERIES: Nancy Bright 513, Phyllis Calton 453, Carol Rueter 435, Connie Benier 424.
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 MEN'S SERIES: Dik McCallister 715, Charlie Hill 655, Josh Kennedy 647, Art Wagner 639.
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BOYS' SERIES: Arik Wagner 466, Darren Butler 352, Dylon Sprank 268, Darren Butler 243.
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BOYS' GAMES: Zach Black 226, Tyler Black 212, Nicholas Parsons 199, Anthony West 183.
GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Allen 542, Ashley Nowak 372, Courtney Whites 325.
LADIES SERIES: Danielle Allen 193, Ashley Nowak 147, Courtney Whites 116.
MIXED FOLLIES
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 MEN'S GAMES: Jose Rodriguez 265, Rocky Bennett 243, John Bennett 238, Jose Simpson 222.
LADIES SERIES: Kay Puschel 611, Tammi Book 572, George Randall 532, Joelle Moses 532.
LADIES GAMES: Kay Puschel 243, Tammi Book 212, George Randall 198, Joelle Moses 193.
6-BROOM
 MEN'S SERIES: Dale Block 733, Byron Dizon 621, Tom Smith 614, Byron A. Hager 592.
 MEN'S GAMES: Kelly Jeroux 279, Dale Block 269, Tom Smith 236, Anthony Taylor 228.
LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 581, Tiffiny Hager 565, Ann Dean 543, Jean McGuire 537.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Reynolds 224, Tiffiny Hager 201, Ann Dean 193, Ann Shepherd 193.
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LADIES GAMES: Vicki King 203, Linda Cine 200, Marie Stewart 189, Bonnie Draper 185.
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GAMES: Jessie Biggsferst 213, Linda Stout 210, Gail Cedarlund 204, Linda Vining 194.
LATECOMERS
LADIES SERIES: Barb Adlett 549, Linda Vining 548, Diane Newton 534, Connie Spink 518.
LADIES GAMES: Barb Adlett 197, Diane Newton 194, Linda Vining 193, Betty Wartog 191.
CITY MIXED
 MEN'S SERIES: Mike Watchford 685, Ryan Shull 595, Mark Shull 552, Mike Star 525.
 MEN'S GAMES: Mike Watchford 258, Ryan Shull 223, Mark Shull 225, Mike Star 190.
LADIES SERIES: Julie Waters 574, Crystal Shull 481, Argie Hillman 480.
LADIES GAMES: Julie Waters 212, Argie Hillman 173, Crystal Shull 170.
CONSOLIDATED
 SERIES: Cory Moore 730, Rick Fredrickson 698, Lynn Ball 681, Daniel Wade 676.
GAMES: Lynn Ball 238, Cory Moore 237, Mark Briske 259, Dale Block 239.
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 MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 627, Eddie Chappell 612, Ken Hodges 547, Bill Freeman 544, Duke Simpson 545.
 MEN'S GAMES: Eddie Chappell 248, Myron Schroeder 239, Victor Hodges 214, Roy LaPointe 209.
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 SERIES: Angie Williams 602, Julie Waters 595, Tiffiny Hager 593, Jonette Johnson 592.
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 SERIES: Mino Jung 558, Anne Lynch 530, Barb Reynolds 529, Larie Hush 524.
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 MEN'S SERIES: Max Darnes 611, Blaine Ross 579, Bud Whismore 561, Ed Dufry 557.
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LADIES SERIES: Pat Grass 553, Jean Stoussberry 540, Dot Van Hook 527, Virginia Mulkey 525.
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Stokesberry 187, Dot Van Hook 186, V. Crosslaw 186.
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 MEN'S SERIES: Charles Lewis 636, Robbie Manfred 620, Fi Miranda 570, Joel Johnston 568.
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LADIES SERIES: Gail Cedarlund 549, Joyce Parks 511, Tonia Colins 504, Edie Barkley 488.
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FRI, EARLY MIXED
 MEN'S SERIES: Gerald Lois 632, Bioghe Thompson 586, Norm Hatke 581, Mike Goodson 569.
 MEN'S GAMES: Mike Goodson 224, Norm Hatke 216, Gerald Lois 216, Dewe Floke 215.
LADIES SERIES: Bobbin Thompson 537, Gail Cedarlund 525, Keni Hatke 515, Julie Capuro 510.
LADIES GAMES: Bobbin Thompson 201, Gail Cedarlund 200, Cindy Courtnay 182, Missy Strub 180.
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ODDBALL
 SERIES: Tom Albert 515, Sharon Hayden 510, Bert Weddinger 492, Jan Studer 483.
GAMES: Sharon Hayden 231, Pat Hicks 192, Tom Albert 186, Teresa Weddinger 181.
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GAMES: Alicia Bywater 194, Donna Oliver 181, Bobbi Crow 180, Clance Leslie 174.
CLASSIC TRIPS
 SERIES: Bob Bywater 946, Justin Studer 925, Brad Hill 882, Marty Holland 879.
GAMES: Bob Bywater 266, Russ Taylor 222, Del Anderson 253, Justin Studer 248.
MONDAY MARAUDERS
 SERIES: Brenda Schenk 612, Kristie Johnson 536, Lon Parish 477, Deryn Smith 472.
GAMES: Kristie Johnson 233, Brenda Schenk 222, Lon Parish 193, Pat Hicks 178.
TUESDAY MIXED
GAMES: Bob Bywater 649, Gene Smith 641, Evan Turley 603, Theresa Knowlton 572, Gino Rowley 529, Linda Stark 444.
GAMES: Bob Bywater 233, Evan Turley 231, Gene Smith 223, Theresa Knowlton 243, Gino Rowley 201, Diane Adamsy 197, Sharon McCallister 191.
WED MIXED
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GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 247, Jordan Parish 232, Gabon Rogers 224, Annette Hirsch 168, Georgia Schultz 167, Jon Holland 162.
FACULTY
 SERIES: John Ebers 530, Tim Fisher 426, Jay Elers 424, Carol Payne 477, Annette Ebers 469, Nanette Ebers 341.

GAMES: John Ebers 204, Tim Fisher 188, Jay Elers 159, Annette Ebers 184, Carol Payne 175, Nanette Ebers 132.
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 SERIES: Missy Stuart 533, Lisa Hutchinson 502, Sharon Rahe 487, Kristie Johnson 481.
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GAMES: Garrett Anderson 268, Dale Amen 233, Andrew Morgan 176, Amanda Studer 167, Bridget Allcottson 176, Caitlin Schaler 103.
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 SERIES: Quentin Roberts 318, Joe Fisher 245, Scott McEwry 48, Courtney Yoshida 166, Chancy Knopp 410, Kira Hieb 370.
GAMES: Quentin Roberts 116, Joe Fisher 101, Scott McEwry 48, Courtney Yoshida 166, Chancy Knopp 154, Kira Hieb 149.
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 SERIES: Jacob Hall 95, Alex Durall 86, Megan Hall 155, Tiana Ignac 119, Ashli Hall 110.
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GAMES: Dale Amen 233, Mark Studer 222, Brody Albertson 209, Amanda Studer 167, Lakh Maier 164, Lucy King 153.
BURLEY BOWLING
 SERIES: John Peterson 456, Rogan Goehner 435, Casey Lindsay 432, Anna Ross 520, Amanda Roy 459, Breanna Pace 388.
GAMES: Rogan Goehner 180, John Peterson 152, Anna Ross 152, Amanda Roy 156, Breanna Pace 166.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING

Planet Cheer takes first at Nampa meet

TWIN FALLS — The Planet Cheer first-place cheerleading squad of Twin Falls took home three first-place honors at the Idaho Cheer and Dance Exposition on Feb. 3 in Nampa.
 Planet Cheer's mini, youth and senior squads all placed first, while the tiny squad finished second, a mere point behind the first-place team.
 Individually, Savannah Fitzgerald took first in the tiny division for best routine, while Planet Fitzgerald was third in the youth division. Aspen Butler and Leeds Bingham took fourth in the youth category for duo best routine. In jumps, Fitzgerald, Bingham, Brind Budd and Emily Gould took first in their respective divisions, while Carly Lutz took second in the youth division and Haylie Grant was third in the mini division. Mykko Freeman was second in the senior division.
 Individually, Budd placed first. Next up for Planet Cheer is the Utah "Jazz It Up" Cheer Competition Feb. 24. For more information about the program, call 735-1270.



Youth Squad

TOP LEFT: Pictured, from left, front row: Alexis Bingham, Jane Petruzzelli, Alex Ortega, Ashley McClure and Baylee Young; second row: McKenna Knopp, Emiko Freeman, Carli Lutz, Royce Moreno; back row: Taylor Simpson, Brooke Fitzgerald, Alex Macias, Tucker Strensen, Eva Le and Aspen Butler.

Mini Squad

TOP RIGHT: Pictured, from left, front row: Sumner McKelvey, Klyanna Cox, Charlee Zell, Breanna Barker, Haylie Grant, Savannah Fitzgerald and Izzy Swanson; middle row: Kylene Stevenson, Brittainy Couch and Cayna Hopkins; back row: Ashley Long, Teri Huanaka, Olivia Brown, Autumn Ederog, Megan McMillan, Adrian Burdick and Yanika Dezord.

Tiny Squad

BOTTOM LEFT: Pictured, from left, Jane Petruzzelli (standing), Kennel Jones, Jaylee Bingham, Shelly Venzona, Chantal Chandler and Ayanna Moreno.

Senior Squad

BOTTOM RIGHT: Pictured, from left, front row: Mykko Freeman, Lisa Boyles and Kayla Loveland; second row: Emily Gould, Ryley Hazzan, Brind Budd, Meagan Hunsaker, Kandice Johnson and Emiko Freeman; back row: Carli Lutz, Karianna Martin and Braden Brown.

Canadian Cool

Vancouver boasts great weather, terrific scenery and a young, cosmopolitan population reminiscent of an earlier San Francisco

By Tom Uhlbrock
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA—Three young ladies in minimal dresses with maximum cleavage were not happy with their back corner table in the Elxir bistro in Vancouver's fashionable Yaletown area.

"They wanted to sit at the same table Pamela Anderson sat at," said maitre d' Mikel Kanter, who complied with their wishes and led the entourage to the center table. "Looked like Yaletown-a-go-go," he said a bit later.

Over cocktails and an appetizer of french-fried olives stuffed with anchovies, Pamela Groberman, who represents the sleek restaurant on the ground floor of the equally chic Opus Hotel, confirmed that the other fam did, indeed, visit the restaurant during her frequent trips back to her hometown.

"She's from Ladysmith on Vancouver Island," Groberman said of the TV starlet and gossip-show fixture who recently filed for divorce from Kid Rock, her very new husband. "I used to play volleyball with her on the beach. She was cute and sweet. Still is. She just likes bad boys."

Outside the restaurant's windows, the streets of Yaletown, a former warehouse district, were coming to life as the young and restless prowled the several blocks of bars, cafes, restaurants and coffee shops on every corner.

This town is cranked on coffee.

The Province, a local newspaper, had a column of "You know you're from Vancouver when ..." quips. No. 1 on the list was: "You know more than 10 ways to order coffee."

Perched near the Pacific on the southwest corner of Canada, Vancouver brings to mind the San Francisco of 30 or so years ago with a young, cosmopolitan population and renovated neighborhoods such as Yaletown springing up throughout the city. There's Gastown, Coal Harbour, West End, South Granville, False Creek, South Main, Kitsilano and more. One guide to the city described the former hippie enclave of Kitsilano as "a comfortable, liberal paradise of well-heeled vegetarians."

"There are 68 restaurants in Yaletown," said maitre d' Kanter, tickling off the names of the ones that served "serious" food. He also offered that the term "Skid Row" was coined just outside the window for the looting skids that led to the water in earlier times. Skid Row, of course, became a term for the down and out, and there's nothing down and out about Vancouver these days.

This town is cool, and not just because it claims the best weather in Canada.

The city is named for a British sea captain, George Vancouver, who spent one day here in 1792. The Hudson Bay Co. set up the first permanent non-native settlement in 1827, and it still buzzes trading from a location in the downtown core. In another bit of local lore, the Gastown area of cobblestoned streets and a famous hissing steam clock is named for a talkative fellow nicknamed "Gassy Jack," who opened a saloon for forestry workers in 1867.

Despite its scenic setting on the Coast Mountain range, on the doorstep to adventure in the wilds of Alaska and British Columbia, Vancouver wasn't really discovered by the rest of the planet until Expo '86, the last world's fair in North America. Twenty-five million people attended during its six-month run, including Prince Charles, Princess Diana, Bob Hope, Bill Cosby, Mikhail Baryshnikov and Jacques Cousteau.

Pricey housing

I got an impromptu local history lesson from a lesser luminary, a cab driver named Malkiat, who came to Vancouver from India in 1981.

"It used to be people came here to go to the jungles and cut the trees," he said. "Then, in '86, with the Expo, a lot of people saw that Vancouver has it all — mountain, oceans, best weather. Foreigners from all over the world starting coming. Rich, rich people. Poor people can't afford to live in Vancouver anymore."

"I bought my taxi license in 1984 for \$45,000. Now, it's \$600,000 for a taxi license."

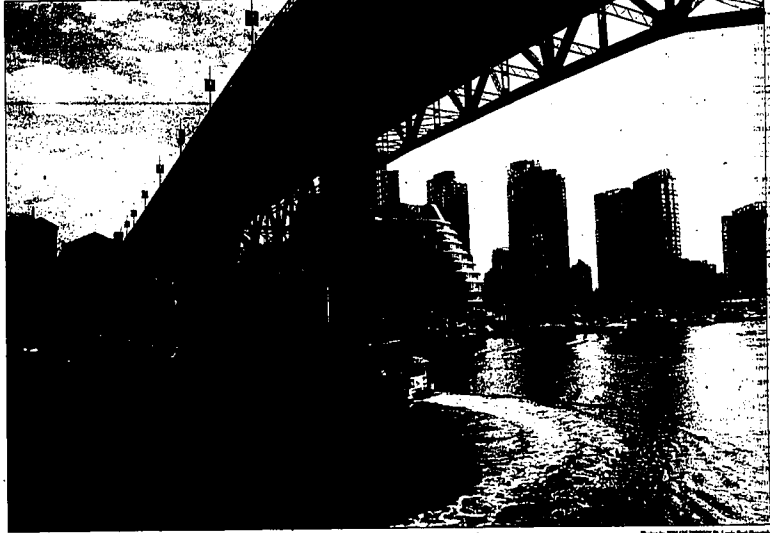
What Vancouver doesn't have is freeways, which means its city streets are crowded, and getting more so each year. Visitors are best advised to let Malkiat and the taxi corps do the driving.

This area of British Columbia's West Coast is known as Lotusland, both for its temperate climate and Asian connections, which began with an influx of people from South China more than a century ago and now includes every Asian nationality. Asian restaurants almost outnumber the Starbucks outlets. You can walk the streets and find Vietnamese pho, Northern Chinese dim sum, Japanese yakitori and Singaporean curries. Oh yeah, endless sushi, too.

Vancouver now is the most expensive city to live in throughout Canada, with the average sale price of a home at \$520,686, up 18.3 percent from a year ago. And some 35 percent of its 582,045 residents are in the home-buying years of 25 to 45, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association.

"You know you're in Vancouver when ... You make over \$250,000 a year and still can't afford a home."

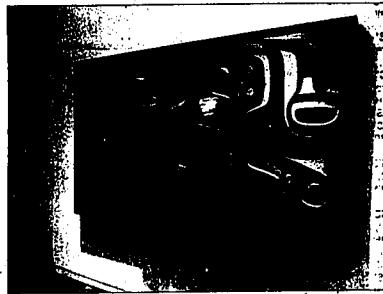
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Aquabuses putter from downtown Vancouver, under the Granville Bridge, to the shops, galleries and market on Granville Island.



Totem poles fill the Great Hall at the Museum of Anthropology on the campus of the University of British Columbia.



A work by Haida artist Bill Davidson hangs in the Vancouver Art Gallery.

If you go: Vancouver, B.C. ...

Opus Hotel: The hotel has 96 rooms, the bistro Elxir and the Opus Bar. It was voted one of the world's top 100 hotels by readers of Condé Nast Traveler magazine. 1-866-642-8787, www.opushotel.com.

Museum of Anthropology: At 6393 Northwest Marine Drive, 1-604-822-5087 and www.moa.ubc.ca. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, \$5 and under free.

Capilano Suspension Bridge: At 3735 Capilano Road, 1-604-985-7474 and www.capilano.com.

Vancouver Art Gallery: At 750 Homby Street, 1-604-662-4719 and www.vanartgallery.com.

More info: The Greater Vancouver Convention and Visitors Bureau is at 1-604-682-2222 and www.tourismvancouver.com.



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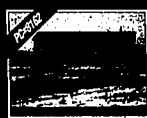
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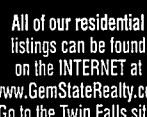
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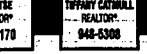
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Dear Mr. Wolff: It is nice to see in your column that there is a place for honor tricks in the 21st century. My father and I have used them successfully since the days of Ely Culbertson. Would you open hands with a bare two-and-a-half honor tricks?

Milton Wolff, North Brookfield, Mass.

ANSWER: You raise an excellent point, and I'm sorry to say that I agree entirely with your partner. After the redouble, both sides start head-hunting. That means doubles are for penalties. With a takeout hand like yours, you either pass and sit for partner's double, or you introduce your major at your next turn. Equally, partner only doubles with clubs; otherwise, she bids suits up the line.

Dear Mr. Wolff: With seven hearts to the K-Q-J, how should you respond to a two-club opening? Do you make a negative bid first and then bid or jump in hearts, or bid the suit and pretend you have a four-five?

Hearty Fare, Marion, Iowa

Dear Mr. Wolff: With ♠ Q-7-3-2, ♥ Q-2, ♦ J-9-3, ♣ A-K-Q-10, I opened one club and heard a one-heart response. I chose to rebid one no-trump, and we played there, going down when spades could have made eight tricks. Must one always bid spades here, or can one exercise discretion?

Hog Wild, San Francisco, Calif.

ANSWER: Responding to two clubs is an art, not a science. Show a positive with a suit you do not want to conceal, or with a hand strong enough that you need to let partner know at once. Bidding then jumping in a solid or semiflush suit suggests locking in that suit as trumps. Partner can bid Blackwood or the Grand Slam Force to find out precisely how good the suit is.

ANSWER: This is not the time to head for no-trump when you are holding spades and good clubs. Wouldn't you be happy for partner to give preference in clubs — or even to raise spades with four? By contrast, make the diamonds strong and the clubs much weaker and I would have more sympathy with a no-trump call.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Do the experts ever make silly mistakes like failing to count trumps? Or losing track of a key suit card? How can you avoid your concentration to focus on these things?

Sally Bitts, Albuquerque, N.M.

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Tal and Trouble, Panama City, Fla.

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A way to grieve



Christa Anderson lost her 17-year-old daughter and 1-year-old granddaughter in a car accident in 2003. Now she volunteers her time with a program that helps pregnant teens, and she tries to spread the word about organ donation.

Jerome woman offers counseling, organ donation awareness

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

JEROME — The anniversary of a tragedy is often a time to revisit grief, to mourn those who were lost. But a year after Christa Anderson lost her 17-year-old daughter and 11-month-old granddaughter in a 2003 car wreck, she decided to make the occasion a time of remembrance and gratitude.

"I didn't want the anniversary of their deaths to be a sad time," Christa said, smiling despite eyes filled with tears. With her other children, she made heart-shaped baskets from brown paper, filled them with candy and chocolate kisses, and delivered them to the firefighters, paramedics, doctors, nurses and police officers who had cared for the girls. "They would say to me, we've never been thanked like this," Christa said. "It made me feel good to let them know I was grateful for their service, every day."

Christa has also turned to serving others through volunteer work with an agency that helped her daughter before the wreck. "Aundry became pregnant when she was only 15 years old," Christa said. "That was like, what are we going to do?"

On their bishop's advice, Christa and Aundry turned to LDS Family Services for advice and counseling. "We were hooked from then on," Christa said. "There are volunteers there that are so supportive and loving, no matter what decision you make."

A week before giving birth, Aundry decided to keep the baby, whom she named Gabriel.

"I think Aundry and Gabriel were bosom buddies, they were bosom spir-its," Christa said. "The instant she had Gabby, she was a mom."

The crash
On Aug. 31, 2003, the car Aundry was driving turned onto U.S. Highway 30 off 2300 East in Filer, directly into the path of Filer police officer Robert Biggles, who was not seriously injured in the collision. The 17-year-old died on the scene, and 11-month-old Gabby was revived by

Pregnancy counseling

LDS Family Services offers counseling and support to unwed mothers and their families. It meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1418 Fillmore St., Twin Falls. LDS Family Services can be reached at 731-5352.

Gift of life

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emergency responders before being taken to the hospital in Twin Falls and then to a hospital in Boise. The infant, paralyzed from the neck down, died there after a week of treatment and care that Christa is quietly grateful for.

"It's my greatest dream just to go to the hospital and sit and read to the children," Christa said, though she worries that her wish might not be well-received by patients' parents or hospital staff. "I want to give back in some way. It seems so little after all we've been given."

Paying it forward

Christa, with encouragement from church elders, now volunteers regularly with the LDS counseling center, advising unwed mothers and their parents.

"She's been able to touch and reach people, what others may not have been able to do," said Leon Leavitt, stake president for the LDS church in Jerome from 1997 to 2006. "How can you help somebody if you haven't gone through it yourself?"

Leavitt said Christa's willingness to share her experience as the mother of a pregnant girl has been invaluable to others, and her cheerful attitude makes her an ideal volunteer.

"She reminds me of Alka-Seltzer," Leavitt said. "She just bubbles and glows."

Christa said Aundry's pregnancy, as well as her death, gave her a new perspective.

"We tend to judge people, and I've learned not to be judgmental," Christa said. "It's not the end of the world, it's going to be OK."

That judgment, she said, hits both pregnant girls and their parents. "You feel bad, you doubt your choice, or if you're a parent you feel guilty," she said. "We're going through our own challenges, and fears and feelings of inadequacy."

So every Tuesday evening, Christa offers her advice and experience at LDS Family Services to families in the situation she faced six years ago. She sees the counseling as a way to return the comfort she was given, even though it can bring up difficult memories.

"There are times that I go and share. And I think, that is painful but it is rewarding," she said. "Sometimes we're givers and sometimes we're receivers, and both ways we grow."

Her other wish

When Gabby died after a week at a Boise hospital, an organ transplant coordinator approached Christa and asked whether the family would be willing to donate Gabby's heart valves.

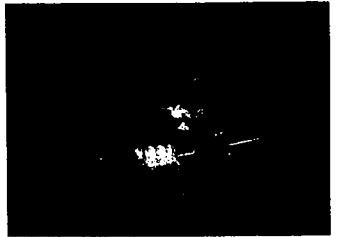
Oddly, a few days before the wreck Aundry had expressed an interest in donation, Christa said. After consulting with Gabby's father, to whom Aundry had not been married, she agreed.

Although confidentiality prevents recipients and donors from contacting each other, Christa knows Gabby's heart valves helped at least one other child. "We can all make a difference to one another, in living or in death," said Christa, who was disappointed not to find an organ donation awareness program in Magic Valley. Still, she tells people about the benefits of organ donation.

"So few people think about it or are aware of it, and the idea to a lot of people is gross," Christa said. "But I think what better thing can you give to people than the gift of life?"

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CHILDHOOD OBESITY



Bleep curls are part of 11-year-old Nate Bleszinski's new workout routine. Nate, who lives in Glastonbury, Conn., is trying to become more fit through exercise and good nutrition. He will often do extra curls and sit-ups, even when he has already reached the required number.

For healthy habits, it's best to start young

By Kathleen Megan
The Hartford Courant

Nate Bleszinski tried to grab three cookies every time he passed the kitchen cabinets. At McDonald's, he'd order a quarter-pounder with cheese and a six-piece chicken-mignonnet meal. On pizza night, he might have four or five slices. He loved Cheese Nips and bagels, and when his mother, Marianne, cooked a well-balanced meal of chicken, rice and veggies, he'd eat mostly rice — and lots of it.

"I didn't think about it," says Nate, an 11-year-old from Glastonbury, Conn. And although many kids can eat this way and stay thin, Nate can't. As he got older, he began to talk about losing weight. He plays hockey, and he knew he could improve if he could skate a little faster.

Nate's mother says that last fall, "all of a sudden he was looking a little heavier, and we thought: What are we going to do?"

It was important for him to learn healthy eating habits now, she says.

"He has cousins who look just like him. If genetics are there, he can either give in or fight it."

Nate's family knew they would need help to stay on track. They went to Dimmocking Dinners in Glastonbury, where they have been working with co-owner Bria Anderson. Companies and programs devoted to weight loss and

"One of the things we've learned is that it doesn't do a lot of good to talk about weight, and it doesn't do a lot of good to beat up kids about it."

—Margaret Grey, dean of the Yale School of Nursing

healthy eating are seeing more children and teenagers enrolling.

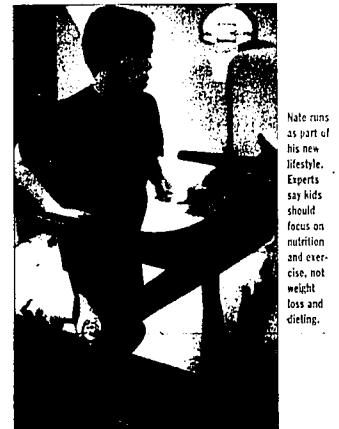
Mariane Galligan, a weight watchers leader in Connecticut's New Haven and Middlesex counties, says she's seen more children coming in, some as young as 10 or 11. And although it used to be parents who brought the issue, now it's often the kids' idea.

"Maybe it's because the education is out there more kids are saying, 'I could do this something.' I could do this," she says.

Experts say that for children the emphasis should be on learning more healthy eating habits, not losing weight or dieting.

"We don't want children to be preoccupied with weight," says Dr. Kelly Broganelli, director of the Child Center for Food Policy & Obesity at Yale.

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Nate runs as part of his new lifestyle. Experts say kids should focus on nutrition and exercise, not weight loss and dieting.

Hey, you're breaking up on me! Parting ways in the digital age

By January W. Payne
The Washington Post

Jason Sherman, 25, admits he sometimes finds it hard to say what he means: He once broke up with a girlfriend by text messaging her on his cellphone, and he says he has used e-mail to deliver similar news to other women.

"I'm one of those people that it's hard to speak (my) mind in person," said Sherman, of Independence, Mo. "It's a lot easier to say how I feel (electronically). You can get more out, and you don't have to worry about somebody yelling in your face."

Sherman is part of a changing dating world where singles can avoid direct confrontation by crafting the

traditional "Dear John/Jane" letter using advanced technology. Even pop star Britney Spears reportedly broke up with her soon-to-be-ex-husband Kevin Federline via a text message sent to his cellphone — a message he read while tapping an interview for a Canadian television show in November.

It's no longer unusual to deliver

uncomfortable news by text message, instant message or e-mail and, increasingly, through social networking sites. MySpace and Facebook, among other sites, allow users to post public comments on one another's profile pages — including some very private, and sometimes confrontational, messages. An October survey commissioned by Samsung

Telecommunications America reported that about 11 percent of Americans say breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend via text message is OK.

Singles can also break up with a partner by means of a prerecorded voice-mail message, set up a special

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FAMILY LIFE

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Monday: Taco salad bar, dessert
Tuesday: Soup, salad, vegetables, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, Waldorf salad, bread, birthday cake, ice cream
Thursday: Swedish meatballs and noodles, vegetables, fruit salad, bread, dessert
Friday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, Jell-O salad, bread, dessert

Activities:
Monday: Monday bridge
Tuesday: Exercise class
Blood pressure
Tax assistance
Wednesday: Elks Card Club
Quitting
Thursday: Exercise class
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tax assistance
Friday: Blood pressure
Quitting
Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

Menus:
Tuesday: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Hamburger, potato salad, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken strips, fries, onion rings, salad, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Lasagna, green salad, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60 and \$3 for children 12 and under
Monday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal-time.
Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, cotswald, cakes
Wednesday: Soup and salad
Thursday: Baked trout or chicken breast, french fries, green peas, tossed salad, fruit, cookies

Activities:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Games, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Just ducky: A pottery class for kids in March

Times-News
TWIN FALLS — A story time and pottery painting event for children ages 2 to 5 will be held from 11 a.m. to noon March 6 at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N.
Participants will read "Elmo's Ducky Day" together, have a snack and complete a painting project that corresponds to the story. Parent participation is required.
Cost is \$10. Registration deadline is Thursday. To register, call 736-2265 or stop by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menus:
Monday: Salisbury steak, french fries, country mix vegetables, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread, tapiocha pudding
Wednesday: Baked potatoes, chili, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp
Thursday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, fries, peas, fruit salad, applesauce cake
Friday: Pork roast, potatoes and gravy, creamed corn, fruit medley, lemon pie

Activities:
Monday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle and bingo, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m.
John and Dick entertaining Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 a.m.
Old Time Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
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.
Menus:
Monday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, eclairs
Wednesday: Pizza, mixed vegetables, cake
Friday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, apple dessert

Activities:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
At-A-Non meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 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.
Gem State Fiddlers
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Monday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, birthday cake, ice cream
Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, ham sandwich, apple pie

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave., Gooding

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menus:
Monday: Baked trout, potato wedges, baked squash, cotswald, muffins, cookies
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff over rice, creamed peas and carrots, penny carrot salad,

french bread, pudding
Wednesday: Chicken fettuccine Alfredo, noodles, broccoli spears, cottage cheese with pineapple, biscuits, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, mushroom gravy, cauliflower, three-bean salad, rolls, peach cobbler
Friday: Soup and salad

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Music with June Koonce Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Menus:
Monday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Deli wraps, hot potato wedges, salad, vegetables, fruit, bread pudding
Friday: Ham and beans, salad, vegetables, fruit, corn bread, dessert

Activities:
Wednesday: Tax assistance with Bob Wunderle every Wednesday through mid-April

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Tuesday: Liver and onions, fried potatoes, peas and carrots, pear salad, cookies
Wednesday: Vegetable soup, roast beef sandwich, butter-scotch cream pie
Friday: Baked potato bar with chili, Jell-O with fruit

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menus:
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, spinach salad, Harvard beef, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Hot barbecue pork sandwiches, potato salad, cotswald, corn, banana cake
Thursday: Fried chicken or fish, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, deviled eggs, baked beans, relish tray, peach pie
Friday: Fried chicken or fish, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, deviled eggs, baked beans, relish tray, peach pie

Activities:
Monday: Shopping in Jerome, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.

Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Yoga, 5:45 p.m.
Thursday: Massage therapy, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise at American Legion Hall (Ketchum), 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Board games, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Sing-a-long, 11:45 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, parsley whole potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, whole wheat bread
Wednesday: Scalloped chicken and noodles, green beans, glazed carrots, Jell-O with fruit, corn bread

Activities:
Monday: Tax assistance, 1 to 4 p.m.
Saturday: Tax assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for 10:59-53 for 60 and above and \$2 for children under 10.

Menus:
Tuesday: Baked potato bar with chili, bread, salad, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, dessert
Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, bread, dessert

Activities:
Quitting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos and visiting available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday: Representatives from Sen. Craig's office and SHIBA available to answer questions

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden

Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors and \$5 for non-seniors. 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.

Menus:
Tuesday: Ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, cotswald, fruit, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Meatballs, hash brown casserole, peas, cotswald, fruit

Midlaska 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.

Menus:
Monday: Pork chops, potato casserole, vegetables, assorted salads, rolls, fruit bowl
Tuesday: French dip sandwich, fries, vegetables, salad, tapiocha pudding
Wednesday: Barbecue ribs, baked beans, corn bread, salad, ice cream
Thursday: Philly sandwich, fries, vegetables, salad, sherbet
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.

Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tax aid, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; call 436-9107 for appointment
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.

SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwideman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 878-0727 for appointments
Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Friday: Medication assistance by pharmacists, 11 a.m. to noon

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menus:
Monday: Chicken enchiladas, rice, Mexi-Call corn, fruit cup, pudding
Tuesday: Chili, salad, cinnamon roll, peaches with ice cream
Wednesday: Taco salad, fruit salad, cookies
Thursday: Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, bread, cottage cheese with peas, apricot crisp
Friday: Fish burgers, fries, squash, red fruit Jell-O, chocolate cake

Activities:
Monday: Tax help, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Kids activities, 4 to 6 p.m.
Adult activities, 7 to 9 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

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It starts at \$24.95 at www.familylabels.com, or call 800-935-3864.

Suburban moms forge bonds over bunco

By Michael Alison Chandler
The Washington Post

During the week, they lead sales and marketing teams, reach middle school math, tend elderly parents or foster children. They go to soccer games and swim meets, drive the carpool and run the PTA and the Daisy troop.

But one Friday night a month, these mothers pack a bottle of wine and a \$5 bill, drive past the neighborhood pool and cul-de-sacs of an Alexandria subdivision, and let themselves into a friend's house for bunco night.

Their mothers had bridge. Today's moms have a dice game called bunco.

Sometimes referred to as the housewife's drinking game, it's a ritual in this neighborhood that begins with a dozen women weathering the storm of child-rearing while gathered around a kitchen island over seven-liter duds in a gold night, it ends with a cash prize.

The game's early players were hucksters in gold rush towns. These days, bunco is popular among suburban mothers.

About 21 million women play regularly, according to a study by Procter & Gamble, which sponsored the first World Bunco Championship tournament in Las Vegas last year. The event was nationally televised and offered a \$50,000 grand prize. The second world championship is scheduled for late March, again in Vegas.

But most moms don't play bunco for the competition. "For me, it's moms night out but not leaving the neighborhood," said Kathy Lehner, a charter member of a bunco group in the Mount Vernon part of Alexandria. Lehner was formerly chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., and was accustomed to the social barge of Capitol Hill, with its happy hours and political receptions.

Now, she stays home with her daughters, 9 and 12, and



Nancy Knoblauch, left, and Jeanne O'Hara, who always wears dangly dice earrings, are among a group of suburban mothers who gather to play bunco monthly in Alexandria, Va.

"This is one thing women can do and just let it all hang out."

— Leslie Crouch, founder and president of the World Bunco Association

spends her nights and weekends running PTA or Scout meetings or shutting her daughters to dance classes and church choir and swimming practices. It's hard to find time for friends, she said, but bunco is easy.

There are 12 regular players (along with a long roster of substitutes) in her group, mostly friends from the neighborhood pool or their children's schools. Each is required to host a game once a year, but the rest of the time, they just need to show up. There's no dress code, though Jeanne O'Hara always wears her dangly dice earrings, and little thinking is required. "This is one thing women can do and just let it all hang out," said Leslie Crouch, founder and president of the World Bunco Association, founded in 1996.

The association created the first bunco game box set and

an online network.

By 8:30 on a Friday night in Mount Vernon, five bottles of wine had been uncorked at Cindy Langans's house, and the ladies played into tables of four.

Players take turns rolling three dice in a series of rounds. In the first round, they get points if they roll ones. In the second round, they get points if they roll twos, and so on. If they roll three-of-a-kind in the same numbered round — for example, three fours in round four — that's bunco, and they get extra points. There is no strategy, no skill, no thinking required. The person with the most points at the end of the night usually takes home a prize.

Sometimes bunco is quiet. A clink of bracelets as the dice are shaken, the thump of the roll.

Most of the time in Mount

Vernon, bunco is loud, with four-stomping, swearing, growling digs slung at underperforming partners and soprano-pitched cheers for high rollers. When the minutes last round, the game player inevitably hollers "Bing The Bell!" to restart the game.

Between games, the friends took an extended break to refill glasses and gab, about the art of apologizing to their teens and the merits of taking away car or cellphone privileges.

"You can't find them," said Jennifer Henningway, a project manager for a defense company. "It only punishes me." By the third and final game, midnight was approaching, and some players had switched to coffee or Diet Coke.

When the buncos were counted and the cash prizes distributed, Lori, who always with the dice, pencils and dinner bell for the next month's game.

"OK, I've got my energy," she said of the evening's restorative powers. "I can keep going, because I can see them in another month."

Young

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University. Instead, he says, the emphasis should be on "health and vitality."

"Focus on their ability to do what they want in life," he says. So, for example, if a child wants to do a sport or wants to do better in school or have more fun playing with their friends, all of these things are important."

Margaret Grey, dean of the Yale School of Nursing, agrees.

"One of the things we've learned is that it doesn't do a lot of good to talk about weight, and it doesn't do a lot of good to beat up kids about it."

As part of a New Haven middle-school program that addresses nutrition and health, Grey says, "we talk a lot about having energy to do all the things you want to do, being able to fit into fashionable clothes. Talking about the health scare doesn't do any good with kids."

Often, though, it is the health scare that gets parents' attention. Rene, a mother of four in Farmington, Conn., who asked that her last name not be used, says she worries because she watched her overweight mother struggle with her weight. "One of her sons, Chris, 16, and Pat, 14, use their weight to some advantage on a football field, but both felt they weighed too much. They tried Weight Watchers but didn't like the weekly weigh-ins and complained that they were always hungry. Then they contacted Pam Oliver, owner of Body Transformers in Rocky Hill, Conn. On a recent Sunday, the boys sat with Oliver in their living room.

"I've given you a lot of cereal, and it's quick and easy, but this week what I'd like to do is to put in more protein," Oliver told the boys. Oliver designed individual meal plans for Chris, Pat and Rene — who also wished to lose weight — with similar dinners that allowed for individual preferences.

Experts say that, for children to lose weight, it has to be a family endeavor. "With their busy schedules, Rene said her family too often relied on quick but calorie-heavy meals such as pasta or chicken nuggets and fries for dinner. Now they have more healthful meals, including low-fat quesadillas, turkey burgers and chicken strips with Shake 'n Bake.

"Do you like banana and (low-fat) pudding?" Oliver asks.

"Yeah," Pat answers, "but I also like yogurt."

"Perfect," Oliver says. "If you say you can't have it, they will find it more." Oliver says she craves to include favorite foods "balancing" the rest of the diet.

Oliver encourages them to look at the scale but to develop healthful habits and the trimmer body will follow. Since the program began in November, the boys say they've each lost about 10 pounds while Rene has lost 20.

Similarly, Nate has done very well working with Anderson at Diminishing Dimensions. As part of her program, Anderson has a notebook full of kid-friendly explanations of proper nutrition, exercise and food labels and has written homework to help reinforce lessons.

But he started the program about two months ago. Nate hasn't been to McDonald's and he's eating low-fat high-protein soy crops instead of chips, low-fat turkey weights, broccoli, salmon, whole wheat pasta and other healthful options. His mother packs him a lunch, and when he doesn't have hockey, he lifts weights under the guidance of an exercise specialist.

He spends a little time on a treadmill. The extra exercise isn't always easy, because sometimes he'd rather be out playing with his friends, but he says it's worth it. He's lost about 12 pounds.

"I feel like a stronger person and I feel a lot better," Nate says. "After I work out, I feel like, 'Oh, good job!' or I feel like a really good choice, like instead of having something unhealthy, I have a banana or something."

With their busy schedules,

also offers a female voice declaring a much harsher, meaner ending to the relationship.

The Web site allows you to enter your partner's e-mail address and have the pre-recorded message delivered, as an audio attachment to him or her.

"We really don't know how many are actually using the breakup service to actually end relationships," Goldblatt said.

"And if they are, you have to question what kind of relationship it actually was. We caution people to think before they hit it and to take people's feelings into account."

www.breakupstocastody.com

Screen numbers and rescue calls

Set up an alternate phone number that routes calls to your voice mail or your regular phone number.

If you decide you're not interested in the person calling the alternate number, cancel it.

Available — sometimes free, or for a small monthly fee — through a variety of service providers.

Also useful in the dating scene are so-called rescuing calls, which allow you to schedule a pre-recorded call to your cellphone at a predetermined time — perhaps in the middle of dinner — so you can make a quick getaway if the date isn't going well.

Instructions provided on the recording typically walk you through how to comfortably excuse yourself from the date.

Call screening: www.screennumber.com. Rescue ring services: www.clingring.com/voiceline (called Instant Allib). www.virginmobileusa.com.

A company called Modinat offers "fax calls" and "fax numbers," available for \$499 subscribers to all major cellphone services: www.mobilefaxer.com.

Cajoling for canines

Dear Daddy, I love you. What I really wanted was a cute little puppy. It will be black with white spots. And it will have soft and short fur. And it will have a very furry bed next to my bed. I will take it on walks, feed it, and put it in my every night and every day. I will walk in the meadow, to the forest and around the house. The reason I want this for my birthday because it's so cute. Do you want me to have a puppy for my birthday? Would you want me to give a glow in the dark watch for you? The puppy's name could be Roger, Annie, Sweetieps, Alex, Flora, Hannah, Elmo, or Sandy. Do you think the cat would like the new puppy? Would you like to watch a movie with me and the puppy in the living room together? I will bring you ice cream and a pillow for your head.



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

leaves on his nightstand.

"Another one," he'll say to me.

"Oh, jeez," I'll say, feigning fatigue, while privately I think, "Work it, girl!"

A girl needs to know how to work it. Any person in any subordinate position would be wise to learn how to work it. Working it is a tool. A skill set a person might need to employ at various points in life, whether applying for a job or a car loan, or seeking a second chance with a traffic court judge. There are so many applications. What impresses me is that my daughter shows such potential, an innate ability that precedes any formal training, in studying her latest letter. It gives me inspiration. It takes me back to my roots, to rediscoverers of fundamentals I may have lost:

1. When deciding to work it, go right to the top. Best strategy to wuss out by breaking things in positions of minor influence (e.g., the pro-puppy mother) to do your bidding. Stand up to — The Man.

2. Begin with flattery. Boost that ego. "Dear Daddy, I love you." Set the tone. I am coming to you with this because you are so extremely special.

3. Get right to the request (direct case), but do so softly. "What I really wanted for my birthday was a cute little puppy." Notice the past tense. She's talking about you who she used to be, not necessarily who she is now. It takes the edge off.

4. Conjure an image of a beautiful, happy place when referring to your request. "Cute little," "soft," "furry bed," "meadow," "forest,"

Even the griciest anti-puppy father wants to be invited to such a place.

5. Ask questions. The oldest trick in the book. Never mind about me; what about you?

"Would you like me to have a puppy for my birthday this year?" A masterful switch of power.

6. Brife. If you don't have a glow-in-the-dark watch to offer, pick something else.

7. Gradually shift out of the conditional and into your puffed reality. Create that reality so it's not "would" but instead "will" like the new puppy?

8. Invite The Man into the new reality. Include him. Create a scenario, such as movie-watching, with him in it.

9. Sweeten the deal with ice cream and a pillow.

10. End with a wink or the metaphorical equivalent — a proclamation of love, a snappy observation, something to illustrate the ever-dependency bond the two of you share.

It's too early to tell whether my daughter's working-it scheme has actually worked, but I can report something. Just this morning, after she got on the bus, my husband found a new letter on his nightstand. I watched him read it. I watched the look of love envelop his face. He smiled, cocked his head. Then he looked at me.

"I feel like a boiled frog," he said.

"Excuse me?"

"You know, they say if you drop a frog in boiling water, he'll jump out, but if you put him in a pot of cold water and turn the burner on, he'll gradually get used to it until he's cooked."

"That's perfect!" I tell him. (Give The Man plenty of praise.)

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Digital

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phone number to screen calls, reject a potential suitor via a hotline — and even use an e-card to tell a past sexual partner that he or she may have been exposed to a sexually transmitted disease.

It's all about what makes the hearer of the bad news feel more comfortable, singles report — not about how it will make the receiver of those messages feel.

While many of these tools are passed around as jokes via text messaging and e-mail forwards, some people are using them to avoid the discomfort that can come with having to tell someone they're not interested or to deliver otherwise unsettling news.

This concerns some psychologists, who say that avoiding confrontation may not be a good idea for the person delivering the message — or for the receiver.

"Some of this involves courage or lack of courage and ability to face up to things, which people often don't struggle with," said Bernard Gruer Jr., founder of the National Institute of Relationship Enhancement, a nonprofit educational organization based in Bethesda, Md.

"You grow some when you face these things, and I think you lose something when you have to resort to tricky things and not confront people about things that are intimately important."

Still, while it is clearly hurtful to be on the receiving end of such rejection messages, there may be a bright side. That, at least, is how Helen Friedman, a St. Louis clinical psychologist who specializes in dating and relationships, chooses to see it.

Of the person initiating the lack of character to not just be able to say no face to face.

"Most people want to be (romantically) involved with someone who has character, so the recipient can say, 'Hey, I've been spared something.'"

And though some of the

modern messaging is clearly done in jest, it can leave a lingering trail of damage, a recent survey suggests.

Teen-agers report that technology can face out constant — even harassing — contact via instant messaging and text messaging; and jilted boyfriends and girlfriends can post embarrassing pictures, videos and messages on social networking sites, use constant — even harassing — contact via instant messaging and text messaging; and jilted boyfriends and girlfriends can post embarrassing pictures, videos and messages on social networking sites, use constant

the survey, sponsored by Liz Claiborne Inc., which commissioned the research to evaluate levels of dating abuse among teens.

Here is a sampling of the technologies available:

Rejection hotline

Created in 2001, this pre-recorded voice-mail line is available in more than 800 areas.

Some 90 million calls, according to the company that runs the service, have dialed it and heard a message that begins, "This is not the person you are trying to call."

The person who gave you this rejection hotline number did not want you to have their real number.

"We know this sucks, but don't be too devastated. It may be your just not this person's type. Please take the hint. Accept the fact that you've been rejected and then get over it."

Jeff Goldblatt, whose Atlanta-based company runs the hotline along with the "Breakup Butler" site mentioned below, estimates that the majority of callers dial the number as a joke after hearing about it from friends. But he has heard from users who give the number out in bars or other dating situations to reject strangers. www.rejectionhotline.com

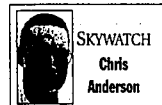
Breakup help

Another option for breaking up with significant others: the Breakup Butler, who delivers a "kinder, gentler, proper breakup," said Goldblatt, who

FAMILY LIFE

Bruneau's observatory caters to dark sky aficionados

As the observatory coordinator at the College of Southern Idaho, I get this question a lot: "Don't the lights of Twin Falls affect the telescope's views?" In locating the Centennial Observatory within city limits, a conscious decision was made to put access before dark skies.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

So what can you do if you crave dark skies and the fainter celestial targets they offer?

Lucky for Idahoans, there's a public dark sky observatory less than two hours from the Magic Valley. Bruneau Dunes State Park, south of Mountain Home, features a 25-inch telescope (a smidgeon bigger than the Centennial Observatory's 24-inch scope) and a variety of smaller instruments in a setting well designed to provide skies unencumbered by light trespass.

The only stray light is the barely discernible glow of the Air Force base on the northwest horizon.

One of my favorite instruments at Bruneau is a giant pair of Navy battle binoculars. There's no better way to see such sprawling celestial gems as the Andromeda Galaxy (six times wider than a full moon) or the Great Orion Nebula, too large for most telescopes to see in full.

There is a down side to Bruneau's remoteness: Due to winter conditions the observatory is open only from March to mid-

November (on Friday and Saturday nights). So while Bruneau has dark skies, the Centennial offers year-round, full handicapped access. I think the two facilities complement each other nicely, offering the best of both worlds.

You may have heard that a Virginia company recently announced plans to build a nuclear power plant less than two miles from Bruneau Dunes. If the nuclear plants of Illinois where I grew up (pre-9/11, mind you) are any indication, the exterior lighting on such a facility would be nothing short of appalling. I can only hope it never comes to pass. If it does, Idaho's only public dark sky observatory will be rendered essentially useless.

Next week: There's more to good views than a clear sky.

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Husband shares mom's secrets with wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband recently began carrying on his phone conversations on "speaker mode" when he got his new cell phone. As a result, I end up hearing most of his conversations in our small house or while we're driving in the car.

Often, while he's talking to his mother, I have overheard her tell him to keep several things she has said to him secret from me. She has no reason to do this, as most of the things she asks him to hide from me are inconsequential and have nothing to do with me. Occasionally, she even confesses to him that she went ahead and did something I specifically asked her not to do — especially in matters concerning our children.

This situation has left me feeling angry and hurt, especially since my husband feels

that his mother is doing nothing wrong by asking her son to keep secrets from his spouse. While my husband made vows to me, I can't help but feel as if he thinks it's the other way around. I feel like my mother-in-law's behavior, and my husband condoning it, has put a strain on my marriage. Am I wrong to feel this way?

—ANONY-MRS. IN MICHIGAN
DEAR ANONY-MRS.: Because your husband is carrying on his conversations with his mother over a speaker phone, it should be obvious to you that he is not trying to hide anything from you. Your mother-in-law is playing a childish game with her son, who should have put an end to it many years ago by simply saying, "Mother, I don't keep secrets from my wife."

However, if you were,



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

you'll choose your battles carefully. As things stand, you are fully aware of what your mother-in-law is up to. And if I were you, I'd keep it that way.

DEAR ABBY: Our 17-year-old twin son and daughter met with military recruiters who came to their school and made the military sound exciting and glamorous. They are now saying that after they graduate next year, they want to join the military instead of going to college. They have even put up military posters in their rooms that they

received from the recruiters. My husband and I are horrified. We cannot stand the thought of them going off to war, and do not believe that war is the answer to the world's problems. It will be a year, and hopefully the novelty of the idea will wear off by then. However, I don't want to take a chance. How can I counter the ideal?

—CLEVELAND MOM
DEAR CLEVELAND MOM: Before your children commit themselves to the idea that the military is all foreign travel, shiny medals and glory, they should see firsthand that there is a more serious side. Contact your nearest veterans hospital and inquire about you and your children paying some visits and volunteering to help wounded vets.

It may be a sobering experience, but it should open their

eyes in no time flat.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an administrative assistant and often take calls for my boss. He usually asks me to tell the caller he is not in the office or send them to his voice mail. I'm a terrible liar and not very good at making up excuses for him. I usually stammer or stutter when I'm lying. What can I tell these people and still stay true to myself?

—S-S-S-STUCK IN GARLAND, TEXAS
DEAR S-S-S-STUCK: It isn't necessary to lie to the caller. Simply say: "Mr. Crockett is not available at this time. If you'd like to leave a message, I'll connect you to his voicemail so nothing gets lost in translation." That way you're not lying, you are facilitating the caller.

Be careful about too much too soon, Gemini

IF FEB. 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have your finger on the pulse of business trends for the next several months. Use your energies wisely and find ways to capitalize on friendships and connections. Be prepared for some extra responsibilities or some opposition to your plans in late October or November. Do not start anything of importance or take a vacation then, as the only way to emerge unscathed is to work hard and give no one any reason to criticize you. Don't be dazzled by what seems like an attractive offer in December.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The planet Venus beams in your sign. Perhaps you are more concerned with your appearance this week. The urge to do "good deeds" and perform acts of kindness is an urge to act upon.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Aries' (March 21-April 19) transactions may transpire. Every deal must be fair to all parties concerned. Special favoritism to relatives or old cronies is one thing, but don't yield points to a stranger.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Too much, too soon. People met this week have a tendency to jump to conclusions. Take time to weed out the well-meaning, but somewhat embellished, assurances from those who are otherwise reliable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There are two sides to every coin. Whether yours turns up heads or tails you must still spend wisely. The desire to indulge in an extravagance might present you with an inner conflict.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Think about the good things in your life instead of the bad ones. The glow of inner peace will draw others closer. Do your utmost to reassure other people in the week to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No pain, no gain? is not

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

always true. There could be a way to painlessly achieve your aspirations. The people you are holding up as examples might be doing everything the hard way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Friendship fulfills your fantasies. Every person you meet might not be ready to take a cruise to an exotic island, but at least one acquaintance is willing to be a real friend in a pinch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The more, the merrier. The more money you spend, the more secure you might feel. Real friends won't promise more than they can deliver, but the purchase might not live up to expectations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What good is a barrel of monkeys? You may be having a great time at the expense of someone else. Gauge carefully the reaction from others before making impetuous proposals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Distance, rather than closeness, often lends accuracy to the view. Try to stand back from a relationship as you could be off base. Avoid letting suspicions cloud your judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Fear is only an illusion. A feeling of separateness and isolation from others might be a picture you have drawn on the mirror. You may not be able to depend on everyone met this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mold makes a person. The longer you ignore a problem, the more widely it proliferates. During the week ahead you must not shrug off repeated reminders about serious responsibilities.

Toys with online lives are transforming play

By Yan Q. Hai
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In real life, all that 10-year-old Megan Leffew's cuddly stuffed animals can do is sit on her bed in her room in Rockville, Md. But online, they can play air hockey, whip up a fish-and-chips dinner or take a dip in a hot tub.

They are called Webkinz, huggable, plush toys with elaborate virtual lives that spotlight how children's play is changing, moving effortlessly between the real world and the Internet. And in less than two years, they have become must-have items for tech-savvy tweens.

"Play always reflects the adult world," said Christopher Byrne, an independent toy analyst who goes by the 'fuy Guy.' "It's kids aspiring to be a MySpace page, but cognitively and developmentally, they're not ready for that. This gives them the experience of sharing and connecting with friends."

Webkinz combines classic stuffed animals with popular online trends, such as social networking and instant messaging. Other toys and Web sites have made similar efforts. Remember the late-1990s craze of Tamagotchi, billed as the world's first digital pet? More recently, Neopets.com began manufacturing such plush toys as the "cybunny," which mirrored the virtual animals on its site. But Webkinz claims to be the first to marry the physical and the virtual from its inception.

"It's a gaming concept, it's a nurturing concept, it's a highly interactive concept," said Paul Kurnit, who heads KidShop, a consulting firm. "It's really working on a lot of cylinders."

Each stuffed animal comes with an identification number that gives children access to the Webkinz site (www.webkinz.com). There, owners discover their pets' online personas ("I'll let you in on a secret," reads the profile of a cocker spaniel. "I love fish sticks, and I've always wanted a bunny clown.") Children can buy clothes for their pets using virtual money, outfitting them in baggy jeans or pink tutus. They can also decorate



Megan Leffew, 10, and her brother Brian, 7, of Rockville, Md., play with their Webkinz toys. The stuffed animals, which come with an identification number that gives children access to the Webkinz site, are must-have items for tech-savvy tweens.

their pets' virtual rooms with such items as a stove, a boy-band poster or a bed shaped like a pirate ship.

For many children, Webkinz offers a pet in the Webkinz SuperModelz game and having their real-world toys to come to life and play with their friends. Snuggling next to your Webkinz before falling asleep is fun, kids say. Designing outfits for a pet in the Webkinz SuperModelz game and having their friends vote on their favorite is even better.

Children can also train for the instant messaging marathons of their older siblings' worlds by sending pre-typed phrases to their friends. They can even invite pets over to hang out — virtually, of course.

Last week, one of Megan Leffew's friends held a birthday party for her hippo, Cotton Candy, right in the middle of the Leffew family dinner. Megan excused herself from the table to log on to the Webkinz site, where four other girls were waiting. They played a four-in-a-row game and exchanged virtual presents. There were a birthday cake and goodie bags — and then Megan's mom, Sandra, finally persuaded her to come back to real-world dinner.

Megan has 10 Webkinz. The first arrival was a plush golden retriever named Scully in the summer. Then came a monkey named Cheeky. Christmas brought a unicorn named Sparkle, a lion called Leo and a polar bear dubbed Icy Lily the

terrier. Athena the white, intellectual, puppet-like Lovely Dovey and Dovey, Lavey, and Puffy the hippo followed in rapid succession.

She sleeps with them every night and plays with them online several times a week, for an hour or so at a time. She has a maze of rooms for her pets, including a backyard with a hot tub where they can swim. On a recent afternoon, she checked in with the twins, puppies after being at school all day.

"How are you doing?" Megan asked Lovely Dovey while the other snuzzled on its virtual bed.

"We had a big party," the pup responded. "Just kidding."

Ganz, a family-owned wholesale gift company based in Ontario, introduced the toys in April 2005.

Spokeswoman Susan McVeigh said it has not spent any money on advertising. Word has spread virally online, playground to the next. The company said the site has more than 1 million members, both boys and girls, ages 6 to 13. McVeigh would not discuss sales but said the toys' popularity has "grown exponentially." Webkinz generally sell for \$7.50 to \$10 and are available at Hallmark Gold Crown stores; independent retailers; and hospital gift shops, where Ganz previously had contracts to sell its other products.

The toys come with a one-year membership to the site.

New sites offer help to older Web users

Nowaday

With more folks over 50 surfing the Web, it's not surprising that several companies are targeting boomers and seniors who have gone online. Here are two Web sites that hope their search engines will make you forget about Google.

www.cranky.com says it can "deliver the best search results for adults over 50." The site is owned by Eons, a media company that targets boomers and seniors.

According to the company, cranky will deliver "targeted search results" for people 50 and older.

Eons says its results are based on its reviews of thousands of "age-relevant" Web sites.

Another search site targeting boomers and seniors is www.big.com. This site is based on the premise that older surfers want big results — as in large type and easy-to-read text. www.big.com uses the popular AaA as its search engine.

THE RIDER
wins honors
horseback.
COUNTRY ROADS

Webkinz are huggable, plush toys with elaborate virtual lives that spotlight how children's play is changing.

FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENTS

CLAUNCH-BALES

BURLEY — Dennis and Lorna Claunch of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Claunch, to Brandon Bales, son of Kevin and Julie Bales of Richmond, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday, March 2, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Unity 1st Ward LDS Church in Burley.



Brandon Bales and Shannon Claunch

EISENHART-CRANNEY

OAKLEY — Tim and Donnalce Eisenhart of Lehi, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Lydia Eisenhart, to Bryce Cranney, son of Noel and Kathy Cranney of Oakley.

Eisenhart attends Utah State University in Logan, Utah, and is employed at Infinity Dance Studio in Brigham City, Utah. Cranney is a graduate of Oakley High School. He attends USU, where he will graduate in May, and is employed in Logan.

The wedding is planned for Friday, March 2, in the Salt



Bryce Cranney and Megan Eisenhart
Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley.

MASON-RADTKE

TWIN FALLS — Denie and Lisa Mason of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie Ann Mason, to Tieg William Radtke, son of Bill and Marie Radtke of Twin Falls.

Mason is a 2001 graduate of Murtaugh High School and is employed at the American Falls hospital. Radtke is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is employed at Idaho Power in American Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 17, in Twin



Tieg Radtke and Cassie Mason
Falls. A reception will follow.

SIDWELL-ADAMS

TWIN FALLS — Billie Cooke Henry of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Chanie Ann Sidwell, to Jeremy Scott Adams, son of Larry and Sheryl Adams of Kimberly.

Sidwell is an assistant accountant at Watco Cos. of Twin Falls. Adams is employed by Cutler Construction of Wendell.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 14, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. A reception will follow at



Jeremy Adams and Chanie Sidwell
Ratdo Rotondevo in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE FARNWORTHS

CAREY — De and Marlene Farnworth of Carey will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Senior Community Center in Carey. The couple requests no gifts.

De Farnworth and Marlene Spore were married March 4, 1947, in Idaho Falls. They have three children, Martin (Patty) Farnworth of Phoenix, Cheryl (Mike) Sparks of Carey and Tom (Brenda)



De and Marlene Farnworth
Farnworth of Richfield. The couple has 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

THE FRITZLEYS

TWIN FALLS — Jim and Norma Fritzley of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 21 and were honored at an open house Feb. 24 at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

They were married Feb. 21, 1957, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Genesee.

They lived in Moscow, Walla Walla, Wash.; Yakima, Wash.; Redding, Calif.; Longview, Wash.; and Boise and settled in Twin Falls in December 1977.

He worked for the Social Security Administration until his retirement in 1989. She worked for American Real Estate and Appraisal until her retirement in 1997.

They are members of Jerome Country Club and enjoy golfing and traveling. She is a member of the Top Hat Dancers and entertains around Magic Valley. They have three daughters, Shannon (Shane) Hoffman,



Norma and Jim Fritzley



Penny (Bruce) Thaeate and Terri (Corky) Federico, all of Twin Falls; and five grandchildren.

Bryson bottles and perfectly preserves 1950s

By Susan Reimer
The Baltimore Sun

Bill Bryson, a humorist and travel writer who has taken us on amusing journeys along the Appalachian Trail and across time and the cosmos, has turned his wit and his memory to growing up in the middle of the century, in the middle of a delightfully dysfunctional family.

"The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir," is the latest from the author of "A Walk in the Woods" and "A Short History of Nearly Everything."

He uses that same dry, jaundiced and deadpan voice — this time, as a child — to recall growing up in Des Moines, Iowa, in the 1950s, a time of benign neglect when kids were put out of the house at 8 in the morning and told not to return until dinnertime unless they were "on fire or actively bleeding." It was a time when life seemed simpler, safer and more carefree. A time when childhood stretched out in front of you like a huge meadow or a long city block, and you were free to live it largely unsupervised by adults, who had not yet learned to worry about you.

"I don't know how they managed it, but the people responsible for the 1950s made a world in which pretty much everything was good for you," Bryson writes.

"Drinks before dinner? The more the better. Smoke? You bet. Cigarettes actually made you healthier by soothing jangled nerves and sharpening jaded minds...."

"I happily, we were indestructible. We didn't need seat belts, air bags, smoke detectors, hand water or the Heimlich maneuver. We didn't need helmets when we rode our bikes...."

"We didn't have to worry about what we ate because nearly all foods were good for us. Sugar gave us energy. Red meat made us strong. Ice cream gave us healthy bones. Coffee kept us alert and purring productively." Bryson recalls this time with a surrealism — he was, after all a child from

another planet, born with super powers, money for detail and describes it with outlandish exaggeration that will have you snorting your uncontainable laughter through your nose.

(That's a reaction of which he and his bathroom humor boyhood buddies would no doubt approve.) But Bryson does more than tell funny stories about growing up as the son of a penny-pinching but brilliant sportswriter and a delightfully loopy working mother, who kept Mason jars under the kitchen sink for emergency urination and ciling patches, but could never quite tell which was which. He also remembers for us an incredibly stupid time in American history, when children were allowed to play in the clouds of DDT that bathed neighborhoods in summer, when children's feet were X-rayed in shoe stores to provide a better fit, when people planned family trips to watch nuclear tests, when polio was everywhere and might give you a three-day headache or paralyze you for life.

It was a time when blacks were beaten to death for looking at white women and people lost their livelihoods for refusing to name their friends as Communists. A time when even school children understood on some level that a desk could not protect you from a nuclear strike.

But Bryson also remembers the intoxicating scent of mimeograph paper, the wonder of comic books and the pride and delight every family took in a new appliance — more so than in a new child.

And each of the adventures he undertakes with his goofy cast of schoolmates is more improbable than the last, especially when they pool money to rent an apartment and fill it with beer stolen from a railroad car — twice.

Bryson's picture-perfect, word-perfect nostalgia for a time so many of us remember is such that I want to hand a copy of his book to my kids and tell them: "Read this. It will explain a lot."

STORK REPORT

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Casey Michael Luker, son of Mike Luker and Maria Nunes of Buhl, was born Feb. 8, 2007. Alyssa Suzanne Meyer, daughter of Shannon Meyer of Gooding, was born Feb. 9, 2007.

Talng Joe Stanton, son of Coby Stanton and Megan Russell of Shoshone, was born Feb. 13, 2007.

Abtegayl Grace Hinton, daughter of Steven and Cassandra Hinton of Jerome, was born Feb. 16, 2007. Hedd Michelle Escobedo, daughter of Claudia and Ascencion Escobedo of Jerome, was born Feb. 16, 2007.

Makenna Marie Vanhozer, daughter of Makayla Marie Vanhozer of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2007.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Stratton McNary Cunningham, son of Heather and Donald Cunningham of Ketchum, was born Feb. 1, 2007.

William Richard Mitchell, son of Rebecca and Justin Mitchell of Bellevue, was born Feb. 2, 2007. Maya Citlali Moya, daughter of Francisca and Martin Moya of Hailey, was born Feb. 5, 2007.

Josie Kennedy Sarchett, daughter of Dorothy Hand and Jeffrey Sarchett of Ketchum, was born Feb. 5, 2007.

Madison Leigh Fordyce and Macy Lynn Fordyce, twin daughters of Amanda and Charles Fordyce of Hailey, were born Feb. 7, 2007.

Al Ricky Black and Palge Bailey Black, twins, son and daughter of Rebecca and Forest Black of Carey, were born Feb. 9, 2007.

Lucia Jane Weckes, daughter of Katharine and John Weckes Jr. of Ketchum, was born Feb. 12, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Andrew Mendoza, son of Maria De Jesus Chavez of Jerome, was born Feb. 10, 2007.

Jayden Joe Blair, son of Amber Leigh DeJohn of Wendell, was born Feb. 9, 2007.

Gael Jesus Rodriguez, son of Gabriela Gutierrez Cruz of Filer, was born Feb. 9, 2007.

Lashae Sierra Ramsey, daughter of Candl Lashae Lewis and Andrew Paul Ramsey of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 9, 2007.

Alden Dean McNurlin, son of Bonnie Faye McNurlin and Jeremiah Luke McNurlin of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 10, 2007.

Emersyn Rose Brown, daughter of Brandy Lynn Brown and Daniel Stephen Brown of Murtaugh, was born Feb. 12, 2007.

Kalidance Reese Kaiser, daughter of Holly Mitchell Kaiser and Kurt Loomis Kaiser of Kimberly, was born Feb. 12, 2007.

Brianna Gay Robinette, daughter of Brandy Gay Robinette and Douglas J. Robinette of Jerome, was born Feb. 12, 2007.

Sidney Hunter Winnett, son of Holly Marie Winnett and Sidney Clark Winnett of

Jerome, was born Feb. 12, 2007.

Emily Katherine Wright, daughter of Amanda A-B-Z Wright and Andrew Benjamin Wright of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 12, 2007.

Calleghe Jean Sorenson, daughter of Jennifer Sorenson and Jeffrey Scott Sorenson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 12, 2007.

Derek Keenan Burnham, son of Paige Burnham and Elmerlyn Burnham of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 13, 2007.

Michelle Marie Anderson and Trenton Lee Anderson of Leroy, was born Feb. 13, 2007.

Kohyn Matthew Barnes, son of Nysje Larac Barnes and Matthew Jacob Barnes of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 13, 2007.

Garrett Taylor Lipskoch, son of Christy Michelle Lipskoch and Robert Joseph Lipskoch of Hagerman, was born Feb. 13, 2007.

September Ellen-Marie Moore, daughter of Stephanie Blaine-Bates Moore and Darron Dean Moore of Buhl, was born Feb. 13, 2007.

Nathan Michael Zenke, son of Kathryn Slagowski and Mitchell James Zenke of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 13, 2007.

Jacob Gull Nielson, son of Andrea Nielson and Brent Bradford Nielson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 14, 2007.

Everett Paul Andrew-Poulton III, son of Stephanie Ann Poulgton and Everett Paul Poulgton Jr. of Filer, was born Feb. 14, 2007.

Seth Armondo Aragon, son of Miody Reneae Aragon and Armondo Colby Aragon of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 14, 2007.

Taylor Ann Seitz, daughter of Autumn Seitz and Ryan J. Seitz of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 14, 2007.

Nicholas Ace Martinez, son of Julie Mae Stunley and Nick Luis Martinez of Buhl, was born Feb. 14, 2007.

Perla Ambriz, daughter of Cecilia Ambriz and Enrique Ambriz of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 15, 2007.

Isatou Bah, daughter of Lanessa Marie Bah and Cherno Bah of Kimberly, was born Feb. 15, 2007.

Krystalyn Dawnigh Hawley, daughter of Heather Ann Hawley and Andrew Michael Hawley of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 15, 2007.

Alyce Ann Horton, daughter of Janice Ann Horton and Chad Scott Horton of Buhl, was born Feb. 15, 2007.

Tyson Ray Lillian, son of Cathryn Jo Lillian and Prescott James Lillian of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 16, 2007.

Kamrri Kim Pallas, daughter of Koelle Pallas and Jesse Daniel Pallas of Jerome, was born Feb. 16, 2007.

Damian Andrew Malgon, son of Kendra Phyllis Lynn Gadsen of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 17, 2007.

Ricardo Anthony Garcia Jr., son of Tiffany Crystal Preciado and Ricardo Garcia of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 17, 2007.

Ivan Gaddel Gutierrez-Hernandez, son of Juana Sandra Hernandez and Jorge Alberto Gutierrez of Gooding, was born Feb. 18, 2007.

Christopher Jonathan Michael Leverich, son of Bolinda Jean Leverich of Meridian, was born Feb. 18, 2007.

WEDDING

STAKER-BEALE

BURLEY — Kourtney LaShay Staker and Deven Jay Beale were married Feb. 22 at the Mash Creek Event Center in Albion. A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and LaVonna Staker of Burley. She is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School and is employed at Altet in Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Lyle and Shelly Beale of Burley. He is a 2002 graduate of Burley High School and is employed



Kourtney and Deven Beale at Lynden Inc. in Jerome. The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

Weekly deadline

Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, announcements of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 1322 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls or fill out a form.

The announcement also can be sent by email to rannor@timesnews.com. If e-mailing, the wedding photo must be sent in JPEG format as a separate file.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for publication the following. A reception follows the ceremony.

For more information, call 338-2222 or visit our website at www.timesnews.com.

SINUSITIS or COLD?

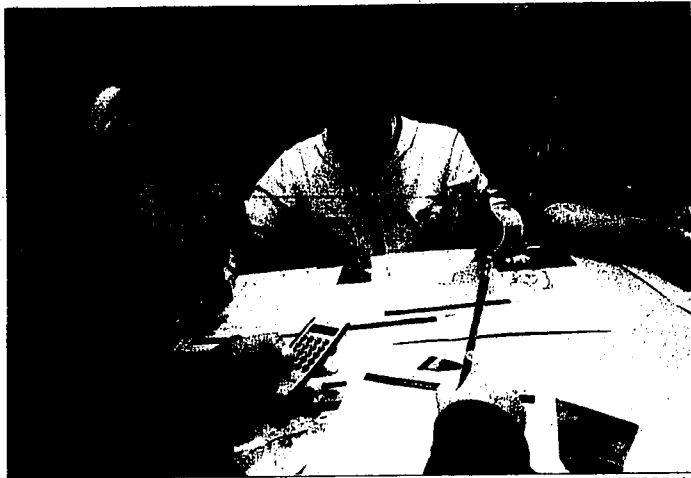
Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow/green	Thick whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes



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Smart money



Ahmad Mahmoodi, center, and fellow classmates from Rocky Run Middle School in Chantilly, Va., calculate how best to balance their wants and needs. The Finance Park program, a traveling classroom shown here at McLean, Va., casts students in roles and forces them to make difficult spending choices.

One-day program teaches teens how to handle money

By Margaret Webb Plessler
The Washington Post

"I'm making good choices to not spend so much money on one thing."
"I want to see what kind of car I can afford."

"I have a lot of bills to pay, and I only make a little bit of money."
The quotations above sound like adults talking, don't they? Actually, they are the voices of three eighth-graders from Rocky Run Middle School in Chantilly, Va., who took a hands-on class last fall to learn about the grown-up world of earning money — and spending it wisely.

It was an eye-opening exercise. The kids were surprised how much effort it took to figure out what you can afford based on what you earn.

"I did not know my parents had this much work to do," said Reza Qaradaghi, 14. "I feel so bad because I ask them to spend so much money on me, and I didn't know it was so hard."

As she spoke, she was huddled over a worksheet based on the role she had been assigned for the day: pretend she was 35, single and making \$30,864 a year. The worksheet listed her spending choices, broken down into things she had to pay for (housing, health care, groceries) and those she might want to spend money on (a car, cable TV, going to the movies).

Reza and her classmates used computers to study the cost of items before choosing whether to buy things (sports gear or minivan? clothing or cable TV?) or save their money.

"Some students had much smaller incomes than Reza and more complicated lives, such as a spouse and children to support. Because they spent all day playing their roles, the kids thought a lot about what their real future might be like."
—Alex Gordon, 13, was cast in the role of a single parent supporting two kids, 7 and 12, on \$20,472 a year. Alex summed up his financial struggle: "I've got to try to roach around all that and still try to find things to do with my kids and pay off my debts as fast as possible." Then he added: "I don't want to be an adult."
"Other kids joked that they don't want to be parents because kids are too expensive."
"You have to be really smart about



The one-day Finance Park program is put together by Junior Achievement, a group that helps kids learn about money issues. The class on money management takes place in two specially outfitted trailers, so the program can easily move from one location to another. Here, the traveling classroom is set up in McLean, Va.

what you're choosing," said Eileen Sechler, 14. "I never expected it would be like this."

That's the typical reaction of kids who take part in the one-day Finance Park program, which is put together by Junior Achievement, a group that helps kids learn about money issues. The class takes place in two specially outfitted trailers, so the program can easily move from one location to another.

"The program's managers say it works because it's like real life. "If you taught it in the classroom, it wouldn't have the same impact," said Ed Greiner, president of Junior Achievement in the Washington area.

Zac Small, 13, certainly learned some lessons firsthand. Assigned the role of a single 25-year-old making \$41,316, Zac decided to spend \$510 a month on movies, sporting events and other entertainment. But that left him without money for things he really needed. So he went back and cut his entertainment spending, getting a good cable TV system instead.

"I'm not married," he explained, "so I'm going to be home a lot."

Save, spend, donate

If you have a piggy bank, you're familiar with the concept of saving money. Here's a piggy bank that takes a slightly more creative approach to collecting those dimes and quarters:

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Swelling of vocal cords can make you hoarse, of course

By Margaret Webb Plessler
The Washington Post

Have you ever shouted so much at a game that your voice was different the next day? Even if it hasn't happened to you, you've almost certainly heard someone whose voice has sounded strange at one time or another.

Hoarse voice is caused by irritation of the vocal cords in your throat, called laryngitis (pronounced lair-in-JY-tis). It's pretty common and can come from a cold or even too much talking or screaming.

Typically when someone is not able to make a sound, a virus has caused swelling in the larynx, which is the part of the throat that produces a person's voice. Here's what happens:

Your larynx, or voice box, is covered by two small, stretchy membranes — your vocal cords. When you are not talking, your vocal cords lie open so that air can pass from your mouth to your lungs. But when you speak, the vocal folds come together, and as air pushes through them, they vibrate. The sound from that vibration travels through your throat and mouth, creating your voice.

The reason people's voices sound different from one another is that the shape of everyone's vocal cords, throat and mouth is different, creating a unique sound. Typically, bigger vocal cords mean a lower voice.

When someone has laryngitis, though, their vocal cords are swollen, so they don't vibrate in the normal way. A little swelling makes your voice hoarse. A lot of swelling can make your voice go away completely — that's called aphonia (ay-FONE-ee-ah).

An adult is far more likely to completely lose his or her voice than you are. People usually don't develop aphonia until becoming teenagers. Why? That is just one of the mysteries about laryngitis. Doctors also don't know why some people lose their voices while others don't.

But anyone who has lost his voice will tell you that it's a pretty strange feeling!

"It was just really annoying and really frustrating because I knew I was doing the right stuff but nothing was coming out," Sarah Joseph, 17, said of her last bout with laryngitis. The senior at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, Va., said the first time she ever had a really hoarse voice from a cold was in sixth grade.

If you do wind up losing your voice — either from rooting for the home team or from a cold — doctors recommend resting your voice. That means not talking or whining or complaining or fighting with your brother. It's like resting your foot if you have a sprained ankle. If you use it, it doesn't have a chance to heal.

You also should drink plenty of water.

And don't whisper. "Whispering actually puts more strain on the vocal cords than talking in a nice, normal voice," said Seth Oringer, a doctor specializing in problems with the ear, nose and throat.

How you speak

When you speak, your vocal cords vibrate. The sound from that vibration passes through your mouth to create your voice.

But if your vocal cords are swollen, which happens when you have laryngitis, they can't vibrate like they normally do. That makes your voice change. If the swelling is severe, you might not be able to make any sound.

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BOOK REVIEWS

'Extreme Pets'

The Washington Post

By Jane Harrington, for ages 7 to 12

"If tarantulas, snakes and hissing cockroaches are your idea of great pets, then this is the book for you.

It's packed with fun, educational and just-plain-gross information about dozens of cool animals, plus lots of fabulous photos.

Did you know that a cock-

roach can hold its breath for 40 minutes? That a leopard gecko has a hole in its head that it can use to clear through? Or that monkeys in Venezuela rub the toxins from millipedes into their fur as a flea-and-mite dip? We learned this and more in a few minutes of reading!

The book is divided into four sections: cold-blooded pets, pocket-size critters, insects and slimy pets. After you have finished reading everything, there is about tarantulas,

toads, hedgehogs and the other extreme pets, flip to the last chapter, which is a hands-on guide to convincing your parents that they should let you have one. (The dog won't mind. Honest.)

The Washington Post

By Gail Carson Levine, for ages 10 and up

Who would want to read a book about writing?

You might change your mind if you consider that the book was written by the author of "Ella Enchanted." In its own way, this nonfiction book is as much fun to read as that novel was. While it's intended for kids

who really want to be writers, the fact is that all of us have to write, whether we like it or not. (There will be that research paper in school.) But reading Levine's book is enough to make even the most reluctant writer put pen to paper — or fingers — to keyboard.

She shares with readers why she writes: "I write fiction for lots of reasons. One is power. I'm in charge when I write. So are you. You create the world of the story. You make the rules."

What kid wouldn't love to make the rules just once?

Here's your chance!