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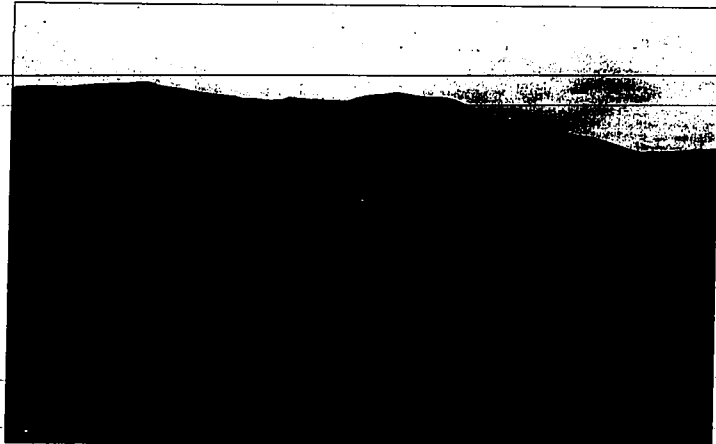
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Bracing for growth

Otter finalizes water summit



Ripe for growth — that's how Camas County commissioners view the wide-open spaces outside Fairfield.

Fairfield and county hash out zoning plans

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

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Now, he says, it's time to work together.

Camas County Commission Chairman Ken Backstrom says commissioners are simply trying to plan for growth and bring the county up to speed with surrounding communities, not usurp local control.

"We're just a small county, and for years there were no changes here," Backstrom said. "Now there's a lot hap-

pening. A lot of this is just catching up with the 21st century."

Commissioners voted late last month to pass an emergency 182-day moratorium on new subdivisions in a nine-mile radius around Fairfield. That halt gives the city and county time to reach an agreement on how best to handle new development.

Camas County increased its population by nearly 10 percent since 2000, from 991 people to 1,088, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

A Fairfield city Web site lists just one new single-family home built there in 2001. In 2005, that number was 10.

Backstrom said much of that growth has gone unneeded. Developers have flooded the county with rezoning applications for subdivisions that have led to chaotic sprawl. He said the new laws will limit growth to appropriate areas and better accommodate future development.

Hanks was opposed to the county's efforts before the moratorium passed, he said in an earlier interview. But late last week he said the moratorium is a step toward cooperation between the city and county to manage growth.

"This is exactly what the city would like to have seen," he said of the moratorium. "This gives us a chance to work together to get on the same page."

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"These folks represent not only the interests most directly involved with Idaho water policy, but individuals with a track record of working effectively for the people, businesses, communities and issues they serve — for the common good," Otter said in a statement released to the press. "I'm hopeful that we're establishing a foundation for developing consensus and breaking through the logjams that have kept us at odds and in court for so long."

During his fall election campaign, Otter pledged to host a water summit that might bring an end to decades of lawsuits, and bitter opposition between the state's water users.

Many of Otter's picks for the summit are also on an aquifer advisory committee that was finalized early last week by the Idaho Department of Water Resources Board.

Seven of 18 of Otter's participants are Magic Valley resi-

Chief participants

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Times-News participants at Gov. Butch Otter's water summit will be primary negotiators in a daylong discussion over water. Otter said he hopes the participants might resolve immediate water conflicts and find solutions to Idaho's decades-long water disputes. Magic Valley residents are in bold:

Lance Claw
Randy Esham
Vince Albert
Dean Staveson
Randy MacMillan
Mark Huggin
LaMont Keen
George Katsenias
Don Parier
Tim Deeg
Jared Fuhrman
Rebecca Casper
Jeff Raybould
Wayne Meyers
Les MacDonald
Paul Deveau
Wayne Shepherd

dent, and all seven are also on the water board's committee. Otter has also invited numerous alternates and other invitees who will observe the discussions.

The summit will begin at 9 a.m. at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 Overland Ave. N., in Burley. The public is invited to attend, but the listed participants will be in closed-door sessions from about noon until 3:30 p.m. The daylong summit is expected to end about 5 p.m.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the environment. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.



Iraqis gather around a car bomb wreck in Sadr City in Baghdad, Saturday. At least three civilians were killed and 6 were injured in the blast.

Al-Sadr calls for renewed effort to oust Americans

U.S. announces 10 soldier deaths in Iraq

By Steven R. Harst
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his militiamen on Sunday to redouble their battle to oust American forces and argued that Iraq's army and police should join him in defeating "your archenemy." The U.S. military announced the weekend deaths of 10 American soldiers, including six killed on Sunday.

Security remained so tenuous in the capital on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the U.S. capture of Baghdad that Iraq's military declared a 24-hour ban on all vehicles in the capital from 5 a.m. Monday.

The government quickly reinstated Monday as a holiday, just a day after it had decreed that April 9 no longer would be a day off.

Among the 10 U.S. deaths announced Sunday were three soldiers killed by a roadside bomb while patrolling south of Baghdad; one killed in an attack south of the capital; and two who died of combat wounds sustained north of the capital, in Diyala and Salahuddin provinces. On Saturday, the military said, four U.S. soldiers were killed in an explosion near their vehicle in Diyala.

At least 3,280 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. That figure includes seven military civilians.

Effort to catalog Earth's life tops 1 million

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A worldwide scientific effort to catalog every living species has topped the 1 million milestone.

Six years into the program the total has reached 1,009,000, researchers report. They hope to complete the listing by 2011, reaching an expected total of about 1.75 million species.

Thomas M. Orrell, a biologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural

History, said the finished catalog will include all known living organisms, from plants and animals to fungi and microorganisms such as bacteria, protozoa and viruses.

"Many are surprised that, despite over two centuries of work around the globe and the current worldwide interest in biodiver-



Orrell

ty, there is presently no comprehensive catalog of all known species of organisms on Earth," Orrell said.

The listing does not include fossil species from the past.

The Integrated Taxonomic Information System-Species 2000 Catalog of Life provides access to data maintained by a variety of scientific organizations, each specializing in a certain area.

For example, information on diptera flies is maintained by the Agriculture Department's Systematic

Entomology Laboratory at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Natural history museums in London, the Netherlands and New York maintain clothes moth, dragonfly and spider data. Experts in Canada and Paris keep the data on ichneumon wasps and long-horn beetles.

These lists are peer-reviewed and checked technically, and then integrated into special software for the catalog.

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'Let's beat someone up'

Unprovoked beatings of U.S. homeless soar

By Todd Lown
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — It was a balmy night, the sort that brings the homeless out from the shelters, when the police were summoned to America

Street. On the driveway of a condo, just a few paces from the gutter, lay a man.

A dying man.

He looked to be 50-ish, and a resident of Orlando's streets, judging by the moldy jacket. And he'd been bludgeoned — so badly bludgeoned that he could hardly move.

Before being rushed to the hospital, where he died of his head injuries, the man, August Felix, described his attackers. Young fellows did

it, he whispered to the officers who got to him first. Kids.

Within three months, two 16-year-olds and three 15-year-olds had been charged with second-degree homicide in the March 26, 2006, attack. The motive? "I don't think there was a motive," Sgt. Barbara Jones, a police spokeswoman, said, "other than, 'Let's beat someone up.'"

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High 55, Low 35, 51/38).

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers. Highs lower to middle 50s. Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and breezy southwestwardly winds. Lows in the lower 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT The Burley Bobcat Band and Jazz Ensembles annual Pope Concert, with music from recent movies "Aladdin", "Pirates of the Caribbean", "Dead Man's Chest", and "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe".

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Mini-Cassia Retired Educators meeting, with featured speaker Joan Parr, 11 a.m., Morey's Steakhouse, Burley, 438-5917. The Local Chapter 1989 Narva monthly meeting, for current and retired Federal Employees with speaker Neil King, manager of Higaman Park Fossil Beds, 11:30 a.m., Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Blvd, Twin Falls, 733-9477.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rac Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buti High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-9475. SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd, Twin Falls, no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

ON THE AGENDA

- Thursday Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

- Wednesday Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. DeMara Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964. Cassia County Council, 7 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises, 300 W. Main, 537-6544. Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main, 654-2124. Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682. Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451. Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101. Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

- Thursday Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-9131. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, (775)755-2356. Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128. Third Ave. E., 734-9490. Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5469. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E., 734-9490. Middocka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101. Friday Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Time to give up the keys to freedom?

Ask any teenager: Having a driver's license and a set of keys is an immediate ticket to freedom. So what happens when someone who has been driving all her life decides to turn those keys, and indeed to give them up? Some Magic Valley senior citizens tell their stories to reporter Ariel Hansen.

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Pooches get wet for a good cause

TWIN FALLS — By 12:45 p.m. Saturday, every imaginable breed of dog had passed through the College of Southern Idaho's dog wash — from 150-pound Elmo, a Great Pyrenees, to wee Mildred, a Chihuahua cross breed — at A Pet's Place, 260 Second Ave. S. The event raised money for CSI's Vet Tech program and student activities.

Cassia makes plans to fend off cricket invasion

BURLEY — Cassia County is getting a jump on some pesky Mormon crickets. County Extension Educator Richard Garrard met with county commissioners recently to ask them to draft a letter of permission to allow state officials to use local roads for baiting the area where the crickets are expected to make their exodus as the weather warms.

IDAHO/WEST

Montanans want trains to roll again

MISSOULA, Mont. — The last time scheduled passenger trains crossed southern Montana was in 1979. Reinstating the defunct route will be discussed Tuesday in Helena. "There's a lot of interest in it," said Mitching Ackley, with the Montana Association of Railroad Passengers. He figures high gas prices and frustrations with airlines are sending people to the train.

Free tree day draws crowd in N. Idaho

POST FALLS — Lora Doyle selected three kinds of maple trees, the tips of the 8-foot trees sticking out the back of her vehicle. "I got maple happy," she said. So did many others who showed up Saturday at Plant-a-Tree (or FREEB) Day in this northern Idaho city to take home some of the 3,000 trees being given away.

Thiefs shut down student art exhibit

SANDPOINT — The Pend Oreille Arts Council's annual Student Art Exhibit for students in middle school and high school turned out to be popular — especially among art thieves. Three pieces of artwork, including one by a seventh grader, were taken, forcing the show to close two weeks early.

NATION/WORLD

7 NATO soldiers killed in Afghan bombings

KABUL, Afghanistan — Roadside bombs in southern Afghanistan on Sunday killed seven NATO soldiers dead, the alliance said, as its forces continued an anti-Taliban offensive in the world's most fertile opium-producing region. It appeared to be the biggest combat loss for foreign troops in Afghanistan since 2005.

East meets West in Easter celebrations

ROME — From Moscow to Washington, Rome to Jerusalem, Christians of the Orthodox and Western faiths celebrated Easter on Sunday, prayed for a better future and relished their ancient rituals. The alignment of the two faiths' Easter calendars, based on equinox and moon phases, occurs every few years, and this year's overlap made the narrow streets in the Holy Land especially crowded.

Global bid to catalog species tops 1 million

WASHINGTON — A worldwide scientific effort to catalog every living species has topped the 1-million milestone. Researchers hope to complete the listing by 2011, reaching an expected total of about 1.75 million species.

SPORTS

Zach Johnson wins Masters tournament

AUGUSTA, Ga. — It all seemed surreal to Zach Johnson. Three clutch bunker shots on the back nine at the Masters. His name atop the leaderboard. Topping Tiger Woods. Slipping on the green jacket. "I'm from Cedar Rapids, Iowa," he said when asked to describe himself. "That's about it. I'm a normal guy." Not anymore.



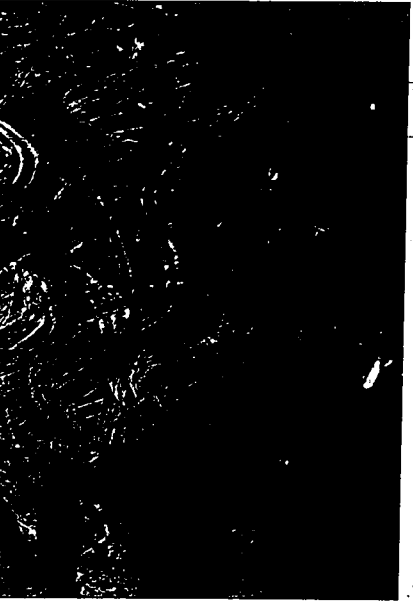
Filer rodeo team does well in Buhi

BUHL — The Filer rodeo team picked up six first place, seven on Saturday afternoon and several other top ten places as the District VI ended its second stop in Buhi. After winning Friday night with a score of 53 points, Tyler Day of Filer was nine-bar (62), on Saturday to win the bareback riding.

Crosby leads Penguins to playoffs

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux didn't win a scoring title until his fourth NHL season and couldn't lead the Pittsburgh Penguins into the playoffs until his fifth season. Sidney Crosby did both in his second season. A

SHOOTER'S GALLERY



MEAGAN THOMPSON Times-News

From highway 74, I could tell that Bald Mountain was patchy on March 24. Dry spots where grass sprouts were thriving dotted the mountain. So when I pulled up at the River Run entrance to Sun Valley Resort, I was surprised to see a steady stream of people exiting the slopes at day's end. At that time of day, on account of the snow and bright spring sunbath, I noticed mostly dark shapes, legs and shoulders. So I wanted to combine the shadow-like shapes of the people leaving with the tracks they left on the mountain to convey an end-of-season feeling. This photo was taken on a digital Canon Mark II with a 28 mm lens and ISO 100 at 1/2000 of a second at f/7.1.

OPINION EDITORIAL

Brown-bagging it is no disgrace

At Pocatello's Tendoy Elementary, we had no cafeteria and ate hot lunch just three times a year through PTA fundraisers. If you were broke, it was back to PB&J. So take heart, O'Leary Junior High brown-baggers. Being poor is not a disgrace, it's just awfully inconvenient.

— DAVID COOPER, Opinion editor

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Homeless

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 That high-schoolers had turned — allegedly on a whim — into executioners brought pause to city officials and advocates for the homeless, not just because the killing was unprovoked, but because it fit into a trend larger than Orlando: a nationwide surge in violence largely by teenagers and young adults against some of America's most vulnerable citizens.

A 2006 report by the National Coalition for the Homeless found 142 attacks last year against homeless people, 20 of which resulted in death — a 65 percent increase from 2005, when 86 were violently assaulted, including 13 homicides.

By comparison, 60 such attacks were reported in 1999, the year the coalition — the only entity to gather such data — began to study the problem.

And these numbers are likely low because they only reflect the most egregious attacks, reported in newspapers and by agencies that serve the homeless and some victims themselves, according to Michael Stoops, acting executive director of the Washington-based coalition.

The trend is particularly troubling, he says, because such attacks no longer occur just in major cities on the East and West Coasts, as was the case in the 1980s.

In its most recent study, "Hate, Violence, and Death on Main Street USA," the coalition documented attacks against the destitute in 62 communities last year alone, in 26 states. Since 1999, such violence has occurred in 44 states and Puerto Rico, and in 200 communities nationwide.

An overwhelming majority of the attackers — 88 percent — were 25 or younger; 39 percent were male. No less than 60 percent of those accused and convicted in attacks were between the ages of 13 and 19.

This pattern of violence, in Stoops' view, hasn't gotten the attention it deserves from the public or law enforcement.

"Homeless people are the newest minority group in America that is 'kicked to the curb,'" he said. "It's as though, somehow, they're viewed as less deserving, less human than the rest of us."

Analysts did pay attention to the story of 58-year-old Jacques Pierre, a homeless man who had been sleeping on a bench on a college campus when three teenagers woke him up — and then — they nearly killed him with baseball bats.

Why? That Jan. 12, 2006, ambush in San Laundrette was filmed by a surveillance camera, and broadcast worldwide.

"For once," says Sean Conlon, who operates a homeless shelter in that seaside city, "Americans saw with their own eyes how kids hunt down and kill homeless people as though it were a sport."

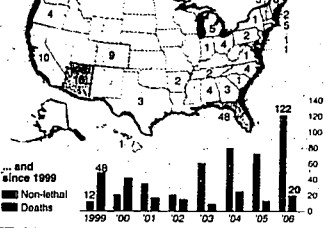
Such "sport" has occurred elsewhere.

In Toms River, N.J., five high-school students were

Violence against homeless increases

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Violent acts in 2006 ... 1 to 5 ... 6 to 10 ... Over 11



SOURCE: National Coalition for the Homeless

charged with beating a 50-year-old homeless man nearly to death with pipes and baseball bats — throwing hockey pucks at him for good measure — as he slept in the woods.

In Butte, Mont., a 53-year-old homeless man was killed at a Greyhound bus depot because he refused to give another man a cigarette, according to court records. The victim's skull was fractured. The 22-year-old assailant received a 50-year prison sentence.

In Spokane, Wash., a one-legged, 50-year-old homeless man was set on fire in his wheelchair on a downtown street; he died of his burns. Police charged a 22-year-old man with first-degree murder.

In Nashville, Tenn., a 32-year-old homeless woman sleeping on a boat ramp was shoved into the Cumberland River, according to witnesses. Two men, ages 21 and 22, were charged with homicide in her drowning; authorities say the attack was unprovoked.

Conlon, who also publishes a monthly newspaper, "The Homeless Voice," reported another trend:

"Kids are even starting to videotape themselves hurting homeless people. That's something we never saw before." He was referring to an February incident in Corpus Christi, Texas, in which a 22-year-old, a 16-year-old and a 15-year-old describe on camera how they are going to assault a homeless man, then do so.

On the tape, the attackers kick the man in the back, grab him, and flip him around to show off his injuries, according to police. The camera, which had been stolen, was recovered by the owner, who called police once she saw the footage.

Police have arrested one of the teens, and are looking for the other two suspects. The victim suffered a concussion but survived.

Some perpetrators are even younger. In late March, a homeless day laborer was walking at night through a neighborhood of Daytona Beach, Fla., when three boys on bicycles attacked him, striking him with a concrete block.

hate," the Web site says. In 2002, Donald Brennan and Rufus Hannah, two homeless, army veterans, filed suit against the Las Vegas producers, alleging they were paid small amounts of money to bash their heads into walls, fight their hair or fire, attack each other, and to tattoo "Burnflights" in bold letters across their hands and foreheads.

Later, the Burnflights producers agreed to pay an unspecified amount in damages and to no longer use Hannah and Brennan's images for promotional purposes.

The shock-video producers also pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to stage an illegal fight for their videos in 2003, and were ordered to perform community service. In 2005, they were sentenced to six months in prison for having failed to complete the community service.

The Associated Press sent an e-mail to Burnflights.com seeking comment for this story, but got no response.

A number of local governments have "adopted" ordinances that restrict where and when the homeless can sleep, stroll, beg, eat, bathe, or do laundry. And this trend may have an unintended effect — contributing, negative stereotypes of homeless people that contributes to the violence, some advocates say.

"When cities pass laws that target homeless people, they send a message to their communities that the homeless are not as valuable in the public eye as those with homes," says Tulin Oздеger, a civil rights attorney at the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty.

Of late, there have been signs that lawmakers may be ready to crack down harder on those who assault the homeless without provocation — one being a recent push to categorize such attacks as hate crimes.

Currently, gays and trans with racial, ethnic and religious groups, are covered by various hate crime laws around the country; convictions under these statutes usually carry harsher sentences than other types of crime.

Brian Levin, a criminologist and hate crimes expert at Cal State San Bernardino, says attacks on homeless people "fit the category like a glove," and "should be punished as severely."

Hate crimes, he says, bear similar hallmarks: stereotyped victims, offenders who act out latent prejudices, offenders who seek thrills or feel superior to their victims, and a mob mentality that, sweeps away caution.

Growth

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 Until an agreement is reached, the county is proceeding with its plans, to which there are four parts:

- Update the comprehensive plan — a document that guides commissioners' decisions — and the county land-use map.

- Adopt a county zoning map.

- Update the text of the county's zoning ordinance.

- Write a new subdivision ordinance.

Commissioners have already voted to update the comprehensive plan and adopt the zoning map. A hearing is set for Thursday to review the zoning ordinance, and the proposed subdivision ordinance is being reviewed by the county's planning and

zoning committee. The projects will rezone nearly all of the 1,074 square miles of the county, the majority of which had been previously zoned for agriculture.

Backstrom said the new rules will diversify the county's zoning classes by increasing the number of zoning categories from two to 10.

Fairfield resident George Marth, who previously alleged corruption on the part of commissioners and the county's planning and zoning board in their rezoning efforts, did not immediately return calls for this story.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the enclosure. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@newsnet.net.

Species

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 The project, involving some 3,000 biologists, is led by Eflink Bisby of the University of Reading in England and Orrell.

"We tidy it up and do a peer review to see which plants are the best ones to use, like putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle," Bisby said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "If you want to do international comparisons, you need a master list. It's a little like if you were running a supermarket, you would have to do an inventory."

Having internationally accepted standards for species' names will help researchers compare the diversity of life in various regions of the world and produce uniform catalogues of germs, packets of seeds or genetic resources, he said.

Only rarely is there competition among names, such as occurred with sea anemones, hard corals and spiders, and occasionally an element of subjective opinion plays a role


among the peer reviewers with various taxonomic expertise, Bisby said.

"It can sometimes be very difficult to decide," he said. "Taxonomy, the formal system of naming living things, was launched by the Swedish scientist Carl von Linné — known as Linnaeus — in the 1700s and his name still appears in the database."

Look up gray wolf in the ITIS catalog and it produces the scientific name *Canis lupus*. Go to that listing and find that the wolf was given its scientific name by Linnaeus in 1758 and has two synonyms, included are the wolf's common names in English, Spanish and French. So, too, its scientific classification and reports where it is distributed.

Confusion occurs when the same plant or animal has many common names in different places. Taxonomists seek to solve that problem with the catalog's use of scientific names along with the various common uses.

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Armed Services chief says Senate will not stop paying for war



Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., speaks Sunday in Washington during an interview with George Stephanopoulos on ABC's 'This Week.'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate will not stop paying for the Iraq war or relent from insisting that President Bush keep pressing the Baghdad government for a negotiated end to the violence, a top Democrat said Sunday.

Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, took issue with an effort by Majority Leader Harry Reid to limit war spending after March 2008 as a way to end U.S. involvement.

"We're not going to vote to cut funding, period," Levin said. "But what we should do, and we're going to do, is continue to press this president to put some pressure on the Iraqi leaders to reach a political settlement."

Bush has asked Congress for more than \$100 billion to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan this year. The House and Senate have approved the money, but their bills seek to wind down the war by including timeliness for troops to come home — something Bush will not accept.

The Senate bill would require a U.S. troop exit to begin within 120 days, with a completion goal of March 31, 2008. The House bill would order all combat troops out by Sept. 1, 2008.

Democratic leaders have not negotiated a final version to send the president. Bush has made clear he will veto it,

which will start the process all over.

"We're going to fund the troops. We always have," Levin said. He added, "We're very strong in supporting the troops, but we're also strong on putting pressure on the Iraqi leaders to live up to their own commitments without that political settlement on their part, there is no military solution."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said there have not been sufficient efforts at discussions' between lawmakers and White House. "We cannot leave the troops unfunded in the field. That just can't be done. And Congress is not in a position to micromanage the war. But we

do not have any good alternative. Right now, you can't see the end of the tunnel, let alone a light at the end of the tunnel."

Specter said he was not prepared "to withdraw funding at this time. But my patience, like many others, is growing very thin."

Reid, D-Nev., said last week that if Bush rejects the Democrats' legislation, he would join with Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., one of the party's most liberal members who has long called to end the war by denying funding for it. Reid's latest proposal would give the president one year to get troops out, ending funding for combat operations after March 31, 2008.

It's feeling a lot like Christmas in much of the country

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — An unseasonable cold snap put a chill on Easter Sunday services across the Southeast and much of the rest of the country, moving some events indoors and adding layers over spring frocks.

Even baseball had to take another time out — because of snow.

Across much of the eastern two-thirds of the nation, Easter celebrants swapped frocks, bonnets and sandals for coats, scarves and heavy socks. Baseball fans huddled in blankets and, instead of spring flannels, backyard gardeners were bundling their crops.

Two weeks into spring, Easter morning temperatures were in the upper 30s along the Gulf Coast and in the single digits in northern Minnesota and the Dakotas. Atlanta had a low of 30 degrees, with a wind chill of 23, the National Weather Service said. The same reading at New York City's Fifth Avenue, celebrated in song for the traditional Easter Parade of spring finery.

Despite the chill, nearly 1,000 people attended the annual sunrise service — at Georgia's Stone Mountain Park, as a slight breeze whipped over the granite monument. The service usually attracts 10,000.

Later in the afternoon, about 5,000 people braved the wind and chill in Homer, a small town in the foothills of the north Georgia mountains that claims one of the nation's largest Easter egg hunts.

"We've had cold weather before, but this might have been the coldest," said Sandra Gamble, whose family hid more than 100,000 plastic eggs on their farm, continuing a 48-year tradition. "They had their coats on for sure."

Nashville, Tenn., bottomed out Sunday at 23 degrees, knocking one degree off the Easter Sunday record set March 24, 1940.

East of Cleveland, in Chardon, about 16 inches of snow has fallen, and forecasters predicted the region could get another 10 inches before the storms tapered off late Sunday. Temperatures were expected to stay unseasonably cold through much of the week. The Cleveland Indians tried all weekend to kick off their series against the Seattle Mariners, but were stymied when the weather forced Friday's home opener and subsequent double headers on Saturday and Sunday to be postponed.

Officials in Morrison, Colo., canceled Sunday's annual sunrise service at the Red Rocks Amphitheater because seats and stairways were covered with ice. Morning lows in Columbia, S.C., dropped to the upper 20s, the weather service said. The usual courtyard service at Wesleyan Memorial Unity Methodist Church in Columbia had to be moved indoors, the Rev. Michael Bingham said.

States abstaining from abstinence-only sex education

By P.L. Hoffrichter Los Angeles Times

In an emerging revolt against abstinence-only sex education, states are turning down millions of dollars in federal grants, unwilling to accept White House dictates that the money be used for classes focused almost exclusively on teaching chastity.

In Ohio, Gov. Ted Strickland said that regardless of the state's sluggish economic picture, he simply did not see the point in taking part in the controversial State Abstinence Education Grant program any more.

Five other states — Wisconsin, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Montana and

New Jersey — either already have, or plan to, drop out of the program, which is managed by a unit of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, by the end of the year.

Strickland, like most of the other governors who are pulling the plug on the funding, said in pulling out of the program last month that the program has too many restrictions and rules to be practical. Among other things, the money cannot be used to promote condom or contraceptive use, and requires teachers to emphasize ideas such as bearing children outside of wedlock is harmful to society and "likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects."

And, according to the govern-

or's spokesman, Keith Dailey, Strickland sees little evidence that the program has been effective. "We've spent millions of dollars on such education since Ohio first started getting grant money in 1999," Dailey said. "If the state is going to spend money on teaching and protecting kids, the governor believes it's better to spend it in a smarter, more comprehensive approach."

That states are walking away from such funding alarms abstinence-only groups, who insist that cutting off this source of revenue will close dozens of nonprofit sex education groups — and undermine the progress they have made to fight teen pregnancy and curtail the spread of sexually

transmitted diseases.

States have used the money to help public and private schools start and run education programs, develop classroom instruction for nonprofit groups, and pay for advertising and other media campaigns.

"There are kids who don't want to know how to put on a condom, because they don't want to have sex," said Leslee Uhrh, president and chief executive of the South Dakota-

based National Abstinence Clearinghouse, the nation's largest network of abstinence educators. "So why can't kids who want to abstain have equal time, funding and education in the classroom as kids who are having sex?"

"It criticizes the policy shift addresses growing concerns that sexually active youth are not getting access to medically accurate information about use of contraceptives and disease prevention.

New York City couple hails a cab for 2,400-mile ride to retirement home

NEW YORK (AP) — Betty and Bob Matas have retired and are moving to Arizona, but like many New Yorkers they don't drive, and they don't want their cabs to travel all that way in an airliner cargo hold.

Their solution: "Hey, cabbie."

They met taxi driver Douglas Guldeniz when they hailed his cab after a shopping trip several weeks ago.

They got to talking about their upcoming move, and "we said 'Do you want to come?'" said Bob Matas, 72, a former audio and video engineer for advertising agencies. "And he said 'Sure.'"

It was initially a gag, Matas said, but as they talked over the ensuing weeks it became reality.

They plan to leave Tuesday on the 2,400-mile trip to Sedona, Ariz., with Guldeniz driving his yellow SUV cab 10

hours a day for a flat fee of \$3,000, plus gas, meals and lodging.

"They're getting a break. The standard, metered fare would be about \$5,000 — each way, according to David Pollack, executive director of the Committee for Taxi Safety, a drivers' group. But city taxi and limousine Commission rules direct drivers and passengers to negotiate a flat fare for trips outside the city and a few suburban areas.

It's also a good deal for Guldeniz.

"This job is not easy, and I want to do something different," said Guldeniz, 45, who has been driving a taxi for two years. "I want to have some good memories."

The Matases will ride in relaxed comfort in Guldeniz's sport utility vehicle while their cabs ride "in the back" in their travel cases. A mover will haul

their belongings.

"It's a little unusual, but it will be fun," said Betty Matas, 71, a retired executive administrative assistant.

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Easter celebrated in Western and Eastern churches

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press writer

ROME — From Moscow to Washington, Rome to Jerusalem, Christians in the Orthodox and Western faiths celebrated Easter on Sunday, prayed for a better future and relished their ancient rituals.

The alignment of the two faiths' Easter calendars, based on equinox and moon phases, occurs every few years, and this year's overlap made the narrow streets in the Holy Land especially crowded.

At the Vatican, the Eastern Christian celebrations of Easter resounded across the steps of St. Peter's Basilica when black-robed clerics intoned a long chant from the Byzantine liturgy during Pope Benedict XVI's outdoor Mass for tens of thousands of faithful.

St. Peter's Square was ablaze with color from tulips, tiger lilies, hyacinths and azaleas from the Netherlands. Benedict, head of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, tempered his message about Easter joy with a litany of suffering in the world today, including what he deemed as "continual slaughter" in Iraq and bloodshed in parts of Africa and Asia.

In Washington, a dawn crowd gathered for an Easter



Pope Benedict XVI delivers his 'Urbi et Orbi' (To The City and To The World') Easter address from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Sunday.

service at the Lincoln Memorial. Bundled up in blankets, scarves and hats, the worshippers sang "God Bless America" as the sun's rays glimmered on the reflecting pool.

President Bush worshipped at the chapel at Fort Hood, an Army post 50 miles southwest from his ranch in Crawford, Texas. The sprawling post has sent thousands of soldiers to the war in Iraq.

"I had a chance to reflect on the great sacrifice that our military and their families are making," Bush said after the service. "I prayed for their safety. I prayed for their strength

and comfort, and I pray for peace."

A bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" and led a pre-dawn crowd of more than 200 up Mt. Davidson, San Francisco's highest peak, which is topped with a 103-foot concrete cross.

Pastors from churches of several denominations led prayers for soldiers in Iraq. Bethany Baptist Church in Boulder, Colo., used graffiti,

nails and an interactive prayer labyrinth with nine stations to tell the story of the crucifixion. Pastor Rob Stout said labyrinths were created in the Middle Ages as a way of symbolizing the journey to Jerusalem.

"Graffiti has an interesting history to it. I call it vandalism. Some call it art. We wanted to use it because the story of the passion and the crucifixion of

Christ is a very raw story," Stout said.

After weeks of Lenten sacrifice and fasting in preparation for Easter, many Christians in Eastern Europe enjoyed brightly colored, hard-boiled eggs. Roast lamb was featured on many tables in the Balkans as well as in Italy.

Cries of "Christ is risen!" went up in Macedonia after midnight, when priests symbolically announced Jesus' victory over death. Archbishop Stefan, head of the Macedonian Orthodox

Church, called for peace "in our homeland and among all the people in the world."

While Christians are a tiny minority in Turkey, for historical reasons the Orthodox patriarchate has its home in Istanbul, an ancient Constantinople and the spiritual leader of the world's 200 million Orthodox. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, is based there.

Most of the worshippers packed the Church of St. George at a Saturday night Easter vigil service were visitors from Greece.

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Roadside bombings kill 7 NATO soldiers in Afghanistan

By Robin Falz
Associated Press writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — Roadside bombs in southern Afghanistan on Sunday left seven NATO soldiers dead, the alliance said, as its forces continued an anti-Taliban offensive in the world's most fertile opium-producing region.

Separately, a purported spokesman for the Taliban said the kidnapped translator for an Italian journalist was beheaded Sunday. The Afghan government confirmed the death.

Six troops died and one was injured when one of the roadside bombs struck their vehicle, the alliance said in a statement. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper confirmed they were Canadian troops, Canadian Press reported.

A separate roadside bomb Sunday killed one NATO soldier and wounded two, NATO said.

Officials did not release the nationality of those soldiers and did not give details or say where exactly in the south the attacks took place.

The Canadians' deaths appeared to be the biggest single combat loss for foreign troops in Afghanistan since June 2005, when a U.S. helicopter crashed. Sixteen American troops died after the aircraft was apparently hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

The fatalities underline how violent Afghanistan's Taliban resistance remains, more than five years after a U.S.-led invasion drove the headline militia from power for harboring al-Qaida.

Elsewhere in southern Afghanistan, freelance journalist and translator Ajmal Naqshbandi was beheaded after more than a month in captivity. He had been kidnapped along with Italian journalist Daniele Mastrogiacomo and a driver, who had been beheaded earlier.

Mastrogiacomo, who worked for the daily La Repubblica, was released March 19 in a much criticized swap for five Taliban militants. The Taliban made a similar demand in return for Naqshbandi's release.

"We asked for two Taliban commanders to be released in exchange for Ajmal Naqshbandi, but the government did not care for our demands, and today, at 3:05 p.m., we beheaded Ajmal in Gernis district of Herat province," said Shahabuddin Atal, who claimed to be a spokesman for regional Taliban commander Mullah Dadullah.

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OTHER VIEWS

Luna passes his first test on student testing

Lewiston Tribune

As someone with little experience in the nuts and bolts of education, Idaho's new state school superintendent, Tom Luna, has a lot to learn on the job. One of his initial responses to student testing suggests he is doing just that.

Luna, who has been a local school board member but never a teacher or administrator, says Idaho students might be taking too many tests.

He says a student who does well on one math test would probably do well on another, negating the purpose for giving the second one. "This is one reason why we're going to go through this whole review of all of our assessments," he says, showing he has already picked up the eduspeak term for testing. "To see if there's any way we can gather the same information with fewer tests."

Good for him. Any teacher can tell you that time spent taking tests is not time spent learning, and that much more time is being spent on the former these days than on the latter.

Much of the reason for that lies with politicians, not educators. The way to show you are for accountability in public schools is to demand more testing, and candidates on both parties have engaged in an arms race in recent years to see who can propose the biggest number of tests.

During the 2000 presidential campaign, for example, Republican George W. Bush accused Democrat Al Gore in one debate of supporting less testing than he did. Gore responded immediately that he wanted more tests.

By the end of the debate, many viewers must have wondered when students were going to acquire the knowledge and skills on which they would be tested with such great frequency.

Administering tests requires more than a lot of time, too. It is expensive, especially when using the standardized tests that states now use to gauge student progress, and to report that progress to state and federal governments.

Any reduction in the number of tests, without sacrificing the information they provide, would pay big dividends.

As a conservative who first ran for superintendent in 2002 promising to challenge the complacency of education professionals, Luna might not be the first person you would suspect would suggest reducing the number of tests.

But because he is unlikely to be attacked from the right for doing it, he is the perfect person to make such a proposal.

Like Nixon when he went to China, Luna can go where he pleases — and take this conservative state with him.

Their View:

Tom Luna

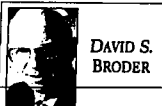
takes high grades for a realistic view on student testing, says the Lewiston-Tribune guest editorial.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The unsettled state of the Republican presidential race can be illustrated in the Tale of the Two Thompsons.

Tommy Thompson, the former governor of Wisconsin and secretary of health and human services in President Bush's first term, jumped into the race last week, claiming to be the "reliable conservative" voters want.



DAVID S. BRODER

Thompson has little money and, at this point, no standing in the national polls. But for months, he has been spending every weekend in Iowa, and he says his goal is to win the straw vote that will draw several thousand Republicans to Ames, Iowa, on Aug. 11 for the state convention.

In 1995, when Bob Dole was running and wanted to make his mark in the straw vote, so many of his fellow-Kansans came to Ames that it looked like Wichita and Topeka had been depopulated. Thompson insists he will not be using voters in from Wichita, Iacine and Kansas, but will be able to recruit enough Iowans to prevail.

Such is the vulnerability of the supposed front-runners that Thompson is convinced that winning this nonbinding, totally symbolic straw vote will by itself make him a serious contender.

That dream looks less implausible when you consider the case of Fred Thompson — no kin. He is the former senator from Tennessee who retired from politics in 2002 to resume a career as a movie and TV actor that was more lucrative and, apparently, less boring. Now, his restless spirit is urging him back into politics. And with no more behind him than the popularity of his role on "Law & Order" and



a hint to Fox News' Chris Wallace that he might be interested in the White House, this Thompson has vaulted into third place in the Republican polls.

He has yet to announce his candidacy, raise his first dollar or build the semblance of an organization, but he has lapped Mitt Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, who has been running for months and who leads all other Republicans in fundraising.

The only two candidates who outpace Fred Thompson in these early polls are Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York, and Arizona Sen. John McCain. And both of them, especially McCain, have seen their numbers erode.

Behind all four of them are a bunch of others, including Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas, Jim Gilmore, the former governor of Virginia, and Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, all of whom are vying for the same "reliable conservative" slot that Tommy Thompson covets. And then there are the Iowa members, trying to break the historical jinx on

candidates who try to vault from the House to the White House — Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and Tom Tancredo of Colorado. Both of them voice the antagonism to immigration across the Southern border that separates much of the Republican Party base from President Bush. And their presence in the early debates assures that the divisive issue of immigration will not be one the other candidates can duck.

This is not just a confusing picture for Republicans but a worrisome one. The only candidates with established national names, McCain and Giuliani, have five marriages between them and probably a dozen issues that are controversial for important Republican constituencies.

Romney, an excellent campaigner and fundraiser, has an exemplary private life, has endured what might be called a lengthy period of political adolescence as he tries to make the awkward transition from being a Massachusetts-style moderate Republican to the kind who can run to the right of Giuliani and McCain.

He also faces an ugly anti-

Mormon bias that is fanned by some religious bigots and tolerated in silence by too many others.

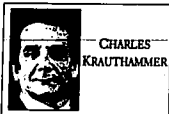
The weakness at the top creates an opening for Fred Thompson — a man who made little impact on the Senate and left it voluntarily when he could easily have been re-elected. He is an odd creature for conservatives, since he was one of the few senators who supported McCain over Bush in 2000 and one of the few Republicans who voted enthusiastically for the McCain-Feingold bill limiting campaign contributions. His eccentricity as a TV prosecutor outweighs all that, at least in some eyes.

As for Tommy Thompson, his credentials include pioneering work as a governor on welfare reform, health care, school choice and other domestic issues. But none of that counts as much for him as turning out bodies for the Ames straw vote.

What a system! What a party!

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A feckless show of courage by European Union



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Like other vaunted transnational institutions, the EU is useless as a player in the international arena. Not because its members are venal but because they are sovereign. Their interests are simply not identical.

I ran has pulled off a tidy little success with its seizure and subsequent release of those 15 British sailors and marines: a pointed humiliation of Britain, with a bonus demonstration of Iran's intention to push back against coalition challenges to its assets in Iraq.

All with total impunity. Fully exposed is the utter fecklessness of these transnational institutions — most prominently the European Union and the U.N. — that pretend to maintain international order.

You would think maintaining international order means, at a minimum, challenging acts of piracy. No challenge here. Instead, a quiet capitulation.

The quid pro quis were not terribly subtle. An Iranian "diplomat" who had been held for two months in Iraq is suddenly released. Equally suddenly, Iran is granted access to the five Iranian "consular officials" — Revolutionary Guards who had been training Shiite militias to kill Americans and others — whom the U.S. had arrested in Irbil in January.

There may have been other concessions we will never hear about. But the salient point is that what got this unstuck was American action.

Where then was the EU? These 15 hostages, after all, are not just British citizens, but under the terms of the citizens of Europe. Yet the EU lifted not a finger on their behalf.

Europeans talk all the time about their preference for a "soft power" over the brute military force those Neanderthal Americans resort

to all the time. What was the soft power available here? The British economy is highly dependent on European credits, trade and technology. Britain asked the EU to threaten to freeze exports, \$18 billion a year of commerce. Iran would have lost its No. 1 trading partner. The EU refused.

Why was nothing done? The reason is simple. Europe functions quite well as a free trade zone. But as a political entity, it is a farce. It remains a collection of sovereign countries with divergent interests. A freeze of economic relations with Europe would have shaken the European economy to the core. Yet nothing was done.

"The Dutch," reports the Times of London, "said it was important not to risk a breakdown in dialogue. So much for European solidarity.

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The problem is most striking at the U.N., the quintessential transnational institution with a mandate to maintain international peace and order. There was a communalist interest at its origin — defeating Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. The war

ended; but the wartime alliance of Britain, France, the U.S., China and Russia proclaimed itself nonetheless the guardian of postwar "collective security" as the Security Council.

Small problem: Their interests are not collective. They are individual. Like the Iranian nuclear program.

Russia and China make it impossible to impose any serious sanctions. China has an interest in maintaining strong relations with a major energy supplier, and is not about to jeopardize that over Iranian nukes which are no threat to it whatsoever.

Russia sees Iran as a useful proxy in resisting Western attempts to dominate the Persian Gulf.

Ironically, the existence of transnational institutions like the U.N. makes it harder for collective action against bad actors. In the past, interested parties would simply get together in temporary coalitions to do what they had to do. That is much harder now because they feel such action is illegitimate without the blessing of the Security Council.

The result is utterly predictable. Nothing has been done about the Iranian bomb. In fact, the only effective sanctions those are coming unilat-

erally out of the U.S. Treasury. Remember the faint return to multilateralism — the new emphasis on diplomacy and "working with the allies" — so widely heralded at the beginning of the second Bush administration? To general acclaim, the cowboys had been banished and the grown-ups brought back to town.

What exactly has the new multilateralism brought us? North Korea tested a nuclear device. Iran has accelerated its march to developing the bomb. The new Western government in Beirut hangs by a thread. The Darfur genocide continues unabated.

The capture and release of the 15 British hostages illustrates once again the faint return to multilateralism — the new emphasis on diplomacy and "working with the allies" — so widely heralded at the beginning of the second Bush administration? To general acclaim, the cowboys had been banished and the grown-ups brought back to town.

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LETTER

President should be impeached, charged

In the past couple of weeks, several people have written regarding President George Bush's actions during his time in office. I have respect for the ones who do take the time to write, pro or con. At least they don't have their heads stuck in the sand like most Americans.

I have the utmost respect for the office of the president of the United States but, in reality, the man in that office at present should be impeached and charged with treason.

Available information indicates that George W. Bush Sr. and George W. Bush Jr. are both members of subversive organizations called "Skill and Bones" and "The Illuminate." Members of these groups are working for the destruction of America and its Constitution and have been for years.

The president of the United States is not running this country. A foreign dictator who is working for the destruction of this country is telling the president what to do.

moved out of the United States.

Our country is being invaded with illegal drugs from South America and Mexico. It appears to be encouraged by our own government.

Look at the recent imprisonment of two of our border guards and the immunity given to the drug smuggler. The finality of all this is to pull America into a quagmire known as "One World Order." The United States as we know it today will no longer exist. Anyone questioning the authenticity of these statements should read a book titled "The Enemy Unmasked" (second edition) by Bill Hughes.

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What if housing prices decline by 20 percent? That would solve Seattle's affordability problem, right? Most folks would say this is impossible.

MARK TRAHANT

Bank and thrift failures reached a frightful magnitude," Fisher said. "More than 800 financial institutions went out of business in Texas during the 1980s and into the early 1990s.

Fisher also said the problems of subprime mortgages are largely contained. But what if the problem is the rising asset class? This is where there is a potential divide between the price of a home and the affordability of that home.

The bigger problem isn't the stories about subprime mortgages that have become a familiar narrative. His concern is the tightening of credit conditions that follows, "a typical response to end-of-cycle exuberance run amok."

Gross said forget all the talk about percentages of subprime mortgages or alternative loans and consider that "as past marginal buyers are forced to sell their homes to prevent foreclosures, so, too, will future marginal buyers be restricted from buying them."

Just think about what those higher credit standards will require: a significant down payment, good credit and, in Seattle, a high income.

How big a descent? Gross estimates housing prices could drop 15 percent to 20 percent and return to normal "affordability" levels. But Gross also writes that "while the Fed may be willing to allow U.S. homeowners to suffer a little pain, a double-digit decline would risk consequences that few central banks would be willing to undertake."

If Gross is correct, and the Fed acts accordingly, there may be a drop in housing prices that's steady, and manageable for the public.

I'd like to think that would happen, that the Fed would see this coming. But the history of bubbles, no, the history of America, suggests that when a cycle ends, the only thing to do is to pay for the excess.

Mark Trahan is a columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

OTHER VIEWS

Bruised, but refreshingly engaged

The caricature of a bruised and battered Gov. Butch Otter in Sunday's Post Register tells the story.

With the briefest of transitions — Otter spent much of November at his old job during the lame duck Republican Congress — he put together a budget that funded schools, higher education and public employee pay raises.

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two-thirds majority — although lawmakers blocked Otter's attempts to lower that threshold.

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veto. Being overridden on an issue like banning smoking in bowling alleys may only invite more overrides down the road.

The governor deserves credit for challenging the Legislature more in 70 days than former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne did in seven years.

The glaring deficiency so far in Otter's tenure is his failure to utilize the bully pulpit.

The governor gave a remarkably succinct argument about not building legislative wings when Idaho children attended school in trailers to the New York Times.

Had he taken that message to the voters last winter, he might well have prevailed on the issue.

He held too few press conferences and appeared unfocused in some of his public appearances.

But, for four months into Otter's term, this governor has been a pleasant surprise in many ways — not the least of which is an apparent capacity to admit error and learn from it.

All of which bodes well for the next legislative session.

LETTERS

Throwing away food was a big waste

I would like to nominate the Twin Falls School District and the cafeteria workers who made the decision to throw out the hot meals of students who were in arrears for a big jeez. What a waste!

Why not do the intelligent thing and just offer these students the brown bag lunch up front and skip the throwing out of food that could have been used by any number of meal programs in the valley.

Many Lu Hamy states, "It was perfectly legal." But perfectly legal does not mean it was necessarily the most prudent and wisest choice available. What kind of message are you sending when you deliberately waste products, which would also be a waste of cafeteria employees' productivity. Let me say it again. What a waste!

Under no conditions should you pay what you rightfully owe. If a student is in arrears, then something must be done to help that student and family realize that they must pay their fair share in a timely fashion.

The course of action taken as reported by the Times-News is, in my opinion, one of the most egregious decisions I have seen in a long time. If I were in the Twin Falls School District, you can bet that I would be at the next district meeting to voice my opinion against this type of tactic.

DUANE PORTER Hansen

O'Leary's public humiliation of students is an outrage

In the Associated Press article on the school lunch controversy printed in The Salt Lake Tribune, Secondary Programs Director Mary Lu Barry is quoted as saying in reference to the public humiliation of children at O'Leary Junior High School that "It was perfectly legal." As a lawyer, I can tell you that anytime someone uses such a phrase, it is all but certain that behind the action described is some form of chicanery or despotism.

infliction of severe emotional distress. These facts may or may not make the school's actions "perfectly legal," but it can never make those actions anything but morally repugnant.

School officials who participated in this outrage should be disciplined. And they owe each one of these students an apology.

THOMAS N. THOMPSON Salt Lake City, Utah

Next president shouldn't be elected by the media

Currently, the dominant media is sculpturing the 2008 presidential election! In some cases, the media is acting like Hollywood casting directors, promoting unqualified people because of gender, race, good looks, etc.

There is a lesson to be learned from sports fans and writers who carefully analyze and pick a head coach on achievements over the years. How did the players and assistant coaches perform on and off the field? Did they perform honorably? It's reported the Cincinnati Bengals had 13 of

their players arrested last year!

Please pay attention to the fact that the Hollywood-like media is wasting our time by serving up many questionable people to be our head coach for our next years.

Our next president will be the most important, since many of our enemies are educated scientists who control long-distance rockets capable of delivering nasty, deadly things that can destroy our cities.

We have already been attacked here in the United States twice! Little attention was paid to the first attack prior to 9/11. Enemies tried to domino the World Trade towers over some of the surrounding buildings that would have killed way more than 3,000 people.

The next president and his or her team needs to be the most qualified ever, since we can be easily reached by enemies that may be here now!

The Hollywood media should stick to making x-rated movies and not x-rated presidents! DON EDISON Twin Falls

is having auditions

for its summer show, Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance." You must be at least 12 and still in high school.

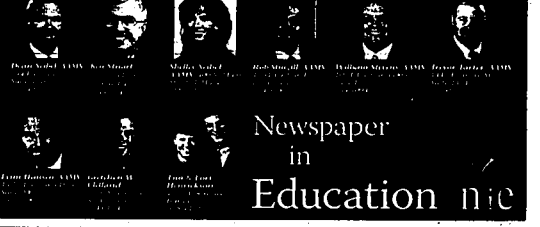
The auditions will be held on April 13th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, and on April 14th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Come prepared with a song to sing and a short recitation. If you would like to be a part of this fun and exciting musical production, call 423-6109, between the hours of 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm on April 10th or April 11th, to set up an audition time. There is a \$5 membership fee to join JUMP Company.

Please check our website: www.jumpcompany.org for updates and new information. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Financial Lessons of the Week

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Roth vs. Traditional IRA: Which is Right for You?

If you already contribute to an IRA, then you're taking an important step toward building the financial resources you need for retirement. If you don't have an IRA, then you might want to consider opening one. But which one?

Your two main choices are a "traditional" IRA and a Roth IRA. These IRAs share some common characteristics. First, you can fund either one with virtually any type of investment you choose — stocks, bonds, CDs, etc. And second, you can contribute up to \$4,000 to either IRA, or \$5,000 if you're 50 or over. (However, you cannot contribute to a Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$160,000, if you're married and file jointly, or \$110,000, if you're single.)

Beyond these similarities, though, there are some important differences in the two IRAs. Here's a quick look at each:

• Traditional IRA - Your traditional IRA contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your annual income and whether or not you're covered under an employer-sponsored retirement plan. And your earnings grow tax-deferred until you start taking withdrawals.

• Roth IRA - You fund a Roth IRA with after-tax dollars, so you always have tax and penalty-free access to your contributions. And your earnings grow totally tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account for at least five years. Also, you can typically make tax-free withdrawals for first-time homebuyer expenses. (If you withdraw money from a traditional or Roth IRA before you're 59½, you may have to pay a 10 percent penalty.)

So, which IRA is right for you? As is often the case in the investment world, there are no quick and easy answers. If you're not eligible to deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA, and you are eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, then you may want to choose the Roth IRA.

But what if you're eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA and you could still deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA? On one hand, the traditional IRA offers a powerful combination: tax deductibility and tax-deferred growth. On the other hand, a Roth IRA is one of the few investments that offers tax-free earnings.

Obviously, it's a tough choice. And that's why you may want to consider some other criteria. For example, if you have a traditional IRA, you must start taking minimum distributions by the time you're 70½. With a Roth, you never have to take them — you can leave the entire value of your IRA to your beneficiaries, and they won't have to pay taxes on withdrawals. Consequently, your projected need for retirement income and your desire to leave money to your family are two factors you'll want to consider when choosing between a Roth and a traditional IRA.

Unfortunately, you can't have it both ways — that is, you can't contribute the maximum amount to both types of IRAs. Whatever amount you contribute to one will reduce what you can contribute to another.

A qualified financial professional or your tax adviser may be able to help you determine which type of IRA is right for you. But, even with this assistance, make sure you understand all the issues involved. Remember, this money is for your retirement — so you'll want to make the right moves.

Questions: (1) True or False — Earnings on a Roth IRA grow tax free. (2) True or False — There is no difference between a Roth IRA and a traditional IRA. Answers to last week's questions: (1) True (2) False

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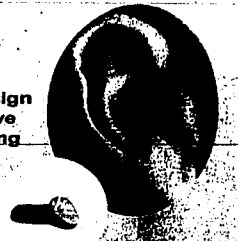
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SPORTS

Twins' Santana stymies White Sox, wins 3-1

CHICAGO — Johan Santana allowed one hit over seven scoreless innings and the Minnesota Twins beat the Chicago White Sox 3-1 on Sunday.

Justin Morneau hit a three-run homer off rookie John Danks in the fourth, and that was enough for Santana (2-0), who struggled a bit with his control early before retiring the final 17 batters he faced.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner struck out nine and walked three while improving to 10-1 in his last 12 starts against Chicago.

On a day when flurries swirled after the sun came out, Nick Markakis had three hits to complete a 7-for-15 weekend. He also made a diving catch in right field for the second consecutive day — both on Jason Giambi.

Athletics 2, Angels 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Joe Blanton beat Los Angeles for the first time in seven career decisions, and Oakland got RBI doubles from Shannon Stewart and Nick Swisher to earn a four-game split.

Blanton (1-0) allowed a run and five hits in 3 1/3 innings. The right-hander stranded a runner in scoring position in each of the first four innings.

Blue Jays 6, Devil Rays 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Roy Halladay won for the first time since last August and Roid Johnson hit a three-run homer to lead Toronto past Tampa Bay.

Halladay (1-0) had gone winless in seven starts since beating Baltimore on Aug. 20. He gave up three runs, seven hits and three walks in seven innings. He struck out seven.

Vernon Wells also homered for the Blue Jays. Casey Jansen pitched two innings for his first career save.

Red Sox 3, Rangers 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — David Ortiz snapped out of a 2-for-18 slump with his first two home runs and Curt Schilling bounced back from his horrendous season debut to help

Boston beat Texas and avoid a sweep.

Ortiz hit a solo homer in the first inning and added a two-run shot in the third off Vicente Padilla (0-2) that put the Red Sox ahead to stay. It was his 27th career multihomer game.

National League

Cardinals 10, Astros 1

HOUSTON — Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer to snap out of a 1-for-17 slump and Kip Wells outpitched college teammate Jason Jennings as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros 10-1 on Sunday.

Scott Rolen had a three-run double and Yadier Molina added a two-run double in the ninth inning off Houston closer Brad Lidge. Rolen and Molina also had RBI singles earlier.

Cincinnati 6, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Freddy Sanchez had two hits and an RBI in his first game since coming off the disabled list, and Zach Duke pitched the Pirates over the Reds.

Jason Bay, Jack Wilson and Brad Eldred homered to help the Pirates avoid their first three-game sweep in Cincinnati since September 1998. Wilson hit a two-run shot, while Eldred connected for his first time since 2005 and drove in two runs.

Braves 3, Mets 2

ATLANTA — Brian McCann and Jeff

Francouer hit consecutive RBI doubles in the eighth inning to rally the Braves over the Mets.

Chipper Jones led off the inning with a double to center off Aaron Hellman (0-1) and scored one out later on McCann's double to tie the game. Francouer followed with a hit to right to drive in pinch-runner Bryan Pena.

Diamondback 3, Nationals 1

WASHINGTON — Liván Hernandez added to his old nemesis' woes.

Hernandez took a no-hitter into the sixth inning, and the Diamondbacks beat the Nationals to complete a four-game sweep.

Arizona outscored Washington 21-6 in the series, and the Nationals dropped to 1-6, the majors' worst record. It was the first time this season the Nationals didn't fall behind 4-0.

Brewers 9, Cubs 4

MILWAUKEE — Geoff Jenkins and Gabe Gross hit consecutive homers, and the Brewers got to old nemesis Wade Miller early in a victory over the Cubs.

Miller (0-1) came in with a 6-0 record at Miller Park and an 11-1 mark against Milwaukee.

Padres 2, Rockies 1 (10)

SAN DIEGO — Jose Cruz Jr. homered in the eighth inning to tie it and rookie Kevin Kouzmanoff singled

with one out in the 10th to snap out of a 2-for-20 slump and give the Padres a victory over the Rockies.

It was San Diego's second consecutive win against the Rockies, and both came late. On Saturday night, Adrian Gonzalez doubled in Cruz, while one out in the ninth for a 3-2 victory.

Dodgers 10, Giants 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Luis Gonzalez hit his first two home runs in Dodger Blue and Randy Wolf gave Los Angeles, a third straight standout pitching performance to pull off a three-game sweep of the archrival Giants.

Gonzalez connected for a solo shot and three-run homer in his 26th career multihomer game, and Wolf (1-1) outscored \$126 million fellow left-hander Barry Zito (0-2) in the Dodgers' eighth consecutive victory in San Francisco.

Marlins 6, Phillies 4

MIAMI — The struggling Phillies walked 11 times, stranded 14 runners and lost to the Marlins.

Touted as the contenders in the NL East, the Phillies are 1-5 for the third time in four seasons and the second year in a row.

Backup catcher Matt Treanor hit an RBI triple for the Marlins, then scored the go-ahead run on a suicide squeeze to help them overcome an early three-run deficit.

— The Associated Press

Tigers 3, Royals 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ivan Rodriguez hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning and Detroit rallied to beat Kansas City.

Rodriguez hit the first pitch from David Riske (0-1) over the left-field fence after Magglio Ordonez led off the inning with a double and Carlos Guillen walked. It was the 20th career home run against the Royals for Rodriguez, who is a .352 hitter at Kauffman Stadium.

Orioles 6, Yankees 4

NEW YORK — Paul Bako put Baltimore ahead with his first home run since 2004, a three-run drive that left the Orioles past New York on a snowy afternoon.

Erik Bedard (1-1), chased early by Minnesota on opening day, gave up a two-run homer to Alex Rodriguez in a three-run first and then rebounded to retire his next 11 batters and 20 of 22.

Suns top Lakers to keep hold of No. 2 seed

LOS ANGELES — Steve Nash had 25 points and 11 assists for his career-best 50th double-double, and Phoenix beat the Lakers 115-107 to move 2 1/2 games ahead of San Antonio for the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

Leandro Barbosa scored 23 points, Raji Bell added 22, Amare Stoudemire had 19 points and nine rebounds and Shawn Marion added 12 for Phoenix (58-19), which won for the fifth time in its last six games. The Suns are looking for their third straight Pacific Division championship March 20.

Kobe Bryant had 34 points and seven assists and Smith averaged 25 points and six assists before fouling out for the Lakers (40-37), who lost for the fifth time in seven games and fell into seventh place in the West — where they are behind the Denver Nuggets. The teams meet Monday night in Denver.

Pistons 87, Cavaliers 82

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton scored 21 points and Chauncey Billups had 14 points and 12 assists, directing a balanced attack that gave the Detroit Pistons an 87-82 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday.

The Pistons have won four of five to maintain their cushion over Chicago and Cleveland — which has lost seven of 12 —

for the best record in the conference. Starting for just the third time this season, Antonio McDyess had 18 points, a season-high 13 rebounds and three blocks.

Unlike in the previous meeting, the Pistons kept LeBron James in check. He had 20 points on 5-of-16 shooting, six assists, five turnovers and five rebounds.

Bobcats 111, Heat 103, OT

MIAMI — Gerald Wallace scored 30 points, Yaitse Herrmann had two big 3-pointers in the final minute and Charlotte spoiled Dwyane Wade's first game back after missing six weeks with a dislocated left shoulder.

Wade played 27 minutes, scoring 12 points on 3-for-9 shooting from the field and 6-for-12 from the free-throw line. Part of the Heat's costly effort from the stripe, Miami was 26-of-44 from the line and that, combined with a season-high 26 turnovers, dealt the Heat's chances of earning a home-court advantage for the first playoff round a serious blow.

Raymond Felton had 16 points, the Heat had 15 and Emeka Okafor and Brevin Knight each scored 13 for the

Bobcats. Jake Voskuhl added 12 for Charlotte, which was without rookie forward Adam Morrison, who missed his first game of the season with a sprained left knee tendon.

Raptors 103, Bulls 89

TORONTO — Anthony Parker scored a career-high 27 points and Chris Bosh had 22 points and 11 rebounds, leading Toronto over Chicago.

Joey Graham added 19 points for the Raptors, who clinched their first Atlantic Division title last Friday and their first playoff spot in five years last month.

Toronto has won eight of 10 games in the last 15 games of Chicago and Cleveland for the second-best record in the Eastern Conference.

Ben Gordon had 27 points for the Bulls, who lost for the second time in eight games. Andrea Nocioni returned to Chicago's lineup after missing 28 games with plantar fasciitis.

Rockets 112, Kings 106

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Tracy McGrady had 40 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds to move within a back injury, and Houston made a late surge to snap a three-game losing streak.

Yao Ming scored 18 points, while Roy Hibbs had 15 and broke a fourth-quarter tie with back-to-back 3-pointers that

began a decisive 11-2 run. Houston swept its three-game series with the Kings, including two victories at Arco Arena, despite failing to make a field goal in the final 4:42.

Yao and McGrady missed the Rockets' loss to Portland on Friday with back problems, but both returned impressively as Houston pulled within a half-game of the Utah Jazz for the Western Conference's fourth-best record. Neither of the Rockets' superstars appeared limited by injury, though Yao spent most of the fourth quarter on the bench.

Kevin Martin scored 24 points and Francisco Garcia had 16 for the Kings, who lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

76ers 109, Hawks 104, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Iguodala scored 25 points and Philadelphia rallied from a 17-point third-quarter deficit to beat Atlanta.

Willie Green's 3-pointer on the 76ers' first possession of the extra period keyed a 7-0 run that gave the 76ers the lead for good. Samuel Dalembert finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds for Philadelphia, while Green scored 14 points and Rodney Carney added 13.

Tyronn Lue scored 24 points to lead Atlanta (28-49), while Marvin Williams scored 21.

— The Associated Press



Phoenix Suns' Steve Nash goes up for a shot as Los Angeles Lakers' Andrew Brown, left, and Lamar Odom guard while Smith Parfior (1) looks on during the first half of their NBA basketball game, Sunday in Los Angeles. The Suns won 115-107.

Rodeo

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Josh Anderson of Oakley and Paige Yore of Declo had the quickest time of 3.23 seconds to win the team roping.

Yore has run into some unfortunate luck with her own horses so her family has come to her aid and have been putting her on some rides that appear to be bringing her success.

"It's been a crazy-year-for-horses," said Yore. "I bring five horses in each rodeo and they all belong to my uncles and cousins."

Changing to a different horse for each of five events would seem like quite a challenge to the everyday rider but for Yore, she has had to cowboy up and it seems to be working.

Yore began the weekend in the top spot in the overall standings in barrel racing. Yore won the barrels, placed seventh in breakaway and fifth in poles. On Saturday in addition to the team-roping win, Yore finished second in barrels, fourth in goat tying and tenth in poles.

More than being first or last, Yore's theory is "trying to be consistent and always trying to improve. So when you make mistakes are just tiny and little. Everything is just so close."

The District VI rodeo will be in Filser next weekend, April 13-14 at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

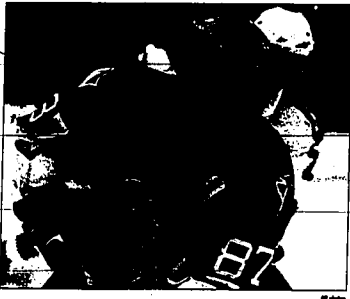
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'Sid the Kid' gets Pens to playoffs

And in much faster time than Lemieux did

By Alan Robison
Associated Press writer



Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby (87) skates in the third period against the New York Rangers in NHL hockey action at Pittsburgh, Saturday. Crosby finished the season as the NHL scoring champion.

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux didn't win a scoring title until his fourth NHL season and, despite his enormous talent and on-ice presence, couldn't lead the Pittsburgh Penguins into the playoffs until his fifth season.

Sidney Crosby did both in his second season. At age 19, the NHL hasn't seen anything like this since a 19-year-old Wayne Gretzky's first NHL season with the Edmonton Oilers in 1979-80 — a teenager being greatly responsible for carrying his team into the postseason.

Crosby did exactly that with his 120th career point, one that left him six points ahead of San Jose's Joe Thornton and secured his first Art Ross Trophy as the NHL scoring champion. The 19-year-old in the NHL predicting it will be his last.

total, which represented an 18-point increase from his rookie season, but this one the Penguins' 47-24-11 record.

The Penguins' 105 points were the second most in franchise history, and bettered the point totals of their Stanley Cup-winning teams in 1991 and 1992. The 47-point improvement from a season ago, when they had 22-46-14 record, and was the fourth best in NHL history. Their 47 victories were two more than they had in their previous two seasons combined.

"The goal (when the season started) was just to get into the playoffs and, all of a sudden, we were fighting for home ice the whole second half," defenseman Ryan Whitney said. "So I don't think anyone can say anything less than it was a great season."

Now, the question going into the Penguins' first playoff series in six years, or since Lemieux's comeback season in 2000-01, is how could good get will be. The fifth-seeded Penguins open the playoffs later this week in Ottawa, a team they've never met in the postseason.

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

Formula One Malaysian Grand Prix

At Sepang International Circuit

1. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari 54.1
 2. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari 54.1
 3. Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, McLaren 54.1
 4. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari 54.1
 5. Jenson Button, Great Britain, McLaren 54.1
 6. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Williams 54.1
 7. Heikki Kovalainen, Finland, McLaren 54.1
 8. Mark Webber, Australia, Williams 54.1
 9. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari 54.1
 10. David Coulthard, Great Britain, McLaren 54.1
 11. Scott Speed, United States, Toro Rosso 54.1
 12. Anthony Davidson, United States, McLaren 54.1
 13. Timo Glock, Germany, Toyota 54.1
 14. Vitantonio Liuzzi, Italy, Toro Rosso 54.1
 15. Nick Heidfeld, Germany, BMW 54.1
 16. Robert Kubica, Poland, BMW 54.1
 17. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Toro Rosso 54.1
 18. Jarno Trulli, Italy, Toyota 54.1
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GAME PLAN

LOCAL
High school
 Baseball
 Minico at Wood River, 4:30 p.m.
 Kimberly, Minico, Twin Falls, Gil at Buyl, Clear Lake CC, 10 a.m.

TV SCHEDULE
ARENA FOOTBALL

5:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Georgia at Philadelphia
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
 12:15 p.m.
 WGN — Houston at Chicago Cubs
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — NY Yankees at Minnesota

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Fenway Park

1. Boston Red Sox 82
 2. Tampa Bay Rays 76
 3. Detroit Tigers 75
 4. New York Yankees 74
 5. Oakland Athletics 73
 6. Toronto Blue Jays 72
 7. Minnesota Twins 71
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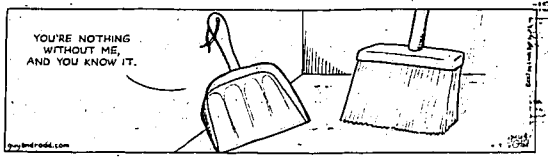
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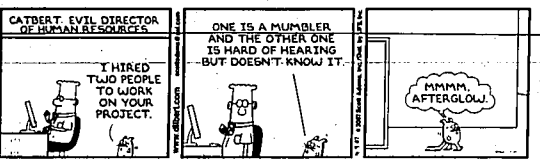
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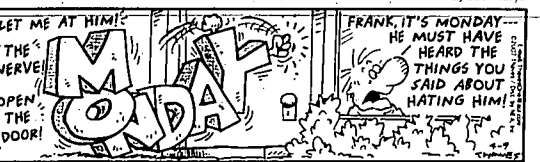
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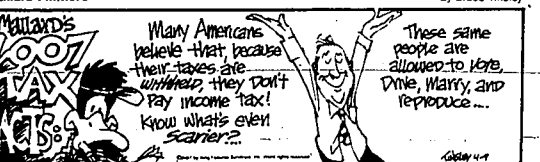
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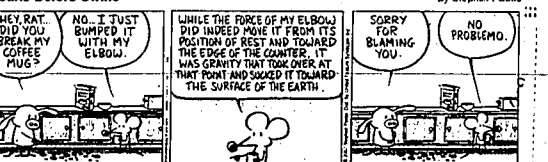
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Strange Brew

By John Deering



You may well learn what it means to 'steal a kiss,' Leo

IF APRIL 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Put key ideas or plans into motion before the end of this month, but expect to work like a dog in May to see them through. In July you might be a bit glibulous about a certain relationship or blinded by someone's impressive credentials. It is best to wait until October to make decisions that will affect your future or to re-evaluate a new love interest. In October your judgment is better than usual and others will be very generous with their praise, as well as their wallets, so it is a good time to ask for favors or advancement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Remain focused on the things that engender your enthusiasm. Don't be distracted by passing entertainments or fleeting thrills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You

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can make a pledge or a promise and expect to be able to faithfully fulfill it. Earn merit badges for mastering a new skill or lead others to excellence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Mentally, you are at your best when delving deep into a fascinating subject. You are quite capable of creating gems of wisdom.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might luck upon some inspiration or wise advice that solves financial woes. Trust intuition, not business tactics.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may learn exactly what it means to "steal a kiss." Maybe you are pur-

suing something that does not belong to you or that isn't just what it seems. Perhaps you are just deceiving yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deep concentration helps you sort truth from fiction. You may be fascinated by mysteries or enthralled by glamorous situations. A romantic encounter could exceed expectations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There might be an amorous heart beating deep within the rubble caused by the earthquake of your day. Romantic senses and internal radar are right on target.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Turn away from a romantic alliance or a financial deal that must be kept hidden. Anything worth having is worth discussing with family, co-workers

and friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Shove aside doubts or misgivings. You could be feeling your oats. There's no "discouraging word" to be heard on a romantic road trip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Endless amounts of enthusiasm are at your beck and call. Put the pedal to the metal and pursue a fresh mission or project. You can easily earn or attain whatever you can visualize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you fall head over heels today, you might be momentarily stunned and subject to blurry vision. What you see might not be what you get.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be so swept away on a magnetic ride of romance that you forget to look for safe landing places.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



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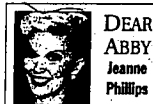
Man strings woman along with promises for future

DEAR ABBY: I recently ended a nine-month relationship with a 40-year-old man I'll call Shadow Hal. I was fazed over heels in love with him. We had a lot in common and our personalities were compatible, but there was one major problem. Hal loved everything about me, but his love for me was contingent upon my losing weight.

Hal told me that when I lost weight, he would treat me better, let me meet his family and introduce me to his friends. Until I did, he denied me all those things, including hugs and kisses. For nine months Hal strung me along, and I believed that losing weight would change everything and we would end up together, happily ever after.

I am currently working on my master's in counseling psychology, and I should have known better. Clearly, Hal did not accept me for who I was, and he should have ended the relationship long ago because he was not into me. Some days he didn't know if he ever wanted to get married and have kids, others he did. He was definitely unstable.

Why did I put up with this when I was the one who did all the driving to his house and all the cooking and how do I keep all this from replaying in my mind? I hear his weight comments over and over, and it's self-destructive, but I can't seem to let it go. Why do so many women like me waste so



much time on men who simply don't care? The worst part is, I still love him. Please advise me.

DEAR HEARTBROKEN IN WEST CHESTER, PA. HEARTBROKEN:

What you have described sounds more like obsession than love. You, like many other women, could not resist the challenge of "winning" a man who was unwinable. By remaining one step out-of-reach, he stays in control. The woman gives and gives and gives, hoping that by giving just a little bit more she can "make" the man love her. It's a mating dance that doesn't end until the woman either gives up or collapses from emotional fatigue.

A way to erase those old tapes from your mind would be to consciously remind yourself why the comments were made. If that doesn't do the trick, then talk to a therapist. What you think of yourself is far more important than what Shadow Hal thought of you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 52-year-old woman, my sister is 54 and our mom is 79. Last summer,

when we were all together, we decided to bring in an expert to discuss the antiques we had acquired from family members over the years.

Although it was interesting to hear the monetary values placed on the 40-or-so pieces, the most valuable part of the experience was my ability to discuss and learn about the pieces together. Mom became a beacon of recall when informing from our expert trigger her memories, and the experience was priceless. The only regret we had was that we didn't do it sooner, while my Aunt Wilma (Mom's older sister) was still living, because we all agreed she would have been able to add to our laughter, our knowledge about the antiques and, consequently, our gift.

Abby, I know you have said this before in your column, but please remind your readers again that they should value the gift of time with the loved ones while they are still living, rather than regretting not doing it after they are gone. It really was fun. We have talked about that ever since.

— DR. MARCIA K. MARINA, CALIF.
DEAR DR. MARCIA: You have written an important letter by 15 years old. I wish I can give each other the gift of their time, their affection and their interest. No tangible item compares to the gift of love.

Civil War ended this day in 1865

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 9, the 99th day of 2007. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight In History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date: In 1862, French explorer Florentine de Saussure claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender followed by the notorious "Bataan Death March" which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.

In 1965, the newly built Astrodome in Houston featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.)

In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)

In 2005, Britain's Prince Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall.

Ten years ago: The CIA apologized to Gulf War veterans for failing to do a better job in supplying information to U.S. troops who blew up an Iraqi bunker later found to contain chemical weapons. Social Security officials pulled the plug on an internet chat that provided individual earnings and retirement benefit records amid privacy concerns.

Five years ago: Former Arthur Andersen partner David B. Duncan pleaded guilty in

TODAY IN HISTORY

federal court in Houston to ordering the shredding of Enron Corp. documents and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors. (However, Duncan later withdrew his plea.)

Palestinian militants killed 13 Israeli soldiers during intense fighting in a refugee camp in Jenin, West Bank. Britain said goodbye to the Queen Mother Elizabeth with a funeral at Westminster Abbey. Figure skater Michelle Kwan won the 2001 Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete.

One year ago: The White House sought to dampen the idea of a military strike on Iran, saying the United States was conducting "normal defense and intelligence planning" in response to Tehran's nuclear

ambitions. More than half a million people in 10 states rallied for immigrant rights. Phil Mickelson won his second Masters tournament.

Today's Birthdays: Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 81. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 75. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 54. Actor Dennis Quaid is 53. Humorist Jimmy Kimmel is 52. Golfer Severiano Ballesteros is 50. Actress-sports reporter Lisa Guzzetta is 43. Actress-model Paula Patton is 42. Actress Cynthia Nixon is 41. Actress Keshia Knight Pulliam is 28. Rock musician Albert Hammond Jr. (The Strokes) is 27. Actor Ryan Murphy is 27. Actor-singer Jesse McCartney is 20. Actress Kristen Stewart is 17. Actress Elle Fanning is 9.

Thought for Today: "I always felt that the great high privilege of my life was the comfort of friendship with one that had to explain nothing." — Katherine Mansfield, New Zealand author (1888-1923).

THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

... provide for the common defense ... — Constitution of the United States

NORTH ♠ Q 4 2
♥ A 10 9 8
♦ Q J 3
♣ J Q 3

WEST ♠ 8 5
♥ Q J 10 7 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 10 5 2

EAST ♠ 9 5 4
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SOUTH ♠ A K 10 9 8 6
♥ A 8 5
♦ A 4
♣ A 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♣ Pass 5♣ Pass
6♣ All pass.

Opening lead: Heart queen
LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ K 10 5 4 3
♥ 5
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ 10 9 8 7

South West North East
Pass 1♣ 1♥ 2♣
Pass 2♦ Pass 3NT
Pass 2♦ All pass.

ANSWER: I would opt for a spade lead here, and be prepared to pay off if my RHQ has overstated the nature of his heart spot. This decision is reinforced because my partner to play a club entry. Still, if you have with someone who would be most offended if you do not lead his suit, lead a heart by all means.

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No sweet Tablet cuts sugary taste

By Jamie Talan
Newsday

An ingredient of a plant found in India that was used for centuries as a medicinal herb can block tasting by sweet receptors in the mouth.

A Long Island, N.Y., company has developed a tablet that contains the ingredient in concentrated form, which can be sucked or chewed, and within less than a minute it makes all sweetness disappear for up to 30 minutes.

Why, one might ask, would someone want sweetness out of their lives, even temporarily?

George Kontonotas, president of Genotec Nutritional Inc. in Commack, N.Y., says it helps overweight people resist sugary snacks and removes the sweet taste from tobacco smoke.

He says cigarette manufacturers put at least 20 substances into cigarettes, including cloves and apple juice extract, to make smoking more palatable. When sweet receptors on the tongue cannot sense those tastes, "the true taste of tobacco is awful."

The taste-blocking effects of the active ingredient, gymnemic acid, have been known to scientists for some time, but the herbal tablet was introduced to stores in New York just earlier this year.

"It's ironic that this substance blocks sweet tastes," said Lawrence Marks, director and fellow of the John B. Pierce Laboratory and professor of epigenetics and psychology at Yale University. The herb substance, he added, "appears to be safe." But as with every substance, moderation is the key, he said.

"This is science is big business," said Danielle Reed, an associate member of the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia. She helped identify sweet receptors in 2001. There are five families of receptors that respond to taste: sweet, bitter, salty, sour, and the new kid on the block, Reed said, savory, the taste of MSG.

Gymnemic acid seems to impede sweetness perception by blocking the signals that go from the receptors on the tongue to the brain. People who use the tablet are temporarily "sweet-blind," said Reed, who looks for genes that contribute to taste perception.

Several plants play similar tricks on the senses. Linda Bartoshuk, a professor in the college of dentistry at the University of Florida, worked on an African berry called miraculin. The berry was brought back from the tropics of West Africa in the 1950s by Lloyd Beidler, a late professor of biophysics at Florida State University.

At the time, the berry was thought to turn sugar into sweet. But it was Bartoshuk who eventually proved that it was not sour flavor that it acted on, but all sense of taste — so that any flavor would taste sweet. People called it the Miracle Fruit, turning bland foods into sweet delicacies, but efforts to commercialize it were not successful.

Genotec Nutritional has called its herbal preparation Suggester. It can be found in other supplements as a diet aid to control blood sugar, said Dr. Joseph Freedman, head of research for the Long Island company. But Genotec is the first to use it in a concentrated dose to block the taste of sugar.

"People think it's a parlor trick," Freedman said. Receptors on the tongue for salty, sour and bitter are not affected. In other words, a pretzel still tastes like a pretzel.

When to give up the keys?



Paul Duffy, 94, sits with his wife Bessie, 93, in their 1985 Ford Tempo at their home in Biala. Paul Duffy did not want to have a radio in the car. 'I want to pay attention to what I'm doing,' he said.

Older drivers face adjustments, loss of independence

By Ariel Hassen
Times-News writer

Ask any teenager: Having a driver's license and a set of keys is an immediate ticket to freedom.

So what happens when someone who has been driving all her life decides to turn in that ticket, or is forced to give it up?

Bessie Duffy, 93, of Buhl, faced that decision a few years ago.

"I haven't driven for several years, because I felt I wasn't safe on the road anymore. I was having dizzy fits," she said. "I felt I shouldn't be on the road. If I hurt myself, that's OK, but not anyone else."

Duffy said she never felt she was a very good driver, and avoided driving at night even when she did get behind the wheel because oncoming headlights blinded her. When her medical conditions worsened, she was quick to hand the keys over to her husband, Paul, 94.

"Paul, he's a good driver, but his reflexes aren't what they used to be a few years back," Duffy said. To minimize any danger, the couple never drives at night, and Paul always brings Bessie with him when he does need to drive somewhere.

"He won't go anymore unless I go with him; he uses my eyes as well as his," Duffy said.

The Duffys have experienced what all drivers come up against as they age:

Upcoming AARP safe driving classes

April 11-12, Gooding Fairgrounds.
April 12-13, Buhl fire station.
April 14, Heritage-Woodstone Home for Senior Citizens, Twin Falls.
April 25-27, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office, Twin Falls. Classes cost \$10, and are open to everyone regardless of AARP membership. Call 733-9680 to register, and for times and addresses. Many insurance plans offer a discount for drivers who have taken the classes. Visit http://www.aarp.org/families/driving_safety/ for more information.

— trying to decide when to hang up the keys.

When driving worsens

There isn't a set age at which someone's driving privileges should be revoked, say experts. Instead, the decision should be based on the individual's medical condition and history on the road.

"I've had 90-year-olds that drive just fine, and 60-year-olds who wouldn't dare put behind the wheel of a car,"

said Gordon Carter, owner of Professional Driving School in Twin Falls. He tests older drivers and helps them adjust to changing physical and mental conditions.

Some seniors aren't aware they need to reassess their driving habits, Carter said.

"If the children start questioning your ability to handle a car, you should listen to the music and check it out," he said. "It would be a total disaster to have someone who is losing their driving ability to kill somebody in a car."

Carter expects that with baby boomers continuing to age, the state may soon step in with more defined requirements for license revocation.

"Teens are the first high accident prone drivers, and the senior citizen is the second, right behind him," Carter said. "With those numbers staring you in the face, you've got to do something."

The law already has one system in place to question a driver's abilities.

"If we do have contact with someone who is elderly or if it appears they have a problem driving, we have a form we can fill out and send to the state," said Twin Falls Police Department traffic officer Dave Weigt. To justify requesting that the state Division of Motor Vehicles re-evaluate a driver, Weigt will often cite a rising number of tickets earned in a short period of time, or a series of minor collisions.

"It usually has to rise to another

level: no depth perception, or hitting things and not realizing it, leaving the scene," Weigt said. "They're trying to be as careful as they can, but physical ailments or medical reasons are causing them to not be as safe as they think they are."

Warning signs

"They say the first thing that goes is your vision," Carter said.

Often cataracts are the cause of vision problems, said Charlie Siegel, assistant state coordinator for AARP's driver safety program. There are about twice as many accidents among elderly people with cataracts than those who do not have them, he said. Reaction time can also worsen with age.

"Most of them realize that as they get older they need more time to make their decisions, they're not so apt to jump out there," Siegel said. Drivers should reconsider their abilities "whenever they become afraid or timid, and whenever they start having a whole bunch of accidents."

Carter noted that older drivers often don't realize that their behavior on the road isn't safe.

"If a senior citizen has people doing things to get their attention, that may be a telltale sign that they're not driving well," Carter said, mentioning

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Seeing clearly

Cory Obendorf
The Washington Post

Blame it on MySpace, on Facebook or YouTube. The popular social-networking sites have changed us all by issuing a societal decree: Your life isn't real unless you bare it for all to see. And all this new technology has led to a staggering amount of transparency among us.

Now the concept has snaked its way into fashion. How else are we to explain

Chanel 'tender' bag.

Photo by J.M. HENNING/REUTERS

the proliferation of all things visible this spring?

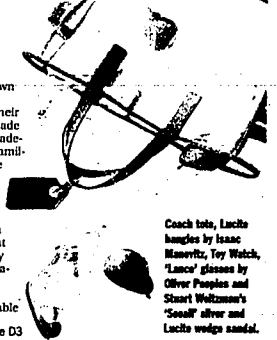
Citing inspiration from the zippered plastic bags used for carry-on liquids on planes, designers including Karl Lagerfeld and Oscar de la Renta have crafted handbags from see-through polyvinyl chloride (PVC) to you and me. Of course, for decades department stores have required employees to schlep their stuff in clear purses — but that's discouraged internal theft, hardly a positive

story line to parade down the runway.

Also striking in their clarity: Accessories made from clear acrylic (trade-marked under such familiar names as Lucite and Plexiglas) abound this spring. A revival of a mid-'60s sensibility for see-me '07, they're luxury products for a new class — one that has no need for a silly thing like personal privacy.

Product info: • Coach's new \$495, available

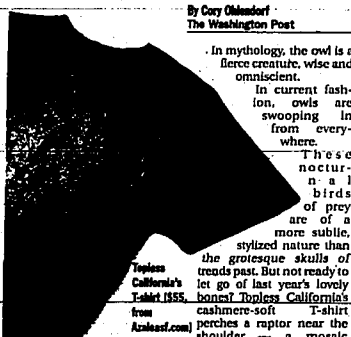
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Coach tote, Lucite handles by Isaac Mizrahi, Toy Watch, 'Lance' glasses by Oliver Peoples and Stuart Weitzman's 'Socool' silver and Lucite wedge sandals.

IMAGE

The owl trend: Whoooo knew?



By Cary Oshroff
The Washington Post

In mythology, the owl is a fierce creature, wise and omniscient.

In current fashion, owls are swooping in from everywhere.

Those nocturnal birds of prey are of a more subtle, stylized nature than the grotesque skulls of trends past. But not ready to let go of last year's lovely

onest Jules, California's cashmere-soft T-shirt perches a raptor near the shoulder — a narcissic

design, which, close scrutiny reveals, is made of hundreds of dapper dancing skeletons.

For a sweeter take, there's Eleanor Grosch's skimmer shoes by Keds. The graphic artist, who's gutted a rep for her whimsical rock posters, peppered her sneaks with balanced rows of the brown and white birds.

Or "what about the retro-styled 'wise owl' ceramic bank? The species has long been associated with smarts and prosperity and the Corflower-blue ceramic makes it look like you've been saving for decades.

In fact, much of the jewelry, like Anthropologie's charm necklace or Kris Nations' hand-carved ring, looks as if it's been pilfered from your mother's forgotten cache. Perhaps our fascination with

The iconography has simply alighted on another motif of the time. Sure, those macramé hanging owls were creepy, but who didn't love the all-knowing Mr. Owl, who taught us "how many licks it took to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?"

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Retro-styled ceramic Wise Owl Bank (\$16, from UrbanOutfitters.com) and necklace above by Eleanor Grosch for Keds (\$40, from Keds.com).

The numbers game

The Washington Post

8.6 million — Number of people living in the U.S. with a smoking-related illness.
437,000 — Number of U.S. smoking-related deaths annually.

82 — Percentage of employees who say they should take steps to help employees quit smoking.
20 — Percentage of employees covering smoking-cessation services.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Business Council on Health, American Journal of Health Promotion

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• Sugar Free Almond, Cashew, Brazil & Walnut Clusters \$13⁹⁹/lb

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Study sends narcissists into the spotlight

By Robin Alcaraz
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Let's say there's a famous movie star who thinks he owns Malibu, or a big-name actor who holds himself out as an expert on psychiatry on national television. Or maybe there's a famous actress who frequently calls in sick to the movie set, costing producers thousands of dollars, because she is tired (or hung over). Aren't those examples just proof that celebrity narcissism goes together like Paris Hilton and paparazzi?

Not really. They're just anecdotes. What was always lacking — until recently — was scientific proof that celebrities are more narcissistic than the rest of us. At last, thanks to a first-of-its-kind study, we don't have to rely on reports from the Malibu sheriff's substation or US Weekly to confirm what the anecdotes seem to be

telling us.

Du-uh, you say? Not so fast.

According to the study's authors, Drew Pinsky, internist, addictionologist (yes, it's a word), University of Southern California assistant clinical professor of psychiatry and host of the long-running call-in show "Loveline" and S. Mark Young, a USC professor of sports, entertainment, accounting and communications, no one had conducted an academically rigorous study of celebrity personalities — because nobody ever could. Stars, they point out, live in a bubble of publicists, agents and managers, which is not conducive to psychological probing.

"No one has ever had access to them," Pinsky said. "I have a group of them every night on my radio show. Dr. Drew, as he is known to 'Loveline,' 2 million listeners, has spent years taking calls from confused kids about

drugs, sex and relationships. Always at his side a guest or guests — an actor, a musician, a band, a comedian or (more recently) a reality-TV star — and history they annoyed co-host, Adam Carolla, who resents the scientific intrusion as "Pinsky culled data."

The study — soon to be published in the Journal of Research and Personality — confirmed that celebrities are more narcissistic than average Americans. And — surprisingly — they seem to start that way, leading Pinsky and Young to surmise that narcissistic people seek careers in the limelight, rather than become narcissistic when they earn fame. Young thinks this nugget might prove useful to the increasingly popular course of study known as entertainment management.

The average Narcissism Personality Inventory score of Americans — as demonstrated in a previous study — is 15.3 out of a possible 40. Celebrities

averaged 17.6. Contrary to what occurs in the general population, women celebrities, across the board, were more narcissistic than males (19.26 versus 17.27). Muslims also appear to have the highest skill level — are the least narcissistic celebrity group, while reality-TV stars — the least talented or skilled group — are the most narcissistic.

"Female reality-show contestants," Pinsky said, "are off the chart." Researchers distinguish between normal or healthy narcissism and excessive narcissism, sometimes called narcissistic personality disorder, which Pinsky and Young did not attempt to measure. They also cautioned against conflating egotism and narcissism. Narcissistic people have low self-esteem and are compensating for it, he said; egotists genuinely love themselves.

Nearly all of the guests whom Pinsky asked on a ran-

dom basis agreed to participate. Although he and Young pledged confidentiality, Pinsky said many didn't care whether they were anonymous. Many, he added, realized they were not entirely normal, personality-wise, and were curious about what was going on. Young crunched the numbers. The results, hoped Pinsky and Young, might help a celebrity-obsessed world understand what makes these people tick.

"I guess we chose to focus on narcissism because you keep hearing and reading in publications all this speculation about how these people acquire narcissistic tendencies by virtue of being celebrities," Pinsky said. "To say celebrity is the reason for their pathologies is ridiculous. Their greatest fear is losing their celebrity status."

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Drivers

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honking and gesturing. He said he has ridden as an evaluator with drivers who failed to signal before changing lanes, or would fall look into their blind spots before moving over. Others have kept tum signals on for miles, perhaps having forgotten the intention behind that signal in the first place.

Medical conditions can often worsen with age, resulting in new prescription medications. Older drivers should be especially cautious when driving on medication, and always refrain from drinking alcohol on top of pills.

"We tell them, don't ever mix the two, because that is a bad situation," Siegel said. "You need to make sure yourself that you can go out there and drive that car. If you feel anything affecting your eyes or your ability to step on that brake pedal, you'd better not be driving."

However, aging drivers shouldn't feel compelled to give up their licenses if they have no vision or hearing problems, no other medical conditions that might impair driving, and no track record of

collisions or moving violations.

"If you can see and hear and walk in to get your driver license, you're probably healthy enough to drive," said Bill Assendrup, owner of Clear Lakes Agency Insurance in Buhl.

He noted that insurance rates, which are based on statistical probabilities of damage and injury, drop at age 55, and only rise again at age 75.

"That tells you a story that seniors are not poor drivers, because they have the lowest rates," Assendrup said.

Surrendering the keys

The adult children of seniors often find themselves in the situation of having to ask their parents to stop driving, a request that can be very difficult for both parties. "I know that Mom and Dad are not going to want to hear it," Carter said. "It's just a real tough message to tell them that they're starting to age to the point where they can't do what they've taken for granted their entire life."

He suggests that children ask their parents to undergo an

independent driving evaluation, like those offered at his driving school, may persuade an older driver to stop voluntarily if he hears from an impartial observer that his driving is not safe.

Siegel suggests broaching the conversation early before collisions or tickets accumulate.

"A good way is to have a few conversations before driving becomes a problem," he said. "Just say, 'I'm concerned about your driving.' It's not good to say, 'You're no longer a safe driver.' That antagonizes them."

There is an alternative to these conversations, Weigt said, one he doesn't necessarily recommend. "Usually what I see is the family will sell the person's car," he said.

"Mom and Dad are going to be mad for a while, but they'll get over it, it's for their best interest."

It will help ease the loss of independence if families offer to let the older driver own errands, and to stress the expense and hassle of auto ownership.

"We try to point out to them that it costs a lot to own a car, you pay insurance and taxes and upkeep," Siegel said. He also has a list of transportation alternatives available in Twin Falls. Although the Duffys have kept their car and use it for errands around Buhl and occasional trips to doctors in Twin Falls, they ask their children to drive them to many appointments.

"They're so good to take us wherever, but they have things to do also. We know the way to the hospital and the doctor's," Bessie Duffy said.

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Dr. Kent R. Pcoock is pleased to welcome Dr. Brian J. Tingey to his dental practice. Dr. Tingey earned his degree of Dentistry at University of Missouri in Kansas City. He has practiced in Kansas City for the past two years.

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Grandparents as Parents group meets

The Grandparents as Parents Support Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today at Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

Detective Mike Steen of the Twin Falls Police Department will discuss Internet safety for children and teens.

No child care is scheduled for the meeting. For information, call LuAnn at 736-2122 or 1-800-574-8656.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This week's topic is "Early Learning."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through 36 months. The class is free. Call 324-7262.

Learn CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

New parents and grandparents can learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and injury prevention. The class is free.

Pre-registration is not required. Call 732-3148.

About childbirth

Pregnancy classes will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pregnancy Crisis Center, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Classes are free. Pre-registration is required; call 734-7472.

Coping with widowhood

Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho will begin a eight-week "Coping with Widowhood" series for widowed men and women. The meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Katz Conference Room at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

Cost is a \$40-suggested donation (drop-ins welcome; no one will be turned away). To register, 736-2122.

Alzheimer's support

Bridgeview Estates will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Great Room at Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls.

The group is for Twin Falls County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

A free lunch will be provided. Reservations are required; call 736-3933.

About Alzheimer's

Rosetta Hilland will hold Alzheimer's Support Group meetings from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the center, 1919 Hilland Ave., Burley.

The group is for Minn-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. Call Lisa Jinnat at 677-5451.

Childbirth class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer the second class of the prepared childbirth series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Topics will include the birth process and breathing techniques. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person.

The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, this week through May 9, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and

To do for you

breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Under the guidelines of the American Heart Association, the class includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. It includes hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

End of life issues

Compassionate Connections End of Life Coalition will host a meeting to discuss end of life issues from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Alter Assisted Living Center, 1367 Locust St. N., Twin Falls.

Topics will include the survey completed for the state of Idaho on how well Idahoans are prepared for end of life issues, and information on advance directives.

The meeting is free. For information, call Liah Heck at 324-4525 or 320-0101.

Parenting class

Parenting classes will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Pregnancy Crisis Center, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Classes are free. Pre-registration is required; call 734-7472.

About CNAs

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional-Medical-Center is hosting a free educational program, "Hospital CNAs: What Do They Do?", focusing on the role of the certified nursing assistant in the hospital setting. The program will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

About infant CPR

Infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first-aid classes will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross office in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$35 for infant/child CPR only or \$45 for infant/child CPR and first aid. Prepayment is required. To register, call 1-800-853-2570; go online at www.redcrossidaho.org or stop by the Red Cross office, 853 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls.

Learn CPR

Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and April 21 at Clover Trinity Lutheran School, 3522 N. 1825 E., Buhl. Cost is \$9.50 for the manual and \$2.50 for certification. To register or for information, call 731-9169 or 326-5198.

CPR/first aid

Adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first-aid classes will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross office in Twin Falls.

The course trains participants how to prevent, prepare for and respond to breathing emergencies. The first-aid class also includes proper care for broken bones, burns and bleeding.

Cost is \$47. Prepayment is required. To register or for information, call 1-800-853-2570; go online at www.redcrossidaho.org or stop by the Red Cross office, 853 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls.

Parenting class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a "Love and Logic" parenting class from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, April 16 through June 4, at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

The class is free. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Arthritis support

The Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Program will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, April 19 through May 24, in the Evergreen Room at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The program, sponsored by Cassia Regional volunteers, will include tips and techniques to manage arthritis.

Local Arthritis Foundation certified leaders—Daralyn Moss, licensed master social worker, and Kathy Hines, registered nurse, will instruct.

Cost is \$30 and includes textbook and other materials. Pre-registration is required by Friday; call Audrie Willden at 1-800-444-4593 or Daralyn Moss at 678-4131 or 219-1159.

About diabetes

"Rural Health Care Providers Diabetes Update and Support" will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 19 at Best Western Sawtooth Inn, 2653 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Topics will include peritoneal dialysis complications of disease; controlling hyperglycemia in Type 2 diabetes mellitus; and gestational diabetes management.

The seminar is sponsored by Diabetes Center Foundation, South Central District Health and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. Call Susie Beem at the district health office at 737-5946.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication—in—the—following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

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Cassia County prepares for cricket invasion

By Renee Wells
For the Times-News

BURLEIGH — Cassia County is getting a jump on some pesky Mormon crickets.

County Extension Educator Richard Garrard met with county commissioners recently to ask them to draft a letter of permission to allow state officials to use local roads for baiting the areas where the crickets are expected to make their exodus as the weather warms.

In 2006, the crickets hit areas of southeast Cassia County near Alme and into the Yogi, Utah, area. This year, Garrard wants to be ready to wage war when they come out for their first battle. The eggs will begin hatching after the area experiences an extended warm spell. The ideal situation for controlling an infestation would then be to have some very cold wet weather, but that weather is not good for other aspects of agriculture, such as fruit trees.

Garrard said that last year the county was caught unawares when the pests traveled across the Utah border and through southeastern Cassia County, but this year officials have made plans to fight the pests, which are a wingless krayd and not a cricket at all. The state has pledged a number of bait spreaders



and a supply of bait, and Utah plans to spray for crickets this year, Garrard said.

"Ranchers in southeast Cassia County are currently on the lookout for crickets as they hatch," Garrard told commissioners last Monday. "What we need from you is a letter authorizing the Idaho Department of Ag and ARHS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) to use the public roads to bait the crickets."

Garrard said the bait would work on the pests and on the five types of grasshoppers that are known to be in this area. He said the pests will hatch earlier than the hoppers.

The county agreed to draft the letter so the state can begin to bait the insects.

Residents are encouraged to call the county's extension office at 1-208-878-9461 if they see sizable infestations of Mormon crickets on their property.

Local canines get bathed at fundraising event

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Entering A Pet's Place from the street, little Targhee, an 8-month-old black Labrador, crossed from a calm and sunny Twin Falls, Saturday into a pungent mayhem.

Targhee first eyed Rozee, a shaking Shizu that sat atop a metal table, while a woman studying to be a veterinary technician at the College of Southern Idaho brushed through her snarls.

To her left, two future vet technicians chanted the words, "Three, two, one" and then hoisted Maggie, a yellow Labrador, into a rectangular sink.

By 12:45 p.m., every imaginable breed of dog had passed through CSI's fundraising Jog wash — from 150-pound Elmo, a Great Pyrenees, to wee Mildred, a Chihuahua cross breed — at A Pet's Place, 260 Second Ave. S.

If Targhee were rattled by the afternoon scene — the jiggling commotion over a drenched floor, the rock and spray of wet dog — her eyes would have bugged earlier when customers dropped 32 dogs on the vet techs at once.

"There were 10 dogs already standing there when we opened at nine," said Jody Rockett, CSI veterinary teacher. With two hours left in the workday, the program had reaped \$833, surpassing last year's \$800 profit.

"Generally, dogs have the fewest chromosomes, which is why it's so easy to manipulate them," Rockett said, explaining the diversity of dog breed shapes and sizes.

Trimming paw nails on Maggie was a two-person job. The Shizu, however, welcomed one hand to graze the other to brush, while the larger Pyrenees could no sooner be lifted than a mountain.

Size aside, a dog's personality decides a substantial part of how easy it is to groom.

"Sometimes you get a really good dog that will just lay there for you," said Brittany Peroy, a future vet tech, trimming Maggie's nails. "But when you get a lab like this ... it takes a two-man team."



Brittany Peroy, a student in the College of Southern Idaho's Vet Tech program, combs twin-falls Rozee's coat as she trembles Saturday during a dog wash fundraiser at A Pet's Place in Twin Falls.

Footing the bill no more

Rupert man says apartment management defrauding feds

By Steve Berg
For the Times-News

RUPERT — A Rupert man living in an apartment subsidized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture says the owner of the apartment complex has defrauded the federal government of money used to power the resident manager's office.

Donald Borneman, 48, lives in a one bedroom apartment original built as a two bedroom unit. In August 1997, the apartment's second bedroom was converted to an office by Devo Properties, which owns and manages the complex.

But the office was not equipped with an independent power meter, and power used to operate the office is charged to Borneman's apartment.

Devo Operations Manager Vonda Workman said she was aware of the arrangement.

Workman, but declined to comment further. "I can't tell you that any electricity that we use is definitely reimbursed to us from," she said.

Borneman said he became aware that he was being billed for the office's power after moving to the apartment in August 2005. He said he immediately notified USDA of the problem.

The next day, he said, he was visited by Devo Area Manager Sandra Martinez, her husband Jesus and another man who did not identify himself. He said Martinez told him the apartment complex would pay him \$40 per month to cover the office's power usage.

Since that time, Borneman has received checks each month from the apartment complex. "They did not offer me any opportunity to negotiate. In other words, they told me, 'This is what you're going to get, and keep your mouth shut,'" he said.

Because his utility payments are federally subsidized, Borneman said he believes the payments constitute fraud on the part of Devo Properties and himself, because Devo is paying him personally for electrical power that is at least partially subsidized by USDA.

Betsy Dean of USDA's Twin Falls office said she was unable to comment but that she was investigating the matter.

Borneman said he hesitated coming forward with the matter because he is dependent on the checks for living expenses.

Robert Petronek — an unexpected mayor

Hagerman man appointed to position after former mayor left

By Kari Matthews
Times-News Correspondent

HAGERMAN — At first glance, Robert Petronek doesn't appear to be a typical mayor.

Dressed in a faded green T-shirt and casual khakis, he better fits the image of what he's always been — a devoted family man trying to make his community a better place.

"If you'd asked me if I'd be mayor, I would've said nope," he said.

Yet here he is as head of the Hagerman City Council, having been appointed to the position last year after former Mayor Noel (Pete) Weir took a job in South America.

"You kind of just (have to) roll with the punches and take what comes," said Petronek's

wife Kella of the "unexpected" mayoral position.

It's a position Petronek takes seriously.

"I sat down and read every (city ordinance)" he said, referring to when he was first appointed, because as mayor "you have to know."

Those who work with Petronek agree that he takes his job seriously.

Council members Jake Rice and Craig Mills say they appreciate Petronek's attention to detail and willingness to work with individuals' issues.

The mayor is a quiet man, Rice said, but his heart is in Hagerman.

"He wants to see change," Rice said.

Petronek worked with council members to "take up the old issues," some stretching back for decades. Improvements so far include reclaiming the city's playground, strengthening the town's dog ordinance, and approving projects along State Street, Mills said.

"We have a council that's working together," said city clerk Peggy Pedrow. "We're get-

ting a lot accomplished." Having served in both positions, Petronek said he now knows the difference between being mayor and being a council member.

"Being on the council and being mayor are two completely different things. As mayor you are the voice of the city. The council is the body. You can be mad, but you can't let it affect you."

— Hagerman Mayor Robert Petronek

He has completed a lot since they first met in 1999.

He has endured a six-way heart bypass in 2003 and still suffers from ongoing heart problems, which limits his work and other activities. And Kella had to undergo chemotherapy for colon cancer.

Mills said he appreciates the mayor serving the city while fighting such a serious illness.

However, Kella said the mayor is happy to give back to the community that had supported them so much in the past.

Kari Matthews covers Hagerman and can be reached at kari.mathews@hotmail.com or 420-2751.

Rupert cop leaves the force

By Renee Wells
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Just minutes after Rupert Police Chief Randy White said his police force was finally at full staff and had the cars and equipment it needed to provide police service to the community, the city council accepted the resignation of one of the city's police officers.

In January, Mini-Cassia Task Force officer Scott Denning, who served under supervisor Randy Kidd, left his position and went back to the Rupert department after serving on the task force for several months.

Because it was a personnel issue, Kidd could not comment and no information was released giving the reason for the change.

Shortly after he returned to the Rupert department, however, Denning also either quit or was terminated there.

Last week's city council meeting,

Because it was a personnel issue, no information was released giving the reason for the change.

council members accepted Denning's resignation during a closed executive session, according to Mayor Audrey Nelsover.

White said he could not comment on the latest action, but said Denning's employment ended sometime after he returned from the task force on Jan. 2.

A public records request revealing Denning's employment record with the city is being held until the city attorney has time to review the request.

Public record law gives the city three days to respond to such requests. Denning could not be reached for comment.

Ketchum man hit by car

outside bar on Main Street

Police suspect alcohol is a factor

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — A man was transported by helicopter to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise late Saturday night after being struck by a car at Main Street and Sun Valley Road.

Erik Von Ziegler had left a bar on the west side of Main Street, and was attempting to cross four lanes of traffic when he was struck just after 11 p.m. by a 1998 Chevy Suburban being driven by

Lynn Sheehan, a 44-year-old Ketchum resident.

Von Ziegler, a 39-year-old Ketchum resident, was first transported to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center before being taken by helicopter to Boise.

According to a police report, Von Ziegler sustained a head injury. Calls made Sunday to St. Alphonsus regarding his condition were not returned.

Police suspect alcohol was a factor in the incident, which is under investigation by Idaho State Trooper Gabe Coleman.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@tnc.net.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% Seasonal peak**
Salmon	64%	63%
Big Wood	49%	46%
Little Wood	28%	27%
Big Lost	44%	43%
Little Lost	56%	54%
Henry's Fork/Teton	64%	63%
Upper Snake Basin	65%	64%
Gallego	73%	69%
Salmon Falls	60%	59%

As of April 8

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Photo by [unreadable]

SERVICES

Free tree day draws plenty of N. Idaho residents

Fred S. Kiser of Jerome funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E.; graveside committal service at 2 p.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

service at 3:30 p.m. today at Luke's Chapel at St. Luke's Hospital, 190 E. Bankrock in Boise (Cremation Society of Idaho in Boise).

POST FALLS (AP) — Lora Doyle made off with three kinds of maple trees, their tips sticking out the back of her vehicle.

difference in the community's urban forest came from previous tree giveaways, and that they are showing good survival rates.

Grace K. Ringenberg of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Jerry William Rosenzweig of Caldwell and formerly of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave. in Caldwell; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the chapel. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

City forester Linden Lammpan said the event, now in its fourth year, is making a

Community Canopy and the city sponsor the event, which received the trees through donations from First American title, JUB Engineers,

Sandra "Sandi" Kay Johnston of Buhl, graveside memorial service at 3:30 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery, 1574 E. 4150 N. in Buhl (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Eugene C. Slaughter of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Thefts shut down N. Idaho student art exhibit

Shawn Hunter Dugan, infant son of Gary and Valerie Pofford, of Twin Falls.

Olive Mae Brooks of Fairfield-Gooding, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Dodinger Funeral Chapel in Dodinger.

SANDPOINT (AP) — The Pend Oreille Arts Council's annual Student Art Exhibit for students in middle school and high school turned out to be popular — especially among art thieves.

staff member at Lake Pend Oreille High School.

DEATH NOTICES

Mary Ann Walters RUPERT — Mary Ann Walters, 71, of Rupert, died Saturday, April 6, 2007, in Pocatello.

Church, 131 Grandview Dr. in Twin Falls with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. The Eastern Star Rites will be presented by the Twin Falls Chapter #29 Order of the Eastern Star.

including one by a seventh grader, were taken from the exhibit, which closed two weeks early as a result.

It takes a real talk of money to steal student art, said Linda Navarre, a teacher at Sandpoint Middle School, told the Bonner County Daily Bee.

Geraldine A. 'Gerry' Harms SALMON TRACT — Geraldine A. 'Gerry' Harms, wife of the Salmon Tract, died Sunday, April 8, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, 'Chapel by the Park.'

At Willa's request there will be no public viewing. The family will be greeting friends one hour prior to the services at the church, Cremation and interment will take place privately at a later date.

It's just plain weird that anyone would steal student art," said Kathie Murphy, a

the building where the exhibit was being held. The

Willa R. Rider Fowler TWIN FALLS — Willa R. Rider Fowler, 82, of Twin Falls, died suddenly on Friday afternoon, April 6, 2007, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Wayne R. Bates TWIN FALLS — Wayne R. Bates, age 81, died at his home in Twin Falls on April 8, 2007. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Proposal: Add southern rail passenger route in Montana

He doesn't want a southern train to jeopardize the Empire Builder, though.

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at the state Capitol in Helena.

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — The last time scheduled passenger trains crossed southern Montana was in 1979.

A southern route would run people from Missoula to Helena, to Livingston and then on to Chicago and the East Coast. Eventually, the route could stretch west all the way to Spokane in Portland, Ore.

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He figures high gas prices and frustrations with airlines are sending people to the train.

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Riders lose some time. By train, it takes 2 1/2 days to reach the East Coast, compared with about one day of flying.

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Ackley said a number of parties support a southern route, and his association has been pushing for it for a few years. Now, escalating gas prices have shown people that energy policies need to change, he said. And passenger trains could be part of a solution because they're fuel efficient.

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'B.C.' and 'Wizard of Id' cartoonist Hart dies at 76

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Cartoonist Johnny Hart, whose award-winning "B.C." comic strip appeared in more than 1,300 newspapers worldwide, died at his home on Saturday. He was 76.

than 1,300 newspapers with an audience of 100 million, according to Creators Syndicate, Inc., which distributes it.

Evening Post after his discharging from the military in 1954.

quoting some of Jesus Christ's dying words. Critics said it implied that Christianity supports judicial

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After he graduated from Union-Endicott High School, Hart met Brent Parker, a young cartoonist who became a prime influence and co-creator with Hart of the "Wizard of Id" comic strip.

Later in his career, some of Hart's cartoons had religious themes, a reflection of his own Christian faith. That sometimes caused controversy.

Hart said he intended as a tribute to both faiths. Besides his wife, Hart is survived by two daughters, Pauli and Fern. He was a native of Endicott, about 135 miles northwest of New York City, and drew his comic strip at a studio in his home there until the day he died.

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Hart enlisted in the Air Force and began producing cartoons for Pacific Stars and Stripes. He sold his first free-

lance cartoon to the Saturday Evening Post after his discharging from the military in 1954.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced.

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

Monday CSI library is open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. CSI Adult Basic Education Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Friday) and 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, second floor of Meyerhoeffer building. CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, second floor of Meyerhoeffer building. CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

review session, 8 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277. Wednesday Idaho FFA convention, all day, at Faulkner through Friday (approximately 1,200 FFA members and leaders). Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license exams, 8:30 a.m., Taylor 277. Region IV Tech Prep Consortium spring training for high school coordinators, all day, Taylor, Canyon and Meyerhoeffer buildings. Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Thursday). Styx chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113. Early Childhood Education training meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 277. Idaho Cattlemen Council and Idaho Beef Council, Idaho Beef Ambassador Contest, 7 p.m., Evergreen A20. Magic Valley Chapter, Idaho Society of Road Amateurs meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shields 102.

Silver Sage Darts meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276. Friday "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Huggie Bears chapter, Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113. Friday-Saturday Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday. CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Colorado Northwestern, 1 p.m., Friday and noon Saturday, Skip Walker Field. CSI Golden Eagle softball vs. North Idaho College, 1 p.m., Friday and noon Saturday, Twin Falls High School. CSI cheerleading tryouts, 5 to 8 p.m., Friday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, gym.

Faulkner Planetarium shows: "Far Out Space Places" at 2 p.m.; "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars" at 4 p.m.; "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe" at 7 p.m.; and "Led Zeppelin Maximum Volume I" at 8:15 p.m. Magic Valley Astronomical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room. Star party (free telescope viewing), 9:15 p.m., Herrett Center Central Observatory. Saturday-Sunday CSI library is open 1 to 5 p.m. Magic Valley Chorus presentation of "Gloria," 7:30 p.m., Saturday and 4 p.m., Sunday, Fine Arts Auditorium.

Tuesday University of Idaho student transfer information, 9 a.m. to noon, Student Union building. Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ridesafe Engineering open house on the CSI front entrance reconstruction, 5 to 7 p.m., Student Union 248. CSI-2007 Art Show, free public reception, 7 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery (through May 12). "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner. Planetarium. Legacy Business Group business

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Century Cinema & Burley Theatre ARE WE DONE YET? FIREHOUSE DOG MEET THE ROBIBSONS

CSI Salt and Light Campus Ministry Bible study meeting, noon, Student Union 247.

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Cost of Iraq war filtering down to states and cities

By Steven K. Paulson
Associated Press writer

DENVER — The cost of the Iraq war is filtering down to state and local budgets, forcing cuts in transportation funding, Medicaid, education and other federally subsidized programs, according to analysts and lawmakers.

Just how big that impact has been is unclear. What state lawmakers do say is that the \$456 billion already spent or appropriated for the war could have gone a long way toward helping them balance their budgets.

In Colorado, lawmakers expect to lose about \$200 million in federal funding for the next fiscal year, forcing the state to cut back on programs that receive federal money.

These are funds that we aren't going to receive, Low Energy Assistance Program, \$3.8 million, gone. Head Start, \$3.7 million, gone. Child Care

and Development Block Grant, \$1.1 million. Community Development Block Grant, \$13.5 million. Special Ed, \$8.8 million," House Majority Leader Alice Madden, D-Boulder, said during a debate Thursday on a similar resolution opposing the escalation of the war in Iraq.

"Also, we're not going to get the Criminal Alien Assistance program to house criminal aliens — \$5 million that was promised and now isn't coming," Madden said. "This is why it's important to take a stand. The more money that's spent over there means our citizens in this state aren't going to get services they need."

Joy Wilson, director of health policy for the National Conference of State Legislatures in Washington, D.C., said the war in Iraq is affecting state and local government spending, but it's impossible to tell how much. She said other factors are influ-

Colorado expects federal spending cuts

Special cuts for federal funding for Colorado from fiscal year 2006 to 2008, according to Colorado lawmakers:

- Public Hospital Medicaid reimbursement: \$128 million
- Transportation: \$48 million
- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program: \$9.8 million
- Child Care and Development Block Grant: \$13.5 million
- Community Development Block Grant: \$13.5 million
- Special Education: \$37.8 million
- Community Oriented Policing Services: \$257,000
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund: \$2.5 million

encing the federal budget, including President Bush's pledge to balance the budget by 2012, rising health care and fuel costs, and tax cuts that Bush has refused to rescind.

"That said, Iraq is certainly a part of the mix," Wilson said, noting other states are also being forced to cut back because domestic spending has been almost flat for the past two years.

According to the Colorado Municipal League, Bush's proposed 2008 budget includes

only a 1 percent increase in nonmilitary and homeland security programs. The league said the budget proposal cuts Community Development Block Grants nationwide by \$735 million, education by \$1.5 billion, the Individuals with Disabilities Education act by \$291 million, and \$107 million from Head Start. Social services block grants would be cut nearly in half to \$1.2 billion, and Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance would see a \$400 million cut.

The league said funding for the Department of Homeland Security would be slashed, including a 63 percent cut for training and exercises, while federal assistance to state and local law enforcement would be cut by more than half. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund would be cut \$312 million over the previous year.

Sen. Moe Keller, D-Wheat Ridge, said 24 hospitals in Colorado risk losing federal funding after Bush issued an executive order changing the definition of public hospitals to reduce Medicaid spending,

cutting \$128 million in federal aid that could force a major hospital in Denver to close. The Colorado Legislature is debating a resolution asking Bush to restore that funding.

Keller said the state also is losing about \$48 million in federal funds for transportation money the state was promised.

She said the cost of the war is trickling down to local governments, with cuts to federal funding for homeland security. "We're bearing the brunt of the federal cuts. There's no other reason than the war," Keller said.

Montana author Kittredge wins Kirsch award

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — William Kittredge, professor emeritus in the creative writing program at the University of Montana, has been named recipient of the 27th annual Los Angeles Times Book Prizes' Robert Kirsch Award for lifetime achievement.

"I'm very proud of this award, a living Western author. Previous winners include Joan Didion, Ursula K. Le Guin, Ray Bradbury and Wallace Stegner. "I'm very proud of this award," Kittredge said from his home in Missoula. "It's reaffirming for a career in which I've always gotten my books published but never sold a lot. So it helps me think, maybe I went the right direction after all. It's nice to know somebody out there is paying attention."

Kittredge was quoted by the Missoulian in a story Sunday on his selection for the award.

Kittredge first gained prominence in 1987 with the publication of "Owning It All," a collection of essays. Since then he has written and edited numerous books and anthologies, including "Hole in the Sky" and "We Are Not in This Together."

Kittredge taught in the University of Montana's creative writing program until 1997. "Over the years, he has received numerous other prestigious awards for his work, including the Charles Frankel Prize, two Pacific Northwest Booksellers Awards for Excellence and the Earle A. Child Award. Kittredge also co-produced the film version of "A River Runs Through It."

"We felt (Kittredge) was important and worthy of this

prize for a number of reasons," said David L. Ulin, book editor of the L.A. Times and a selection committee member for the Kirsch Award. "What I personally found attractive about him as a candidate is his emphasis on nurturing younger writers — that selflessness and larger vision, and the idea that we're not just in it for our own aggrandizement but to build a community of writers and, more important perhaps, of readers."

According to the official citation, the Kirsch Award "honors a living author with a substantial connection to the American West whose contribution to American letters deserves special recognition. William Kittredge is a master

storyteller, essayist and influential cultural voice known for his unflinching vision of the

hardscrabble landscape of the West and the people who survive and die on it."

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