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Love and sacrifice



Staff Sgt. Michael Lage poses with his mother, Rosa Lage, at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio on Dec. 7. Lage, who was injured in Iraq, was the only survivor of a blast that killed four others.

Mothers of war wounded upend lives when feared call comes

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — Rose Lage swears it is true: Suddenly, in the midst of a fitful night of sleep last June, she knew that her son had been injured in Iraq. "I heard my son's voice," she recalls. "It might sound weird, but I heard him holler 'Mama!'"

In fact, Staff Sgt. Michael Lage was the only survivor of a blast that killed four others. Lage suffered third-degree burns to nearly half his body; part of his nose and ears were missing, and his face, scalp, arms and torso were seared. His left hand had to be amputated.

Rose Lage, 54, understood her son's life would change. But she didn't understand how much her own quiet life — a life spent playing with grandkids, fishing and preparing for her husband's retirement — would change, as well.

She would exchange her two-story house in Atlanta for a hotel room in an Army post, watch her nest days helping a 30-year-old son change bandages and wriggle into garments meant to reduce scarring.

The sacrifices of injured soldiers, airmen and Marines are recognized with medals and commendations. But the mothers and wives who arrive here make their own sacrifices — abandoning jobs and homes and delaying retirement to help their wounded children reclaim their lives.

"The women here are the heroes, every bit the heroes as their soldiers,"

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LEGISLATURE 2008

Earning his spurs



Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter arrives at Joalin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Otter's first term as governor included an up and down opening session with state legislators.

Otter tries to build on first-year setbacks

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

One year ago, C.L. "Butch" Otter rode into the governor's office with all the delicacy of a just-paid range rider on Saturday night.

He shut down renovation at the Capitol. He boasted that he would personally kill wolves. He vetoed bills.

He also annoyed many in the Idaho Legislature.

Legislators say they hope for a smoother relationship in 2008, but also say they are unsure what to expect when Otter delivers his second State of the State speech Jan. 7.

"The governor's just a good, likeable pregarious guy. That's his personality," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "But we don't vote on

As Otter continues to settle in as Idaho's chief executive, his relationship with lawmakers remains a curious one.

They say he's a breath of fresh air after staid Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, but his first session with the Republican-dominated Legislature swung back and forth between gains and losses.

(bills) whether they're likeable. We vote on whether they're a good idea or what effect they'll have on our constituents."

Otter is less of a polished politician than was Kempthorne. He tends to take harder stances, which increases potential for conflict, said Jim Weatherby, a retired Boise State University

professor of public policy. "It was a mixed record and a rockier relationship with the Legislature than a lot of people anticipated," Weatherby said. "He points out, as we've seen before, that a Republican governor can have problems with a Republican Legislature. They're not all part of one big happy family."

LEGISLATURE 2008

DAY ONE:
A look at Gov. Butch Otter's first year in office; what's ahead for public schools, health care and energy issues.

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Democrats climb their way back to balance; fixing Urban Renewal; what's ahead for community colleges and local government proposals.

DAY THREE:
The inner conflict for Idaho Republicans; health and welfare rule changes; planning for the water year and funding changes for state police.

Online, in the classroom

Academia paying more attention to online socializing

By Monica Hesse
The Washington Post

First to Facebook were the teens. Then came the money — the market researchers and the media. And now come ... the academics.

In the last six months, Rochester Institute of Technology scooped \$150,000 from the National Science Foundation to develop courses in computer-based social networking. Cornell got \$2 million for research, and the University of Michigan added a "social computing" concentration to its School of Information. You can now major in MySpace, said it.

The Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication dedicates its current issue to social networking sites, and contains articles with titles such as "Crying for Me: Crying for Us: Relational Dialectics in a Korean Social Network Site" (referring to MySpace, the Facebook of Korea).

The race is on — to an extremely obscure wing of the ivory tower. Who will own the study of this social networking sites? Is it computer science or behavioral psychology or artificial intelligence? PhDs around the country are trying to figure out, in their esoteric and socially awkward way, how to get in while the getting's good.

Let the theorizing begin. Spend enough time talking in Facebook with eager professors, and eventually you will reach the end of their expertise. And then they will say, in voices tinged with resignation,

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Excerpts from Zephoria

Zephoria.org is the blog run by social networking guru slash boy. On Facebook's recent decision to remove an application that tracks purchases, she wrote:

"Facebook pushed the boundaries of privacy a bit further and, when public outcry took place, retreated just a wee bit to make people feel more comfortable. In other words, 'It's all palpatory slope' sorts of words. Given what I've learned from interviewing teens and college students over the years, I've seen the same thing happen over and over again. (until all you

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Monday
		
Chance of snow, areas of blowing snow	Snow tapering off, partial clearing late	Partly cloudy and colder
High 32	Low 19	27 / 12

MINI-CASSIA
 Today: Scattered snow showers and breezy. Small additional accumulations. Highs near 30.
 Tonight: Snow waning; clear, partial clearing late. Lows in the middle teens.
 Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny, but colder. Highs in the lower to mid 20s.

Complete weather report: See page D8

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
 Dec. 31 — **Alcohol-free, All Ages, New Year's Eve Party** featuring "A Rotterdam November," "Dies" and "The Sand"; also Mechanical Bull, inflatable games, food and vendor area, 8:30 p.m. doors open, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Twin Falls County Fair Merchants Building, Filer, \$5 at the door (optional \$5 unlimited activities pass), 326-4396.
 Jan. 2 — **The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association Jam and meeting**; members will jam an entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS
 Jan. 1 — **The 21st annual Freeze on Skis**, sponsored by Snake River Freeze on Skis, Inc., with net proceeds to Mustard Seed, Wellness Clinic and Wishing Star Foundation charities, noon, Shoshone Falls, Twin Falls, 731-0026 or 420-2192.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
 Jan. 2 — **Mary Time Club meeting**, 2 p.m., home of Betty Stiffer, Filer, 735-5213.
 Jan. 2 — **Rupert Business and Professional Women meeting and no-host dinner**, 6:30 p.m., Drift Inn meeting room, 545 F St., Rupert, 436-3565 or 431-3565.

FAMILY
 Jan. 2 — **Rosetta Assisted Living Alzheimer's support group meeting**, 6 to 7 p.m., 4177 Eastridge Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, (208) 734-9422 to R.S.V.P.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Brown by e-mail at sbrowne@timesnews.com or by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

MORNING BRIEFING

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

The Magic Valley's history as seen through the lens of photographers, then and now ...

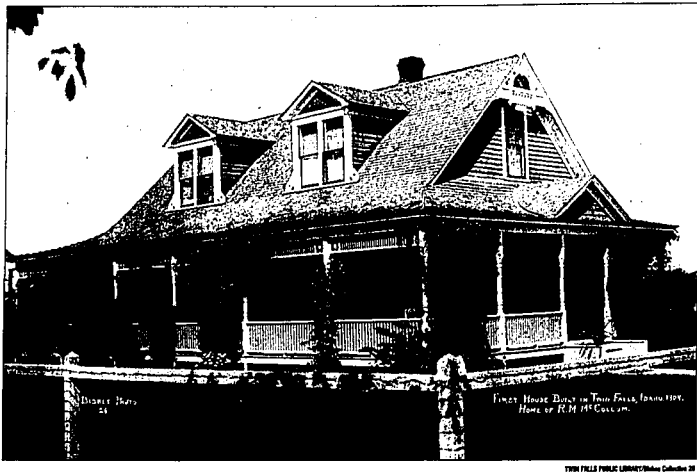


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The McCollum House, 691 Shoshone Street N., is considered to be the first permanent personal residence in Twin Falls. It was built for Robert McCollum, who worked for the Twin Falls Investment Company. Inside it had plastered walls, a piano, and other things considered "civilized." The house offered a nice retreat from the dust, desolation and loneliness of the new town. On Feb. 4, 1905, Mr. McCollum, his wife Alice, and his daughter Eva, invited 20 men to dinner. These men, later calling themselves the "Homeless Twenty," gathered at the McCollum home once a week, and the house quickly became a social hub of Twin Falls.

AROUND THE WORLD

ILLINOIS

Remnants of winter storm soak Northeast

CHICAGO — Air travel in the Midwest was returning to normal Saturday following a storm that blanketed the Great Lakes region with several inches of snow.
 Only two dozen flights were canceled Saturday morning at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, aviation officials said. Across town, Midway Airport officials reported no cancellations. Both reported no significant delays.
 That was in sharp contrast to Friday, when nearly 300 flights were canceled at O'Hare because of the weather, and delays averaged 30 to 45 minutes. Delays at Midway Airport averaged 30 minutes, with about 25 cancellations.

IDAHO

State legislature due to consider fire-safe cigs

BOISE — Idaho could join at least 22 other states, Canada and the European Union that have all adopted laws requiring self-extinguishing, fire-safe cigarettes, according to a plan the Idaho Fire Chief's Association is pushing in the 2008 Legislature.
 Idaho's legislature would require that only fire-safe cigarettes be sold in the state effective 13 months after its adoption.
 "What we're trying to do is make it safer and make it easier on the wholesalers and distributors," Caldwell Fire Chief Mark Wendelsdorf, who is leading the effort for the association, told the Idaho Statesman.
 Currently, 22 states plus Canada have adopted laws requiring the fire-safe cigarettes, with New York among the first to do so in 2000, according to the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes lobbying group, based in Massachusetts.

IDAHO

Neighboring Oregon has already passed similar legislation





Neighboring Oregon has already passed similar legislation, while Washington and at least eight other states have proposals pending.
 It's an international trend, too: All cigarettes sold in Europe will soon have to be made with fire-retardant paper that slows burning and extinguishes the cigarette if it is left unattended, European Union officials said in late November.
A \$400 million copy machine? Idaho county officials concede goof
RUPERT — Mindkoda County in southern Idaho says it suffered a \$484,375 shortfall due to a data-entry mistake in which an employee mistakenly listed a copy machine's value at more than \$400 million when helping calculate the county's total property tax.
 The property value was used to calculate the county's 2007 tax levy.
 Due to the mistake, however, Mindkoda County Commission members will have to amend their levy, meaning taxpayers in the sprawling agricultural region are now due to receive a supplemental tax bill.

WASHINGTON

Independents plan challenge to parties

WASHINGTON — New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a potential independent candidate for president, has scheduled a meeting next week with a dozen leading Democrats and Republicans, who will join him in challenging the major party contenders to spell out their plans for forming a "government of national unity" to end the gridlock in Washington.
 Others who will be at the Jan. 7 session at the University of Oklahoma say that if the likely nominees of the two parties do not pledge to "go beyond tokenism" in building an administration that seeks national consensus, they will be prepared to back Bloomberg or someone else in a third-party campaign for president.
 Conveners of the meeting include such prominent Democrats as former senators Sam Nunn (Ga.), Charles Robb (Va.) and David Bonior (Okla.), and former presidential candidate Gary Hart. Republican attendees are to include Sen. Chuck Hagel (Nebr.), former party chairman Bill Brock, former senator John Danforth (Mo.) and former New Jersey governor Christine Todd Whitman.
 Boren, who will host the meeting at the university, where he is president, said: "It is not a gathering to urge any one person to run for president, or to say there necessarily ought to be an independent option. But if we don't see a refocusing of the campaign

COMING THIS WEEK

	
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snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg	Season peak**	Osley	75%	27%
Salmon	103%	32%	Salmon Falls	71%	27%
Big Wood	80%	35%	As of Dec. 29		
Little Wood	82%	34%	* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.		
Little Lost	80%	32%	** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.		
Henry's Fork/Teton	93%	36%			
Upper Snake Basin	79%	32%			

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"Have you considered talking to danah boyd?"

But danah boyd, such an early adopter of the no-shifkey lifestyle that she uncapped herself. She is a celebrant, the high priestess of social networking. Still a grad student, she receives 20 to 50 interview requests per week, she says. A bureau handles her speaking engagements. She once employed an admin to sort her e-mail. She's done consulting for Yahoo and Google.

Her ascent began in 2002 when at 24 she started blogging about the newly launched Friendster. She had an undergrad degree from Brown and a masters from MIT's Media Lab when Berkeley came calling. boyd enrolled in the communication PhD program. Her late adviser, she says, "told me, 'I don't understand what you're doing, but I think it's really important.'"

Whenever anyone needed an expert on social networking, he was sent to danah boyd because danah boyd was pretty much it.

Which led, not surprisingly, to the most academic of emo-

Excerpts from Zephoria

On how teens view texting as an integral part of their friendships:

"I'm fascinated by how U.S. teens build intricate models of... which friends are available via mobile and which aren't... They know who to call on what plan, who can be called after 7PM, who can be called after 9PM, who can receive texts, who is over their texting for the month, etc. It's part of their mental model of their social network and knowing this is a core exchange of friendship. Psychologically, all-you-can-eat plans change every thing... The weights are lifted and freedom reigns. The result? Zero to a thousand text messages in under a month! Those on all-you-can-eat plans go hog wild. Every message thought is transmitted and the phones go buzz buzz buzz... Those with restrictive plans are treated with caution, left out of the fluid communication flow."

otions seething resentment.

"Danah has really benefited in terms of being one of the first people on this," says a professor who asked to speak anonymously citing professional cliques and catfishing. "But not all of her work is through peer-reviewed outlets," the standard by which academics vet research. Now, the professor says, it's more like boyd posts blog entries boyd entry becomes "scholarship."

"I get some really nasty e-mails from tenured professors who think the way I'm doing my research is irresponsible," boyd says. She says she

received death threats after she blogged about class differences between MySpace and Facebook users. One person analyzed published photographs of boyd to inform her that she "looked like a cutter." Her link is riddled with arm warblers and funky glasses) She doesn't name names.

The culture of academia is like a land rush: professors pushed around the edges of each new intellectual territory, waving flags emblazoned with theoretical frameworks, making frozen dashes to stake claim on new topics,

reality to shout trespassers.

The sonneters who get their first become "canceled," says Nicole Ellison, a Michigan State professor who, with boyd, recently edited the special issue of JCMC. "There's a definite early-mover advantage," says Ellison. "Because then your piece becomes the requisite for when people need to cite something."

It's what William Clark, author of "Academic Charisma and the Origins of the Research University," calls "the establishment of insiders." When small groups of people begin to cross-reference each other, he says, "they make the small group collectively more important."

And so the bibliography of Hugo Liu's "Social Network Profiles as Taste Performances" (published in the JCMC special issue) cites the work of Judith Donath, who also has an article in the issue. Donath cites Nicole Ellison, whose article precedes her own. Ellison, in turn, cites Hugo Liu.

Every author of every paper cites danah boyd.

It's the myopia of academia in any discipline, but especially so in a nascent one where a

body of work (a canon) is still TBD, where plum jobs and tenure tracks can be determined by early elbow rubbing. Nancy Baym, a University of Kansas professor who founded the Association of Internet Researchers, estimates that currently fewer than 50 people have researched social networking sites — but she sees the numbers rise every month. Not just from departments of communication, but from psych, and soc, and comp/human science, and the struggling English professor or two.

And what of that emerging canon? What are these young — because most of them are young — liturgic types writing so feverishly about?

An excerpt from Liu's paper: "One of the newest stages for online textual performance of self is the Social Network Profile. The virtual materials of this performance are cultural signs... composed together into a 'taste statement' that is 'performed' through the profile."

In other words: People on MySpace. List their favorite movies. To show their friends what they enjoy.

In "Signals in Social

Supernets," Donath writes that social network sites "locate people in the context of their acquaintances... and allow for the public display of inter-personal commentaries."

Which means: When you write "Danah, last night was crazy" on someone's Facebook wall, everyone can see.

The liturgic masses you want to give everyone with a PhD an atomic wedgie, but the ideas are compelling enough. Liu, for example, explores how Facebook embodies the virtual pursuit of cool, with users claiming to like the things they think they should like, agonizing over whether "Horn" or "Wedding Crashers" is a more appropriate favorite film.

The biggest difficulty of all with this new discipline. Not whether there are enough talkie scraps to go around after suave scholars like danah boyd have their fill, but whether it even makes sense to study something so ephemeral, something hot today, gone tomorrow.

"Frankly," sighs Liu, pondering the future of his studies, "the stage we're in is really a rough draft."

Moms

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said Judith Markelz, who runs a 4-year-old program to aid the families of injured soldiers sent here for treatment.

"These kids could not survive without their women."

The patients who arrive at Fort Sam Houston are among the worst wounded in war, suffering the kind of injuries that killed their predecessors in earlier conflicts.

So far, about 600 burn victims and 250 amputees have been sent here to recover at the Army's only burn center and at an amputee rehabilitation program set up since the start of the Iraq war.

Their injuries will take multiple surgeries and months or years of recovery and rehabilitation.

"When the injured arrive, fathers and siblings are often here for the immediate aftermath or early surgeries. But the wives and mothers most often stay. Markelz said, they often jobs, give us health insurance and abandon homes.

"None of us realized people were going to be here two years. That's not your normal hospital stay," Markelz said. "They didn't want to make San Antonio their home. Now they can vote here."

Markelz, the wife of a retired Fort Sam deputy commander, was hired four years ago to start the Warrenton Family Support Center, a program that has morphed from a few computers in converted conference rooms to a cathedral program for families of the wounded.

The Army provides housing for families in a post hotel or at one of the Fisher Houses, family-style dorms with a living room, large kitchen and dining room.

But most arrive here with few or no friends and with little understanding of what they or their wounded family member will need.

"They come in with their purses like this," said Markelz, hugging her chest. "They look like a deer in headlights."

Markelz and her staff make sure no one gets past the door

without getting noticed.

"Did you sign in?" she gently shouts at family members and wounded soldiers between phone calls and assigning tasks to volunteers.

In the past four years, family members and wounded have signed in 200,000 times and counting.

The assistance center — which will move to a new 12,000-square-foot building next year — provides meals, a place for baffled family members to seek advice, rides to Wal-Mart, just about anything Markelz and her staff find they can do to help.

Among the family members who stay for the long haul, about half are wives and half are mothers.

Markelz said it's especially hard on the wives of guardsmen and reservists and on the middle-aged mothers of soldiers — women who had well-established civilian lives away from the typically nomadic life of active military families.

"They didn't sign up for that," she said.

Staff Sgt. Michael Lage had always been an independent kid. The youngest of three and the only boy, he was the first to leave home. He joined the Army at 18.

He served two full tours in Iraq, first in 2003 and again two years later.

Through both tours, his mother prayed and lit a yarrow candle every day at a shrine fashioned from his photo, angel figurines and military mementos in front of her fireplace in Atlanta. She continued the ritual when he was deployed a third time in May.

But less than a month later, his Bradley Fighting Vehicle was hit by a bomb in Baghdad. Lage was the only one who managed to crawl out or get blown free of the wreckage. He was on fire, still

carrying his gun, witnesses later told his family.

Rose Lage and her husband, Larry, arrived in San Antonio to find Michael in intensive care in a medically induced coma. He was covered in bandages with tubes coming in and out of his body.

His mother recognized her son by his long dark eyelashes.

But she wasn't allowed to touch him, couldn't embrace him the way she longed to.

"It took everything I had to be strong," she said, her voice breaking.

Now, six months have passed since she arrived in San Antonio with one large suitcase.

Her husband stayed as long as his could, but they returned to work after the couple tapped their retirement savings for months.

Her two daughters, too, have come to help, but they have their own homes and young children to care for.

Rose hasn't gone anywhere. She has cobbled together an unexpected life here, learning her way around town and building new routines and friendships she never imagined.

Days of housekeeping and care for grandkids have been replaced with new routines: the careful wrapping of gauze around reddened skin, vigilant adherence to medication regimens, the zipping and buttoning of Michael's clothes.

"We've given up a lot for him," Rose concedes, sitting in a hotel room where a giant flag signed by her sons' unit hangs. "We'd give up a lot more for him."

Michael is grateful for his mother's help, but parents and adult children living together can get on each other's nerves. The close quarters and the stress chafe.

"I appreciate her being here, but living in a small hotel room with your mom

tends to wear on you a bit," Michael says.

A career soldier and divorced father of 8-year-old twins, he never dreamed he'd be living with or reliant on his mother at age 30.

Even as a child, he was never good at asking for help, Rose says.

"That's what annoys her most: I never ask for help," he says.

She struggles, too, because she knows he doesn't tell her everything. He holds back some of the emotional and mental struggles that come with such serious injuries and with the memories of friends lost at war.

"It's been very hard because I know he is frustrated because it's a mom and I haven't been there. I guess he thinks I don't know what's going on," she says.

"They forget that you're a person. You have a life, that you have feelings."

The Lages both finally left San Antonio on Dec. 15 for a Christmas trip to see Michael's kids and other family and friends.

But Michael will have to return in January to face a series of surgeries to reconstruct his elbow, and eventually his amputated arm and his nose and ears. It will probably take another year of treatment and rehabilitation.

That means Rose will be back, too.

"I will always be here for him no matter what. He can always depend on me. I will never leave him," she says, looking at Michael. "I'll be here for my other kids, too. That's what a mom's for. I would give up my life for him, and if I could give him my other hand, I would."

At that, Michael quickly brushes away a tear, and his mother adds one last thing: "It's my baby."

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LEGISLATURE 2008

Ideas progress after health-care talks

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

For many involved in health care in Idaho, 2007 was a busy year. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter held a closed-door summit on health care in August, emerging with recommendations ranging from a statewide insurance program to more opportunities for medical education.

A Nursing Workforce Advisory Council began meeting in November, building on work from 2006.

The Legislature's Health Care Task Force began a series of meetings in July focused on access to and cost of care in the state.

And the last in a series of studies commissioned by the Legislature were completed in the last month, providing data on everything from the number of uninsured in the state to what it would take to start a medical school.

After scattering among the various committees and commissions, legislators will return to Boise to compare notes and tackle the mass of problems many see as obstructing quality health care in the state. But the sheer size of the task ahead of them may mean lawmakers won't act on much until at least 2009.

To Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, that's a good thing. After all, she said, the Legislature needs to take the time to do things properly.

"These are issues of great concern to the public," said Block, chair of the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Block said her participation in the governor's summit and the legislative task force was "very productive and very worthwhile." But the public, she said, shouldn't be in a rush for solutions to problems such as the uninsured eating up county indigent funds or the shortage of health care physicians in the state.

And other legislators agreed. Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Idahoport, co-chair of the Health Care Task Force, said lawmakers may even need to request more studies expanding on the work done this year.

For example, he said, a study of medical education

presented to the State Board of Education this month didn't say enough about existing efforts.

"What almost was apparent in this study is that it was a study that needed some additional study," Cameron said.

One issue likely to get lawmakers' continued attention is a plan for a 300-bed secure facility for the dangerous or mentally ill, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said. In the process, the department hopes lawmakers will approve two temporary buildings in Nampa that would make room at the Idaho State School and Hospital for a more-secure behavioral area.

"It would have much better security," Shanahan said of the 300-bed building, which would take several years to fund and build. "It's a great proposal."

But some health care providers want the Legislature to do more. James Schroeder, CEO of Family Health Services, said the state needs to at least increase the number of seats it has in medical schools in Washington and Utah and increase funding for the state Children's Health Insurance Program to 200 percent of the poverty line.

Those moves, Schroeder said, would be the fastest way to expand access to care and insurance in the state.

And they would be a step toward fixing what Block described as one of the best health care systems in the world, but one that is unsustainable at this point.

"It's at a point of crisis," she said. "We need to address it. But we want to be sure that we're doing something that will be successful."

Other health care issues on the legislative agenda include:

- **Student insurance:** One bill would amend legislation passed last year that raised the age when dependents are forced off of their parents' insurance plans. The new proposal would require all insurance providers — including those with large-group plans — to allow people to stay on the plans until age 21, or age 25 if in school.

- **Access to Recovery:** Legislators will have to decide whether to replace an expired federal grant with state funds. The state received \$7 million a year for three years to provide drug treatment and recovery through the Access to Recovery program.

- **Easier to commit:** One proposal would rewrite Idaho's mental illness commitment laws, allowing families to commit someone who is a possible danger to himself or others based on that person's history. Currently, a mentally ill individual has to commit a crime before that process begins.

- **Drug-free reward:** Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls,

will resubmit a bill creating a scholarship incentive program for drug-free high-school students.


- **Giving consent:** A bill drafted by Idaho advocacy groups would redefine who can consent to medical procedures and how doctors should obtain that consent. The bill is intended to simplify the process for the developmentally disabled.

- **Tweaked retirement:** Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter may look at making some changes to state employees' share of the PERHSI retirement system.

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LEGISLATURE 2008

Eyes on energy issues, again

Dems propose compromise in nuke siting debate

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Legislators congratulated themselves after last session for updating the state energy plan for the first time since 1982. But since then, a string of catastrophic wildfires, were blamed on climate change, Idaho Power Co. proposed 10-percent rate increases and a second company announced plans to build a nuclear power plant in Idaho.

Legislators say it's already time to take another look at energy — this time with a careful eye on sustainability, conservation and compromise.

Democrats are expected to again push for state involvement in nuclear power plant permits. Republicans blocked Democrats' efforts to include a clause in last year's energy plan update that would have established a state siting authority. Republicans wanted to leave siting issues up to county commissioners.

This session, House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, plans to introduce legislation that would establish a siting board composed of state agencies and county and city representatives from within 50 miles of the proposed plant. That board would make a recommendation to county commissioners, who would still have final say.

"I think what we need in our state is balance," Jaquet said. "I think what our local people really want is a voice, but they may not have the expertise to make those decisions."

The bill would also require permit applicants to pay for independent research the board would consider in its decision-making process.

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Many Republicans, including Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, laud complete local control. They want the state to serve only in an advisory role, with county commissioners having final say over power plant siting.

Jaquet's bill could be a compromise between total state authority and local control.

Several Magic Valley voters, however, want a different approach. Residents, including Twin Falls nuclear activist Peter Rickards, are floating a bill they've drafted to several area legislators that would require a statewide ballot initiative to grant power plant permits. They based the wording on existing laws in Oregon and Washington. Legislators have expressed interest in the bill but are yet to say whether they will sponsor it.

Other legislation to expect:

• Climate change — Democrats are expected to push a resolution that would set state goals for reducing Idaho's carbon footprint. Republicans, including Rep. Sharon Block, of Twin Falls, say similar legislation could come from the conservative side of the aisle, as well.

"Climate change is a major concern," Block said. "And there are impacts we're already seeing in the state of Idaho, particularly with the low snowpacks and the forest fires. The state needs to look at sustainability and adaptability."

• Energy credits — There is early bipartisan support for a bill to offer incentives for energy efficient buildings. And legislators from both parties indicate renewable energy sources could be discussed.

• Renewable energy portfolio — Democrats are preparing a bill that would require the state's Public Utilities Commission to force energy companies to include renewable energy in their power portfolios. By 2010 and 2011 at least 5 percent of the total amount of electricity sold by the provider to its retail customers would come from renewables, such as wind, solar, geothermal and fuel cells. That requirement would jump to 15 percent in 2020.

Much of the proposed energy legislation could have the governor's support, especially considering Otter's focus on energy since the last session. In May, he directed Department of Environmental Quality Director Tom Hardesty to catalogue the state's greenhouse gas emissions and opted Idaho into the Climate Registry in August. In September, he created a new energy policy department. And in October, the governor indicated he supports nuclear energy.

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Otter

Shooting from the hip

The discord began even before he took office when during his 2006 campaign he clashed with legislators — some within his party — by criticizing long-stay plans to renovate the Capitol. Later, he issued an executive order to limit the scope and the price of the project.

The quarrels continued through the 2007 session: Lawmakers rejected his proposals for means-tested grocery-tax relief, a tent-site prison and a state detoxification center. His vision for shifting duties from the departments of Human Resources and Administration to other agencies went nowhere. The Legislature overrode his veto of a ban on smoking in bowling alleys.

The relationship may be no less contentious in the next session. Many legislators say the wounds haven't healed, and he has labeled his latest proposals nothing more than "trial balloons."

"He does these things and I don't think he does think about them, the consequences," said Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, who a year ago criticized Otter for his intervention on the Statehouse project. "They're just not thought through."

That's what I saw all last year."

In October Otter announced a handful of projects aimed at addressing water issues in south-central Idaho. But Otter hadn't consulted a single lawmaker before going public, leading many to dismiss his approach as uncooperative.

Lawmakers and political observers said the incident reflects Otter's unpredictability and shows that his problems with the Legislature will likely continue.

"One (surprise) was he seems to have a tendency just to make some announcements without apparently having discussed some of these issues with the legislators themselves beforehand," said Gary Moncrief, a Boise State University political science professor and author of a dozen books about legislatures.

The governor has also become known for favoring closed meetings. He has conducted conferences to study solutions to problems in health care and water policy, the latter of which was closed to politicians. Similar restrictions were in place for meetings on changing laws on liquor licensing and non-motorized boats.

And while Otter likes to throw out ideas to see how people react, he doesn't deal

much with the media. In the 2007 session, Otter didn't call an official press conference until the last day.

The road to Boise

Miscommunication — and conflict with his party — might come as a surprise, given Otter's career in politics. He served in the state House from 1973 to 1976. And he was elected lieutenant governor from 1986 through 2000, when he began three terms in Congress.

But such a history might have setbacks, observers said. It's been more than 30 years since Otter dealt regularly with the state House. And two of his terms as lieutenant governor were under Gov. Cecil Andrus, a Democrat. Lieutenant governors in Idaho generally preside over the Senate and occasionally fill in as governor, but have few other duties.

"The reality is most of his experience is actually at the lieutenant governor's level, which is pretty much a non-office in Idaho, frankly," Moncrief said. "The lieutenant governor's role is a fairly circumstantial role, particularly with a Democratic governor."

Though Otter has been active in pushing his ideas, some are being dismissed as

nonsensical. Lawmakers aren't biting at the idea of freezing property taxes at existing levels, which would require a change to the Idaho Constitution that would require not only their signoff but also voter approval.

"I've heard no discussion about it anywhere except through the media," said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, the state's longest serving senator. Another Republican called it a "joke."

And there are signs he's drifted from his libertarian principles. Otter now supports an increase in vehicle registration fees, which have been frozen for a decade. He expanded government, adding offices on energy and drug policy, and separating the labor and commerce departments.

But the most notable example of his reputed change in philosophy may be his proposed means-tested plan to grocery-tax relief for low-income Idahoans.

"He's not afraid to occasionally propose some kind of tax component and that's obviously not something you tend to find in a libertarian," said Moncrief.

Cowboying up

The Legislature did approve a handful of his ideas: funding for emer-

gency first-responders; scholarships; funding to battle noxious weeds; creating the Office of Drug Policy; and, perhaps most ambitiously, a division of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Lawmakers and political observers agree that Otter's first year was a honeymoon with all the necessary adjustments in style and communication needed at the start of any marriage. And because population growth has forced the Legislature to deal with complex issues involving transportation, water and energy, arguments are inevitable, normal and healthy.

"Every governor is going to have a shakedown period with a state legislature," said Marc Johnson, who was Otter's chief-of-staff. "That same criticism was leveled at my old boss; he didn't consult enough with the Legislature." The fact of the matter is that how our systems work is a combination of branches, one that proposes and a Legislature that disposes, if you will.

Otter says he is pleased but not satisfied with his first year in office because there is a lot of work left to do, spokesman Mark Warbis said.

"With every new adminis-

tration and new legislature, there's a process of getting to know one another," he said. "That continued through the 2007 session and the next year. We look forward to building on that progress as we move forward."

Meanwhile, it's not like Otter lacks support in the Legislature. Many lawmakers speak highly of his support of agriculture, fiscal responsibility and desire to limit government.

One of the biggest positives, they say, is his accessibility in comparison with Kemphorne, who typically addressed legislators through his staff.

Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Hogerson, said aside from the libertarian streak in Otter, they share philosophies. But he said he's taking a "wait-and-see" approach on Otter's budget. He said last year's proposal was more reflective of Interim Gov. Jim Risch's approach, and was just "tweaked" by Otter.

"I think we saw glimpses of Butch and pretty good displays but it was not his budget," he said. "It was one put together before he was elected. This will be his first full budget."

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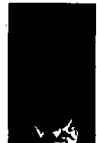
Alred, a Twin Falls native and former Harvard professor, made a splash in his latest year in State Affairs committees. He offered support for the vote-by-mail concept and almost worked a House-Senate compromise on modified closed primaries. Expect a similar proposal this session.



Jason Kretzenbeck

Gov. Otter's new chief-of-staff was most recently a lobbyist for Micron Technology Inc.

It's unclear how Kretzenbeck will operate, but he's headed government affairs for a long time and knows lawmakers well. His predecessor, Jeff Malmen, who previously worked for Govs. Batt and Kemphorne, helped bring together factions in the House and Senate to split transportation funding. And, before Larry Craig was involved in a sex scandal, he was treasurer for the Idaho Needs Craig Draft Committee.



Paul Kjellander

Director of the Office of Energy Resources

Idaho's first energy czar leads an office whose creation indicates that Idaho, the fourth-fastest growing state, has growing energy needs. A former member of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and three-time state House member, Kjellander represents Otter on issues including the state's energy supplies, delivery, technologies, conservation — and new power transmission lines.



C.A. 'Skip' Smyser

Lobbyist, various companies

A former legislator and deputy attorney general, Smyser is arguably one of the most powerful — but subtle — lobbyists. Last year's lobbyist guide listed him as representing 22 organizations, including telephone companies, the Idaho Trucking Association and Correction Corporation of America, the firm that manages a prison in Boise.



Debbie Field

Drug czar pushing the Idaho/Meath Project

Fighting methamphetamine use is popular in the Legislature and Field, who managed Otter's gubernatorial campaign, is a former Boise legislator. She's had no problem finding praise in Idaho for the project that is most often one in Montana. But financial support is shaky; more than half the \$2.2 million budget is still in the wind.



Greg Panter

Idaho Power vice president of public affairs

Panter, the pushed top lobbyist, pushed successfully two years ago to kill farmer-backed legislation that would have taken water from utility dams in order to recharge the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. Idaho Power, with 450,000 customers and control of much of the state's river water, is deeply entwined with the Legislature. The company sued the state earlier this year seeking to gain more water through the historic Swan Falls Agreement. Panter is training Jeff Malmen, Otter's former chief-of-staff, to eventually replace him.



Courtney Washburn

Community Conservation director, Idaho Conservation League

This nonprofit group has gained bipartisan respect as it advocates preservation of the environment, including air and water quality, in a state with standards less stringent than most. Look for the lobbyist to be a vocal figure on energy issues — most notably the nuclear power plant construction.



Bob Naerebout

Lobbyist for Idaho Dairyman's Association

Usually found next to his compatriot, Brent Oimstead of the Idaho Milk Producers, Naerebout's towering frame can be seen at just about every committee that affects the \$1.4 billion Idaho dairy industry. He and Oimstead are pushing for a \$25 million Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies, expected to be built in the Magic Valley.

Local control proposed for pre-K education

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Idaho preschools could receive a rare show of confidence from the Legislature this session in a lawmaker succeeds in making the classes a matter of local option.

Preschool and kindergarten are not mandatory in Idaho, and lawmakers in the past have rejected efforts to win state funding for the classes. Idaho is one of a dozen states that do not fund preschool programs, according to the National Institute for Early Education Research.

But Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, is proposing that voters in each school district be allowed to decide if they want locally funded preschools. He said preschool promotes child development and saves society money, but recognizes — that some Idahoans want early childhood education to take place

"Why aren't we looking at enriching parenting skills that's what works. Pre-K is a Band-Aid."

— Rep. Steven Thayne, R-Emmett

In the home.

"The thinking was, 'some districts want pre-K and some don't,'" said Schroeder, who sits on the Senate Education Committee. "Let the people decide."

As many as 30 school districts already provide preschool, Schroeder said, but nothing under state law provides for the creation of preschools. The proposed bill would legitimize that, Schroeder said.

"What not change the law, so why they're doing is legal" he said. He said tax levies are a possible source of funding, but that the idea is that the pro-

grams wouldn't rely on state money.

"We're trying to build a house without enough foundation," Schroeder, an eight-term lawmaker, said. "Eventually the side blows out."

The federally-funded Head Start program is available in the area for low-income people who qualify, but participation is limited and there are waiting lists.

But even the bill passes the Senate, its fate in the House remains unclear.

Rep. Steven Thayne, R-Emmett, was chairman of a House Family Task Force that recommended against tight-

ening regulation of day-care centers with fewer than 13 children. Thayne, a first-term lawmaker, said has said early education should not be government funded.

"Why aren't we looking at enriching parenting skills; that's what works. Pre-K is a Band-Aid," Thayne said.

The Twin Falls School District provides limited preschool for children with special needs. Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said he supports the idea of state-funded preschools. He also wants legislators to focus on kindergarten funding. "Our state lags in that area," he said.

"The thinking was, 'some districts want pre-K and some don't! Let the people decide.'"

— Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow

But he said Schroeder's idea just doesn't go far enough. "It's one way to put the responsibility on districts without funding it," said Dobbs.

Other education legislation expected during the coming legislative session includes:

• Dual credit — The College of Southern Idaho wants \$276,700 to expand dual credit options in math and science for eight rural schools as part of a pilot program. Dual credit lets high school students earn credit toward both a high school diploma and a post-secondary degree or certificate. Teacher merit pay — A \$60

million teacher pay plan by Superintendent of Schools Tom Luna would increase teachers' salaries if they increase student achievement on state assessment tests or further their training, among other things. Superintendents in Idaho support the plan, but many teachers remain skeptical, and their union will propose an alternative.

Student data — The state Education Department \$147 billion general fund request to the Legislature includes \$1.9 million for a system intended to collect data on dropout rates, enrollment, student achievement and other information options, said department spokeswoman Melissa McGrath. She said about six other states also lack such a system.

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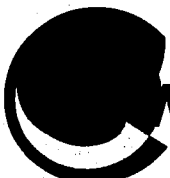
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Peoples' trash becomes treasure via Web-based swap program

By Vicki Smith
Associated Press writer

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — When Laura Gernell heard about a place where people gave away perfectly good things to strangers for money-changing hands, no questions asked — she figured it was too good to be true.

Her husband Ronald had lost his job as a truck driver and she was temporarily unemployed, at home in a rented, unfurnished apartment with her infant son. With nothing to lose, she joined The Freecycle Network, a Web-based community swap program, and asked if anyone had a sofa to spare.

"I wasn't looking to furnish my whole apartment," says the 32-year-old mom from Marmet, just south of Charleston. "I was just looking for the basics, just something to sit on."

Three people e-mailed with offers, and Gernell used the sofa from that day in 2004 until last summer, when the springs broke. Today she runs West Virginia's largest Freecycle group, 2,100 members strong and part of a far-flung forum where people can find homes for things they no longer want.

"It just has completely floored me, the generosity of people," says Gernell. "Especially in West Virginia because West Virginia is considered one of the poorest states in the nation. But people are very generous. It's amazing."

Freecycle is a global recycling phenomenon. It started in Arizona in May 2003, it has grown to more than 4 million members in more than 4,100 cities, from Istanbul to Inwood. It boasts of keeping more than 300 million tons of trash out of landfills every day and has inspired imitators.

There are, says founder and executive director Deron Beal, as many heartwarming stories as there are groups: the American Indian tribe that collected used prom dresses for girls in need; the Hurricane Katrina evacuee who furnished a new home; the 98-year-old man who collects and assembles bicycle parts, then gives what he's built to children; and the woman in Austin, Texas, who collected items for an orphanage in Haiti, then got FedEx to deliver the shipping container for free.

"It's just all sorts of countless acts of random kindness," says Beal, 40, of Tucson, Ariz. "Whatever they want to make out of it, they really can."

Call them corny. Call them cliché. But Freecycle is built on principles that work: One person can make a difference. Giving is better than receiving. One person's trash is another's treasure. Commit an act of kindness and it will be returned.

"It's not like a get-rich-quick scheme. You're not going to get everything you want every time you want it," Gernell says. "The more offers you post, the better outcomes you're going to have."

Beal began his experiment with an e-mail to 30 or 40 friends, inspired by his Dumpster-diving adventures on behalf of homeless men trying to get back on their feet. When his nonprofit group's warehouse was full, he realized he needed a new way to unload.

His network grew to 800 members almost overnight, after a newspaper story started spreading the word.

"From the get-go, it absolutely snowballed, and we're basically doubling in size every year," Beal says. About 30,000 people join weekly, with the single largest group in London, some 40,000-strong.

Though Freecycle caught on first in progressive cities like Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Madison, Wis., Beal says Chicago, St. Louis and New York followed quickly. Then word of mouth took over, with people in the cities telling people in small towns. "It's very much a viral sort of growth and randomly beautiful," he says.

It's also self-policing, presided by 10,000 volunteer moderators who ensure that

items are being swapped legally, and that all are G-rated. Playboy collections and porn tapes are a no-no. "West Virginia was probably one of the slowest states overall for it to really pick up," Beal says, citing lack of Internet access as a likely reason.

Earlier this year, the Public Service Commission estimated that less than 35 percent of West Virginia households had broadband service. A June

survey by the Communications Workers of America measured the state's median download speed at 1.12 megabits, one of the slowest rates in the country.

However, West Virginia has more than two dozen Freecycle groups, with thousands of members offering a service Gernell says many people need.

"Even at Salvation Army and Goodwill, you still have to pay for things," she says. "With the

cost of living the way it is and gas prices the way they are, the prices there are still way more than some people can afford."

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Would national sales tax work?

Many experts say no

By Jonathan Weisman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — To former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, supporting a national retail sales tax is more than a policy proposal. It has provided much-needed muscle for his campaign, filling rallies and events with fervent supporters hoping to replace the entire income and payroll tax system.

There's one problem: A national sales tax won't work, at least not according to tax experts and economists of all political stripes. Even President Bush's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform dedicated a chapter of its 2005 final report to dismissing such proposals.

After careful evaluation, the panel decided to reject a complete replacement of the federal income tax system with a retail sales tax, the panel said. It concluded that such a move would shift the tax burden from the rich to the poor or create the largest entitlement program in history to mitigate that new burden.

Under the proposal, known to supporters as the FairTax, the Internal Revenue Service and the entire income and payroll tax system would be abolished. Americans would then pay a sales tax on virtually everything: a new home, yard work, food, health care. Only education would be broadly exempted.

FairTax advocates say a 23 percent tax rate would maintain the same amount of money flowing into the Treasury, though that number is debatable. An item priced at \$1 would actually cost consumers 30 percent more, or \$1.30. FairTax advocates say that amounts to a 23 percent rate, because 30 cents is 23 percent of the product's after-tax cost of \$1.30.

To offset the burden on the poor, the FairTax system would include a monthly check to everyone in America, compensating for taxes paid up to the poverty level and ensuring that some minimum standard of living would go uncut. The president's tax reform panel, in its final report, estimated that such a program would cost \$600 billion to \$780 billion a year, making "most American families... dependent on monthly checks from the government for a substantial portion of their income."

The biggest criticism is that the tax cannot be administered. Many economists say a black market would develop overnight, especially in the service sector.

"Under the FairTax, every time you purchase a service, you would probably get two prices — one you can pay with a check or credit card that includes the FairTax, and one you can pay in cash and save 23 percent," conservative economist Bruce R. Bartlett wrote this week in the publication Tax Notes. "Because there would no longer be any audits of income, since the IRS would have been abolished... massive evasion is inevitable."

At the same time, federal spending would shoot up because the government would have to pay sales taxes on purchases. To compensate, the sales tax rate would have to rise to more than 40 percent for the government to take in as much as it does now, said William G. Gale, a tax economist at the Brookings Institution.

RAW MILK UPROAR

Many raw milk fans in California oppose new dairy standards

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — Many raw milk consumers are opposing new dairy standards set to take effect next week in California, saying they could outlaw some of their preferred products.

The new law does not create an outright ban on raw milk, but producers believe it could dry up supplies by setting new bacteria limits they say are difficult to meet.

Mark McAfee is founder of Fresno-based Organic Pastures Dairy Company, the largest of two raw milk producers in California. He said consumers "are fed up with the government being in their kitchens, and they want to be able to make their independent choices about food they want to eat."

State officials, on the other hand, say producers should be able to meet the standards, which they maintain are necessary for consumer safety.

The new standards takes effect on Jan. 1, setting a limit of no more than 10 coliforms per milliliter. California is a group of bacteria commonly found in the environment, most of which do not cause disease. Pasteurization, in which milk is heated, kills many bacteria, which are still alive in raw milk.

"We found that coliform count is indicative of a healthy and clean and wholesome production process for raw milk," said Steve Lyle, spokesman for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

But raw milk producers say their product is already tested for dangerous bacteria such as E. coli and salmonella. They contend that the presence of other coliforms in their milk is simply part of what makes their product unique and, in their view, healthier by promoting a stronger immune system.

"There's a bacteria paranoia in our country which is just out of control," McAfee said.

Raw milk producers and consumers say they were not told about the change until after the new law passed quietly earlier this year.

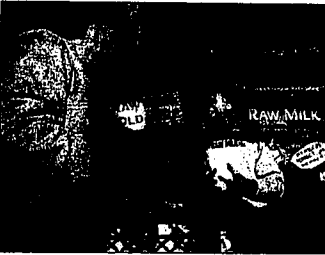
"Other states already have adopted the 10-coliform standard, and supporters of the stricter standards say it will not necessarily spell trouble for the raw milk industry.

"Raw milk is legal in California and continues to be legal in California," said Lyle, adding that testing showed that raw milk producers can meet the new standards.

Twenty-eight states allow sales of raw milk for human consumption, according to the Washington-based Weston A. Price Foundation, a natural-foods advocacy group.



Dairyman and raw milk producer Mark McAfee looks at one of his many free range, milk producing cows Dec. 22 at his dairy in Fresno, Calif. McAfee, owner of Organic Pastures, the largest producer of raw milk, may be hit with a new state law which essentially outlaws the sale of raw milk in Calif.



Veterinarian Patrick Smith, left, discusses the benefits of raw milk with dairyman and producer Mark McAfee on Dec. 22 at the Farmer's Market in Fresno, Calif.

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On the Net
<http://www.organicpastures.com>
<http://www.westonaprice.org>

California officials say some children fell ill last year after consuming Organic Pastures products. Five children reportedly were sickened, and officials discovered a possible sixth case.

However, testing at Organic Pastures did not detect the strain of E. coli that sickened some of the children, McAfee said.

He said there was no connection between the sick kids and his products and

that state officials admitted that and signed a settlement agreement this summer.

Dr. Kevin Reilly, deputy director of the California Department of Public Health, said health officials still believe there is a compelling argument for an epidemiological link because all the children had consumed raw milk products.

But fans of raw milk, who say it helps with everything from asthma to digestive troubles, do not want to see the product disappear from store shelves.

"It is just real food the way God made it, the way it was intended to be," said Organic Pastures customer Andrea Edlin of Fresno. "It hasn't been messed with in any way."

TAKING A LIKING TO RECYCLING

Conservation efforts are on an up cycle

By Tami Abolish
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Diane Schoolsky is a recycling pro. She opens up the hatchback trunk of her silver Prius in a supermarket parking lot and quickly sets about relieving it of 11 paper bags and two white garbage bags that overflow onto her back seat.

The pickings represent 12 days worth of recyclables for which she earned about \$22. Schoolsky, 60, has done this for decades. "It's a good way to recoup money you're already shelling out," she said.

Environmental experts say more Californians are thinking like Schoolsky and getting into the game, helping boost the state's record recycling levels this year.

Californians recycled more than 6.9 billion beverage containers in the first half of 2007, up nearly 800 million from the same period a year ago, the state's largest recycling-rate increase in the past



Wolfgang Brandeis lugs a bag of plastic bottles to a recycling center in Los Angeles. He can redeem small containers for 5 cents and larger ones for 10.

Refund Value (a nickel for small beverage containers and a dime for large ones. The respective one- and two-cent hikes, they believe, might have changed many perceptions.

"If you see four pennies on the ground and you're walking on the street, are you going to pick them up? I'd like to pick that up. The same thing goes to just seeing that value a can add. In January, the state increased the California

in the trash."

Officials can't know for sure why recycling has increased — no one asks why people recycle or when they people recycle — but a view from the ground lends credibility to the notion that nickel-and-dime recycling consumers has worked. Seven in 10 deposit containers are now redeemed, according to the study.

Maria Rivera has felt the weight of the change in her arms. She bustled about at a recycling center on a recent weekday, lifting blue bins and sorting and crushing down water bottles and soda cans. Neon-orange plugs in her ears muted the crashing, crunching and banging that surrounded her. She brusquely pointed to a wad of receipts recording each day's gross weight (more than 2 tons) and daily payouts (worth of \$1,000) during the past month.

Rivera sees more of everything these days: more plastic, more glass, more alu-

minum, more people and more money.

Meryl Lanning, 35, a self-employed Hollywood resident, said she wouldn't be recycling if a friend of hers hadn't mentioned making \$7 from a month's worth of recycling. "That was three months ago. She's been collecting her refunds ever since."

"I've already paid the money. I might as well get it back," she said, Lanning always had recycled in her curbside blue bin, which allowed scavengers to redeem her bottles and cans, but she never thought of doing it herself. "If you buy a six-pack of something, that's 60 cents," she said. "It's real money... and we could all use extra cash. The economy hasn't been kind to all of us."

The 6 percentage point increase to 71 percent in the beverage container recycling rate comes after state officials worried that Californians were buying

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

GLANBIA selects Jerome Dairy as 2007 Quality Patron of the Year

The Tolman Family Dairy of Jerome, operated by brothers John and Mary Tolman, were awarded Glanbia's highest honor, 2007 Quality Patron of the Year at Glanbia's recent annual December awards banquet. As winners, they received two all-expense-paid tickets to Ireland, Glanbia's headquarters, in September 2008.

This annual award rotates between small, medium and large dairies each year. This year, Tolman Family Dairy was selected from the small dairy category. This dairy has been in operation since 1948.

In order to be recognized for this award, Glanbia's milk suppliers must meet strict quality standards over 12 months, paying close attention to all facets of dairy operations.

"Every year, Glanbia is recognized nationally and internationally for our outstanding cheese," explained Russ De Kruyf milk procurement manager at Glanbia. "Our annual Quality Awards banquet is a time to recognize and say thank you to the many milk producers who supply us with the outstanding quality milk. We congratulate Tolman Family Dairy for winning this year."

Along with the Quality Patron of the Year award, 52 Glanbia Quality Awards were given to other producers who met the same criteria. Recipients included:

- 4-Bros Dairy 1, 3, and 4;
- Shoshone Bear Dairy;
- Jerome Bullard Dairy;
- Gooding Box Canyon Dairy I, II and III;
- Wendell County Line Dairy;
- Wendell De Kruyf Dairy;
- Buhl Dims Dairy II;
- Wendell Donley Farms;
- Shoshone France Dairy;
- Twin Falls Goodsell Dairy;
- Meridian Gulick Dairy;
- Jerome Hubsmith Dairy;
- Richfield J and T Dairy;
- Buhl John Clarkson Dairy;
- Gooding Johnson Dairy;
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- Richfield Kenelson Dairy;
- Buhl Knott-Ium Dairy;
- Buhl Kowz-It-Uz Dairy;
- Castleford Larry Deeds Dairy;
- Richfield Lawton Dairy;
- Wendell Long View Dairy;
- Jerome Manuel



Tolman Family Farms accepts Glanbia's 2007 Quality Patron of the Year Award. Pictured from left, Mary Tolman, John Tolman, Lorene Tolman and Jeff Williams, president and chief executive officer of Glanbia Foods.

Faria, Twin Falls Pearson Dairy; Buhl Perera Dairy; Wendell Phelps Dairy; Homedale; R and I Dairy; Jerome and Richfield; Riekerk Dairy 1 and 2; Wendell Robinson and Sorenson; Richfield; Shady Grove Dairy Farm; Gooding Sorenson Dairy; Gooding Standing 16 Dairy; Jerome; Stolzfus Dairy; Buhl Sunview Dairy; Mountain Home T and F Dairy; Wendell T-3 Dairy; Wendell TDK Dairy I and II; Mountain Home Toledo Dairy; Kunz; UR Farms; Jerome Van Dyk and Sons; Wendell and White Clover Dairy; Jerome.

Family Dollar Store helps kids for Christmas

This Christmas season, Family Dollar Store in Twin Falls designated an Angel Tree to benefit the children served through CARES this past year.

"The CARES staff was thrilled that Family Dollar and generous individuals in the community brought Christmas joy to children served by CARES," explained Kerry Kooz, CARES Program Coordinator. "Forty-three children benefited from this program through the Family Dollar store."

The Angel Tree project provided an opportunity for community members to purchase gifts for anonymous children based on their wish lists described on the Angel Tree.

D.L. EVANS BANK



D.L. Evans Bank Rupert Branch held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate its new remodeling with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 14. The branch opened in 1991 and has grown substantially in that time. The bank is located at 318 S. Oneida St. and can be reached by calling 436-2265. Pictured, center with scissors, is John V. Evans Jr., chief executive officer of D.L. Evans Bank.

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Cleary Building Corp. is proud to be the first in its industry to announce the release of their new video collection.

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V2K WINDOW DECOR



V2K Window Decor and More held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors at the Chamber Office in Twin Falls recently. Kay Sorenson is a certified window fashion professional. He is able to provide his clients blinds, shades, shutters, draperies, bedding, motorization and more. To schedule your appointment: 736-1942 or 731-6107. Pictured cutting ribbon, Kay Sorenson, owner.

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CAREER MOVES

Kris Peterson

BOURLEY — Kris Peterson, a Burley realtor has been awarded the prestigious Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Council of Residential Specialists, the largest non-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Realtors who receive the CRS Designation have completed advanced courses and have demonstrated professional expertise in the field of residential real estate. Fewer than 36,000 Realtors nationwide have earned the certification. Home buyers and sellers can be assured that CRS Designees subscribe to the strict Realtor code of ethics, have access to the latest technology and are specialists in helping clients maximize profits and minimize costs when buying or selling a home.

Peterson is co-owner of Advantage I Realty in Burley. He is a member of the Mini-Cassia and Internountain Multiple Listing Service and has also earned the Graduate of Realtor Institute (GRI) designation.

Linda Hadam

JEROME — Linda Hadam has been named assistant vice president of Washington Federal.

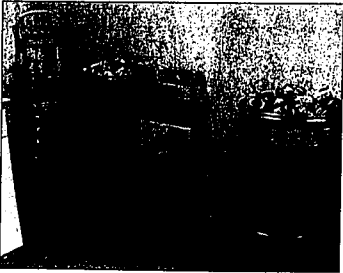
Hadam has worked for more than 23 years as a loan officer and manager at Washington Federal. She is a graduate of Jerome High School and serves on the Jerome Rotary Club as vice president, Jerome Centennial Club as treasurer and has served on the Jerome Chamber of Commerce board and acted as ambassador president. She enjoys traveling to Mexico, horseback riding and spending time with her grandchildren.

News wanted

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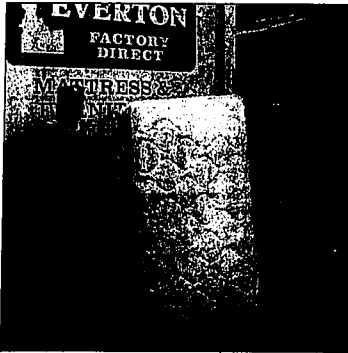
FOOD DRIVE



When members of the International Association of Workers Professionals (IAWP) and other staff at the Magic Valley Office of Idaho Department of Labor were looking for some type of community service activity, they decided to do a food drive for the Salvation Army. To make this more interesting, they challenged staff at the Twin Falls Office of Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to a food drive competition. The team that collected the most food would be served lunch by the other team. The competition ended on Dec. 15 and the Salvation Army picked up the donated food. The total weight of food collected was 1,177 pounds.

The IAWP members who participated in the food drive are also staff members at the Magic Valley Office of Idaho Department of Labor.

EVERTON MATTRESS FACTORY



Longtime mattress manufacturer Everton Mattress Factory built and delivered 18 twin mattresses to the Valley House Shelter located in Twin Falls. Metal supplier (Leggett and Platt), located in Clearfield, Utah, donated the spring units and foam provider (Future Foam) out of the Salt Lake warehouse generously donated the foam components for all of the sleep sets. Valley House, provider a shelter that aids displaced adults that are actively seeking employment and families in need of assistance. Valley House is a non-profit organization that accepts no state or federal money and operates exclusively on the support of donations provided by local churches, businesses and individuals in the community. Everton's have been bedding manufacturers since 1925. In addition to supplying its own factory store, the company builds and distributes Restonic Mattresses to furniture stores, sleep shops, hotels and colleges found throughout the Internountain and Pacific Northwest states. Pictured from left, are Everton employees and owner, Andrew Adams, Linda Staverson, Steve Everton; and Sharon Breakspear, executive director of Valley House.

Cargill to award 350 scholarships to students

RUPERT — Cargill, in partnership with the National FFA Organization, will award \$350,000 in scholarships to high-school seniors who live in communities where Cargill has a business presence and plan to enroll in accredited post-secondary institutions in the fall of 2008.

The national program, administered by FFA on behalf of Cargill, will award 350 scholarships of \$1,000 each. In addition, each recipient's high school will receive a \$200 grant for the school library to support education in the community. Scholarship guidelines and the application are available at www.cargill.com, and www.ffa.org. The application requires the signature of a Cargill employee from the local community. Applications are due Feb. 15. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2008.

FFA will independently process the applications and select the scholarship recipients. Students are chosen based on academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and civic activities. Awards are made without regard to race, color, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation or

national origin. Students do not need to be members of FFA to be eligible.

"We are pleased to join FFA in an effort to reward outstanding students and assist them in their efforts to continue their education," said John Cummings, Rupert plant manager. "Cargill and its joint-venture businesses have a long-standing commitment to education programs and will continue to look for opportunities to nourish the lives of young people in the communities where we live and work."

Cargill contributes more than \$36 million each year to civic and charitable organizations to help fulfill the company's vision to be the global leader in nourishing people.

The company invests more than one-third of its global charitable budget toward innovative education projects for youth, including \$800,000 designated for higher-education scholarships in the United States. Cargill businesses in the United States include Sunny Fresh Foods, Horizon Milling, Taylor Beef and Wilbur Chocolate, and Cargill business units are widely known by other names, such as Degussa, Excel, Esmppak Foods, Caprock and Hohenberg Brothers.

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New casinos raise hopes of a housing comeback in Nevada

By Ryan Makashima
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — New father Alon Natanel, a 32-year-old mortgage loan officer, got rid of his convertible BMW for a more affordable SUV recently. It was better to transport an infant, he said, and suited what the shopping housing market has done to his income — which fell from six figures to four.

"You cannot put a baby in a convertible," Natanel said. "Especially when you cannot afford the payments."

Nevada's nation-leading foreclosure rate has dumped a flood of bank-repossessed homes on the market, depressing prices and turning a hot market with tight supply a saturated ice-cold. Real estate professionals are struggling to find work, auto sales financed by home equity loans have plummeted and worried would-be buyers are sitting on the sidelines.

The economy might seem depressed if it weren't for the steady stream of inbound planes laden with tourists, and the glimmer of shiny glass representing billions of dollars of new construction on the Las Vegas Strip.

"It's going to turn around," Natanel said. "It's just a matter of time."

One think tank already is predicting a housing shortage by late 2009, as workers are expected to flock to the state to fill jobs created by the megaresort building boom.

"We're merely at the bottom of one cycle and heading back up on another one," said Jeremy Aguiro, one of Applied Analysis principals. He points to the stream of Strip megaresorts planned to go up over the next few years, from Las Vegas Sands Corp.'s \$1.8 billion Palazzo, opening in January, to Boyd Gaming Corp.'s \$4.8 billion Echelon in 2010.

In all, the surge is expected to add more than 40,000 hotel rooms by 2012 and create about 100,000 direct and indirect jobs, according to Wall Street firm Deutsche Bank.

Similar booms followed the construction of Luxor, MGM Grand and Treasure Island hotel-casinos in the mid-1990s; the Monte Carlo, New York-New York and Stratosphere a few years later; Bellagio, Mandalay Bay, The Venetian and Paris Las Vegas in the late 1990s and Wynn Las Vegas and Red Rock in recent years.

Big resorts open, people come to fill jobs, and home-builders struggle to keep pace with the influx.

"Typically, people read the papers," said economist Jim Shabi of Nevada's employment department. "They know when Vegas is building casinos and they come to town to find jobs."

That doesn't make the current slowdown any less serious, but constant construction on the Strip has eased job losses.

According to Shabi, specialty trade contractors employing such workers as roofers and siders shed nearly 4,000 jobs in Nevada's residential construction sector in the second quarter from a year earlier. But commercial sector trade jobs rose 5,600, fueled largely by construction on the Las Vegas Strip.

Benito Del Toro is an example. The 28-year-old concrete finisher foreman arrived from Mexico 10 years ago to work in the busy homebuilding industry.

When his hours slipped below 30 a week this summer, Del Toro joined the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, which quickly put him to work on a new casino tower. His hours and pay more than doubled.

"More hours, more job, more benefits. It's better," said the husband and father of a 2-year-old. "Why would I go back?"

In the wider economy, the housing slowdown has hurt. For the first time since after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist



After a drop in housing construction, concrete foreman Benito Del Toro, 28, is working at an expansion of the South Point hotel & Casino where he is pictured on Dec. 20 in Las Vegas. A surge of growth in Las Vegas is expected to add more than 42,000 hotel rooms by 2012 and create 106,000 direct and indirect jobs, according to Wall Street firm Deutsche Bank.

attacks, Nevada is facing a major downturn in its retail sales tax collections, prompted by falling sales of autos, furniture, durable goods and homebuilding materials.

The projected \$440 million tax shortfall from all sources over the two-year budget period to mid-2009 pushed Gov. Jim Gibbons to plan for a 4.5 percent across-the-board budget cut.

Home sales in the Las Vegas area were down 37 percent in November from a year ago, with median prices down 11 percent, according to the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors.

Meanwhile the supply of single-family homes and condominiums rose nearly 19 percent to 29,484, as foreclosed homes seeped back onto the market.

RealtyTrac Inc. counted 6,694 foreclosure filings in Nevada in November, up 167 percent from a year ago.

Roughly half of all foreclosures in Las Vegas are on homes that were bought by out-of-state investors, Aguiro said.

While that eases some of the localized pain, the ensuing glut has devastated the housing market, and put most buyers in wait-and-see mode, worsening the slowdown.

"As investors try to divest themselves of this property, it puts a huge downward pressure on prices," he said. "Every year, there's a drop in housing prices costs Nevada families roughly \$1 billion."

At the Sedona Style furniture shop in Las Vegas' Safari Business Park, four furniture stores within a block have closed in the past year, according to owner Ted Duke. He said his \$50,000 to \$75,000 in monthly sales is "half what it should be."

"Six months ago all the forecasters were predicting the downturn in housing would be over in '08. Yesterday they were saying late '09," Duke said. "Everybody's worried."

LeaseTrader.com, the Web site that allowed mortgage loan officer Natanel to ditch his \$1,200-a-month lease and find a vehicle for \$500 a month, said Las Vegas is downsizing to cheaper leases on cars to ride out the market trough.

"I think what you're seeing in Las Vegas, you're seeing all over the U.S., especially the bigger cities in south Florida, like Miami, the Fort Lauderdale area, as well as on the West Coast," said the site's founder and chief executive, Sergio Silberman.

The company expects to handle 35,000 lease transfers this year, up from 20,000 last year. In Las Vegas, 20 percent more people than a year ago are swapping high-cost leases for lower ones.

"People are saying, 'Let me just cut down on expenses, let me take it easy for a little bit, and when things get better, I know I'll be able to go back and get another vehicle,'" he said.

Some real estate agents haven't been able to ride it out. After doubling in number

from 2003 to 2007, membership in the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors was down to 15,825 at the end of November, from the peak of 17,557 in September 2006.

Ben Corona, a 35-year-old Realtor, figures he got into the business at exactly the wrong time. He quit a job as a television reporter three years ago after hearing stories of a surging market just as it receded. After working six days a week full time, he's managed to cut 10 deals this year — enough to pay the bills. Still, he's optimistic.

"I missed the wave pretty much, but I'm waiting for that other one, which I believe is around the corner once we get through these foreclosures," he said.

Mick Galardo, president of Desert Wind Homes Inc., is getting ready. This year, instead of building 20 to 40 homes at a time, his company is building four to eight. And he's ready to offer cut-rate deals to any serious buyer, trading in options and closing costs up to 15 percent of the price of the home, slicing margins to the bone.

Recycle

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more plastic bottles, especially water bottles, and recycling fewer. In 2003, state officials turned to a media-heavy campaign and, in the past four years, have raised the refund value twice.

Recycling experts believe that the most recent raise seemed to show that the difference between four cents and a nickel was apparently more than a cent.

"The signal that recycling is worth a nickel, that recycling is worth a dime, conveys a sense of value," Murray said. "It suggests to the public, recycling is not just about a couple pennies, and as symbolic and simplistic as it sounds, I do think it makes a difference to the public in making them feel they're doing something important."

In Wolfgang Braendle's case, the state is preaching to the choir. At first glance, Braendle looks like he works at the recycling center, from the dirty white cap atop his head to his grime-streaked white sneakers. Piled around him were seven 45-gallon trash bags, from which he sorted wine bottles and soda cans, spinning them onto the conveyor belt with a dexterity his fellow

recyclers have dubbed a "magic touch."

A retired software company executive with three master's degrees, Braendle moved to the United States from Germany seven years ago. He said many Americans seem to attach a social stigma to those who go around with bags full of bottles and cans. Braendle, 59, said Germany got over that prejudice 20 years ago.

American recyclers, he said, could use etiquette training.

"They're very aggressive here: 'Oh, you have a lot (of bags). I want to go in front of you.' But when you go in the bank and want to pick up \$10, and someone wants to pick up \$1 million, you don't say, 'I want to go in front of you.' You say, 'Oh, he's a rich guy.' And that's the difference."

Braendle has been a recycling devotee for the past 2 1/2 years, spending about four to eight hours most days gathering and turning in bottles and cans from neighbors and friends who often do not have the time or are not willing to parse the contents of their curbside bins. On a good day, he makes as much as \$156, he said. Recently, his seven bags cashed out at \$74.

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Art of fib alive and well on campaign trail

By Michael Dobbs
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney says he "saw" his father's "hand" with Martin Luther King Jr. Rudolph Giuliani claims that he is one of the "five best known Americans" in the world. According to John McCain, the Constitution established the United States as a "Christian nation." Ron Paul believes that a "NAFTA super-highway" is being planned to link Mexico with Canada and undermine U.S. sovereignty.

On the other side of the political divide, Sen. Barack Obama says there are more young black males in prison than in college. Sen. Hillary Clinton claims she has a "definitive timetable" for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq. John Edwards insists that NAFTA — the North American Free Trade Agreement — has cost Americans "millions of jobs." Sen. Joe Biden boasts about his experience negotiating an arms-control treaty with Leonid Brezhnev.

All those claims, made over the last four months as part of the presidential campaign, are demonstrably false. Within just four days to the Iowa caucuses, the art of embellishment and downright fibbing is alive and well in American politics. But the popularity of blogs, YouTube and information-sharing services like Lexis-Nexis, along with the 24-hour news cycle, has made it easier than ever for the media and rival campaigns to spot the mistakes and exaggerations of presidential candidates.

"The rules of the game are changing," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, a University of Pennsylvania professor and veteran observer of political campaigns. "A claim that something is inaccurate is being vetted more quickly and moving into the media much faster."

On Friday, when former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee attempted to link the chaotic situation in Pakistan following the assassination of Benazir Bhutto with the issue of illegal immigration, skeptical reporters immediately questioned the claim. The Huckabee campaign was unable to provide convincing backup for his assertion that "we have more Pakistani illegals coming across our border than all other nationalities" except those immediately south of the border; an assertion at odds with U.S. Border Patrol data.

Huckabee later cited a March 2006 Denver Post article that claimed that 660 Pakistanis crossed U.S. borders illegally last year. In fact, the newspaper wrote that 660 Pakistanis were apprehended crossing into the U.S. between 2002 and 2005. U.S. Border Patrol data show that Canada, Philippines, and Poland accounted for larger numbers of illegal immigrants than Pakistan.

Even as his comments were being questioned, Huckabee criticized Romney Saturday at campaign stops in Iowa for concealing parts of his past. "I'm not going to hear me making up stuff about my biography," said Huckabee, who also referred to Romney's exaggeration of his hunting exploits. "I don't go around saying I'm a hunting golfer because I once rode in a golf cart when I was eight years old."

When a candidate is caught making a clearly false statement, embarrassment and ridicule often ensue — and over time a reputation can form. But the electoral rewards derived from stretching the truth or distorting a just recent event frequently outweigh the fleeting political costs.

"I would not say that the level of honesty or deception is better in American presidential campaigns," said Brad S. Jackson, director of Annenberg Political Fact Check, who has been truth-checking political candidates since 1992. "It is a function of winning for office that you want to say things that are pleasing to voters."

Some campaign operatives argue that candidates are

becoming more cautious about their public pronouncements, for fear of being caught making a mistake. "I think candidates are being more careful," said Mike Galko, research director for the Democratic National Committee. He notes that the ease of retrieving information online has made it possible "to fact check at a much more granular level than ever before."

Responses by candidates to challenges on factual accuracy can be as revealing as their original statements. Rather than acknowledge that he had made a mistake about his father march-



Romney



Obama

ing with Martin Luther King Jr., Romney argued over the meaning of the word "saw," saying that he had used it in a "figurative" sense without the intention to mislead. This aides put reporters in touch

with eyewitnesses who claimed to have seen his father "hand in hand" with King. Contemporaneous newspaper reports showed that the two men were in different parts of the country on the date in question.

Giuliani has repeated questionable claims on the campaign trail, and even in his advertisements. A case in point was his assertion in

October that his chances of surviving prostate cancer were twice as high in the United States as in Britain "under socialized medicine." He defended the statement as "absolutely accurate" even though his campaign was unable to produce a single peer-reviewed cancer researcher or epidemiologist who agreed with him.

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A squad of Marines moves into position for an attack during infantry squad leader training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Most of the trainees have seen combat in Iraq.

Leading small squads is big responsibility

By Tony Perry
Los Angeles Times

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Sgt. Mitchell Janicki, his face a picture of dirt and sweat, is explaining the rigors of the 45-day course meant to determine if an enlisted Marine has the makings of a squad leader. Janicki, 22, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is determined to return to Iraq as the leader of an infantry squad of 12 enlisted Marines. On this day, students are being put through realistic scenarios in the parched hills of the sprawling base.

"They run us ragged, but it's good," Janicki said. Although generals and colonels can issue what are called "commander's intent" orders to their troops, the duty to carry out those orders and fit them into the reality of the cities and villages of Iraq falls to the junior enlisted ranks.

"Iraq is a small-unit leadership environment," said Lt. Col. Christopher Gideons, commander of the advanced infantry training battalion at the School of Infantry. "We're pushing greater and greater responsibility on younger Marines."

More than a quarter of the students will tank out, some despite having had combat experience in Iraq.

"The goal of the squad leader course is to teach leadership skills, including the ability to make decisions quickly and firmly in the throes of exhaustion.

In field exercises, each student gets an opportunity to play squad leader, with his decisions and leadership skills assessed by officers and senior enlisted personnel. The scenarios can provide a surprising level of similarity to real life.

In one, a squad leader had to make a quick decision: Marines elsewhere on the fox battlefield were calling for help, but he and his Marines were holding prisoners. The squad leader decided to "eliminate" the prisoners so he could rush to the aid of other Marines. The squad leader trainee was not initially told that wasn't the proper way to handle the situation.

In another field exercise, the would-be squad leader was told to instruct his Marines on how to swoop down a hill toward a build-

ing where the occupants were thought to be firing at Marines.

The student's voice was strong, and his orders were direct. He would lead from the front.

Still, the instructor was not pleased. "You do not use general terms out there because everybody has their own interpretation," Gunnery Sgt. Bernardino Moreno said. "Be specific; alleviate confusion."

Much of the course is fieldwork, but there are lectures as well, on tactics, use of weapons and leadership.

The final lecture is given by Gideons, who received a Bronze Star for valor in Iraq. The lecture includes what he calls his rules for being a successful leader, among them:

- "It all starts with you; you're the ... squad leader. You're going to set the tone, day in, day out."

- "If you're concerned about whether your Marines like you or don't like you, you're going to fail."

- "You must be perceived as fearless, not reckless. There's a difference."

- "Beware of the charismatic malcontent."

- "Treat the locals with respect and dignity."

- "You will take casualties in combat — men will die. Accept that as a fact."

- "We're U.S. Marines. We're arrogant because, damn it, we are the best."

At the close of the lecture, there is a summary, Iraq specific. "We're going to win this war," Gideons said. "But how long it's going to take and at what cost in life and limb is going to be determined by how gentlemen like you do your job."

For emphasis, Gideons showed his 30-plus students a clip from the film version of Shakespeare's "Henry V" starring Kenneth Branagh. On the eve of battle, the young king delivers his stirring "band of brothers" speech.

The students, who had begun to slump in their chairs, leaned forward and took notes. The king seemed to be talking their language. "If that doesn't get you motivated, nothing will," Gideons said.

Clearly all of the students have done at least one deployment in Iraq.

Police: Woman expresses regret after disappearance causes search

CHICAGO (AP) — Ann Solanki wanted out of her marriage, so the 24-year-old met a male friend at a forest preserve on Christmas Eve, jumped into his car and fled for what she hoped would be a new life in Southern California.

Only days later, she told investigators, did she learn that her disappearance had made headlines and prompted a costly search by authorities, who had feared that Solanki might have

drove in a river. She expressed regret and embarrassment. Cook County sheriff's spokesman Bill Cunningham said Saturday, a day after Solanki flew back to Chicago from Los Angeles and spoke to investigators for several



Solanki

hours. "She claims she in no way meant to deceive people into thinking she fell into the Des Plaines River."

Authorities spent about \$250,000 on their search, which included divers and a helicopter.

Her family also handed out flyers with Solanki's picture.

"Obviously we're upset that so many individuals have had to work on this for so many days and that so many resources were spent

on it," Cunningham said. "But she maintained she had no idea it would create the kind of reaction it did."

Police will meet with prosecutors soon to determine if Solanki broke any laws, but Cunningham declined to say what charges she could possibly face.

"The first thing you'd think of is making a false report. But she didn't make a false report," he said.

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Do school administration's math skills need some work?

What were Twin Falls School District voters buying when they approved a \$49.7 million bond issue in March 2006?

Was it a new high school, or a piece of a high school?

The question arose last week when the Twin Falls School District announced that proceeds from the bond issue wouldn't cover the cost of Canyon Ridge High School and also pay for promised improvements to other Twin Falls schools.

At last take, we're short \$6 million to \$7 million.

That left some patrons wondering aloud if the district lowballed the real cost to win votes, especially since one of the options now on the table is to ask those same voters for more money.

That's irritating, considering that the 2006 bond issue was then one of the largest in state history.

We don't doubt the district's explanations for the project's cost overruns: inflation, scarcity of materials and a limited number of construction bidders, especially since St. Luke's Health System figures the new Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will cost at least \$50 million more than planned.

But we do doubt the wisdom of some of the cost-covering options the school district is considering, including delaying work at other schools or selling land adjacent to the new high school site. That property will be needed someday when Canyon Ridge has to be expanded to accommodate growth.

A much better alternative, it seems to us, would be what the district calls "value engineering" — cutting some aspects of the new school that don't directly affect the quality of instruction. Does it really matter, for example, if Canyon Ridge is landscaped when it opens — or five years later?

There are some stop-gap alternatives available, such as using some of the revenue from a 10-year plant facilities levy up for voter re-authorization in March, or soliciting support from the Twin Falls School District 411 Foundation. But neither will solve the problem.

It seems to us that the community can do with a no-frills Canyon Ridge High, as long as it preserves its options for future upgrades. A bigger problem is the district's credibility on the issue of the cost of building the new school.

The tab for public-works projects is always a guessing game because there are so many imponderables in a long-range construction project.

But Twin Falls School District patrons acted generously and with foresight in approving Canyon Ridge, and it's up to the district to keep faith with them.

Our view: A no-frills Canyon Ridge High School is the best remedy for your substantial cost overruns.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



McCain, Clinton should lose their resumes

We can only imagine what is going on inside John McCain's head when he contemplates Mike Huckabee.



FRANK RICH

It may not be the expert that some people are on foreign policy, Huckabee liked to Don Inrus, but I did stay in a Holiday Inn Express last night.

But if McCain has so far resisted slipping down the upstairs in his party, Bill Clinton has shown no such self-restraint about back Obama. Early this month the former president criticized the press for not sufficiently covering the candidates' record in public life.

experience matters." He insinuated that Obama was tantamount to "a gifted television commentator" and likened a potential Obama presidency to a roll of the dice.

Attention Bill Clinton: If that's what this election is about, it's already over. No matter how much Hillary Clinton, McCain or Rudy Giuliani brag about being tested and vetted, it's not experience that will be decisive in determining the next president.

For many, McCain's long record of experience may be a liability even greater than his party-bucking moderation on immigration and his bear hug of President Bush on Iraq. What his resume mainly does is remind a youth-obsessed culture of his age. When Gallup asked voters in August to rate traits as desirable or not in the next president, the "undesirable" percentages for being a member of a racial or eth-

nic minority group (13), a woman (14), a Mormon (23) or having "strained relationships" with one's children (45) all paled next to being age 70 or older (52). It's not morning in America for Reaganesque elders in the political arena anymore.

For Hillary Clinton, the failure of "experience" as a selling point was becoming apparent even as her husband continued to push it on Charlie Rose. Last week's ABC News-Washington Post poll in Iowa found that she chobbos Obama on the question of who has the most experience — 49 percent to 8 percent. But to little end, that same survey had Obama ahead by 4 points overall because, as this year's pervasive polling matchup has it, the electorate values change over experience.

The once-heralded notion of a CEO presidency, overstocked with "tested" Washington and Fortune 500 executives like Cheney and Rumsfeld, is now in the toilet with Larry Craig. You couldn't push the pendulum

further in the other direction than by supporting a candidate like Huckabee, who is blatantly unprepared to be president and whose most important issue is Iraq.

But for Hillary Clinton, the problem isn't just that the Bush years have tarnished the notion that experience is a positive indicator of future performance.

She has further devalued that sales pitch with her own inflated claims of what her experience has been. Ted Sorensen, the JFK speechwriter now in the Obama camp, saw the backlash coming in a recent conversation I had with him after Hillary Clinton had mocked Obama for counting his elementary-school years in Indonesia as an asset.

"Hillary should be careful about scoffing at other people's experience," Sorensen said. "It's not as if the process of osmosis gives her presidential qualities by physical proximity."

Frank Rich is a columnist for the New York Times.

Colloquial English ain't necessarily bad English

Recently we printed an Associated Press article about the Mitchell League Baseball. Our headline: "Say it ain't so!"

Predictably, a letter poured in. The author accused us of contributing to the decline of the English language by lowering the standards of our language. Ain't just ain't proper, you see.

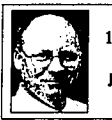
Our reaction was also predictable: Give us a break...

The word "ain't" is colloquial English. No, it's not grammatically proper, but it is commonly used. The use of it in this instance was entirely intentional because of the historical context: In 1919 the Chicago White Sox were accused of throwing the World Series in what became known as the Black Sox gambling scandal. A key figure was a baseball legend, "Shoeshoe" Joe Jackson. Shoelace was eventually banned from the game, though there remains much debate over his involvement in fixing the series.

One day as he was leaving the Chicago courthouse where he and his teammates were on trial, Jackson was approached by a boy whose plaid hat since come to be shorthand for the way we all feel when our heroes are shown to be all too human: "Say it ain't so, Joe..."

It just seemed to fit the occasion. And while grammar Nazis do frown on the use of ain't, sometimes the right word for the moment is not the most proper one.

What do you think of when you read the words "global warming"? How about the phrase "climate change"?



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They actually mean more or less the same thing, but most people associate the former with the view that human activities are changing weather patterns.

The latter is seen as less politically charged and a more neutral view. Yes, the weather is different and it may be warmer, but we're just observing the effect without identifying the cause.

Here at 132 Fairfield St. West the preference is "climate change" because we want to remain objective when it comes to the political baggage that comes with "global warming." This doesn't mean that we're dismissing the possibility of human involvement — we just want to avoid the perception that we're buying into any one side in a political debate.

By the way, don't send a nasty note if you still see the word "global warming" in the paper. It's not banned, and if someone wants to use it in the title of a research paper or say it in a direct quote, that's their choice.

You may notice "Latino" popping up where you might have read the word "Hispanic" in the past. We've decided that Latino is a better way to describe folks with roots in Mexico, Central America and South America. Hispanic, the phrase most often

used by demographers to cover this group, is very broad and has to do with language. A Hispanic is anyone from a country where most people speak Spanish, or an American citizen who identifies his or her ethnic roots there.

But someone from Spain really has little in common with someone from Mexico or Peru. Lumping them together is like using the word "English" to describe an American from Burley, a Brit from London and an Aussie from Brisbane.

When more possible and appropriate, we want to use country-specific identifiers. If someone is a citizen of Venezuela, we'll call him a Venezuelan. But when talking generally about the cultural, linguistic and ethnic makeup of the people (and formerly known as Hispanics) represented in the Magic Valley, regardless of citizenship, we'll favor Latino.

Publisher Brad Hurd and I would love to buy you a cup of coffee and have a chat.

After the first of the year we'll hold an open meeting each month in a different community in our south-central Idaho.

We're soliciting invitations from any community group that wants to host an evening of thoughtful and enlightening discussion of the newspaper and community issues. We'll be happy to buy the coffee — Sanka, if you please — and bottles. If you're interesting in hosting a session, please drop me a line. The contact information is listed below.

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Why did you discontinue printing the stock market report? Not everyone has a computer.

market could be printed on alternate days. Didn't anyone think of that? Please bring back the stock market. BERNICE WESTEN-DORF Twin Falls

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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... health insurance

Idaho State Journal,ocatello

Funding for health care is a national problem, and our state is far from immune. For 2004, Idahoans spent \$5.6 billion on public and private health care, and the amount is rising every day. Between 2000 and 2004, personal health expenditures rose 40 percent. Idaho legislators are smart to begin discussing possible solutions to what is rapidly becoming a crisis.

A recently study commissioned by the legislature showed that between 16 and 18 percent of the non-elderly population is uninsured, with most of the uninsured between the ages of 18 and 24.

No insurance means less money for preventative care and more trips to the emergency rooms for illness and injuries that, if treated earlier, would have been less costly.

And because many insurance companies negotiate lower rates, the uninsured often pay more than the insured.

Although those ages 18-24 often have fewer health problems than their older counterparts, they also tend to have lower incomes, and are often hardly equipped to handle injuries, or illnesses such as cancer.

The study also showed that premium costs are outpacing wage growth in Idaho, making it increasingly more difficult for families to afford health insurance.

There are some government programs that can help, but Bush's recent veto of a bill to renew and expand the SCHIP program, which aids underinsured children, doesn't give us much hope.

At a recent meeting of the Legislature's Health Care Task Force, lawmakers were introduced to several options that could help middle-class people afford needed health care.

They include increasing the age that children can remain on their parents' health care plans, to help the 18- to 24-year-old uninsured and subsidize and



other programs to help employers better afford insurance premiums.

For now, these sound like good ideas, but the most important thing thing is that the issue is being addressed.

It would serve the state well if legislators came up with a comprehensive plan to address health care affordability, including topics such as the importance of preventative care.

Cancer, diabetes and other deadly and costly diseases are better treated in the early stages, and at a lower price tag.

A recent study also shows that an uninsured cancer patient is twice as likely to die within five years as an insured patient. Everyone wants to see healthy, happy Idahoans. It makes economic sense.

... legislative perks

Lowland Tribune

What do you suppose Santa brought your legislators for Christmas? If Santa is a registered lobbyist, he's the one who better watch out. There are



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Lowland Tribune

What do you suppose Santa brought your legislators for Christmas? If Santa is a registered lobbyist, he's the one who better watch out. There are

rules governing what lobbyists can give legislators as gifts.

These rules just got tighter in Oregon. Lobbyists can give legislators only \$50 worth of meals, trips and other gifts during any calendar year. So if you like free-

bies, the lesson here is to run for office in Washington or Idaho instead.

Washington legislators can receive only \$50 per year in gifts from a particular lobbyist, but wait. There is no limit on the meals, drinks and all-expense-paid trips a legislator can accept. Given a choice between a cheese sampler and a trip to Hawaii, most legislators would go with Door No. 2 anyway.

Idaho is a fun place to be a legislator too. There are strict rules about how much you can accept from lobbyists, but there are no rules governing your family. So if a lobbyist finds your wife charming, and wants to shower her with gifts, that's perfectly fine. If you, as a legislator, happen to enjoy the gifts too, well, what are you going to do?

One thing legislators in both Idaho and Washington should do is follow Oregon's example and crack down on gifts from lobbyists. Idaho state Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, already has plans along those lines. She wants to introduce legislation to force lobbyists to disclose their salaries as well as report gifts to family members of public officials. Another Kelly bill would make politicians and other

public officials wait a year before becoming lobbyists.

Lobbyists argue imposing rules on their generosity denies their First Amendment freedom of speech. This argument makes sense, if you think gifts to legislators rank with protest marches as a form of political expression. Most rational people would consider that ridiculous.

Idaho and Washington legislators would be wise to police themselves and not try to pass off free trips to Hawaii as freedom of speech.

... day-care licensing

Post Register, Idaho Falls

CHIEFS to the city of Ammon. When the

Legislature failed to reform the state's day-care licensing law, Ammon became the first community in eastern Idaho to pass its own more stringent plan.

State law gives cities and counties authority to pass local day-care licensing ordinances. Ten cities ... have done so.

At minimum, Ammon's system subjects all day-care operators — regardless of size — to a criminal background check — as well as health and fire safety inspections.

It's also an instance in which the smaller of Bonneville County's two cities has taken the progressive step first. Idaho Falls ... is working toward adopting its own day-care licensing system sometime in 2008.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dairies shouldn't use public laundromat

Greetings to one and all: I live in Filer. We have only one public Laundromat. In the last two years, I have noticed two white-beige older vans sitting outside this Laundromat filled to the ceiling with duffel bags filled with towels and rags used on local dairies.

My concern, you ask? Simple. Why should our only public Laundromat in Filer be used for the dairies? When my own private washer and dryer went out of service to me, I tried to use the washers and dryers. They were like from dawn to dusk. Then, from a sanitary point of view, they are not being sanitized or disinfected after each use.

My suggestion, you ask? Simple. With the cost of the washers and dryers at our coin Laundromat, why don't the dairies purchase this Laundromat and have another Laundromat built for the human residents of Filer and/or build their own on their property and give us back our Laundromat but only after a total sanitizing and disinfecting of the Laundromat we now have.

Thank you for allowing me to give my 2 cents worth, but with inflation, it's \$1 worth, considering inflation with paper, ink and postage.

This is, in my opinion, a Filer public problem. What do you think, people of Filer?

With deepest respect,
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Bin Laden issues warning on Iraq, Israel in new tape

By Salah Kasrawi
Associated Press writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden warned Iraq's Sunni Arabs against fighting al-Qaida and vowed to expand the terror group's holy war to Israel in a new audiotape Saturday, threatening "blood for blood, destruction for destruction."

Most of the 56-minute tape dealt with Iraq, apparently al-Qaida's latest attempt to keep supporters to Iraq unified at a time when the U.S. military claims to have al-Qaida's Iraq branch on the run.

The tape did not mention Pakistan or the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, though Pakistan's government has blamed al-Qaida and the Taliban for her death on Thursday. That suggested the tape was made before the assassination.

Bin Laden's comments offered an unusually direct attack on Israel, stepping up al-Qaida's attempts to use the Israeli-Arab conflict to rally supporters. Israel has warned of growing al-Qaida activity in Palestinian territory, though terror network is not believed to have taken a strong role there so far.

"We intend to liberate Palestine, the whole of Palestine from the (Jordan) river to the sea," he said, threatening "blood for blood, destruction for destruction." "We will not recognize even one inch for Jews in the land of Palestine as other Muslim leaders have," bin Laden said.

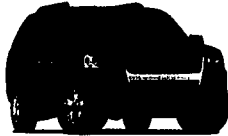
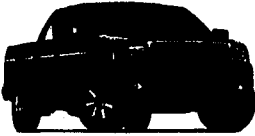
In Iraq, a number of Sunni Arab tribes in western Anbar province have formed a coalition fighting al-Qaida-linked insurgents that U.S. officials credit for deeply reducing violence in the province. The U.S. military has been working to form similar "Awakening Councils" in other areas of Iraq.

Bin Laden said Sunni Arabs who have joined the Awakening Councils "have betrayed the nation and brought disgrace and shame to their people. They will suffer in life and in the afterlife."

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Violence erupts in frustration over long wait for election results in Kenya

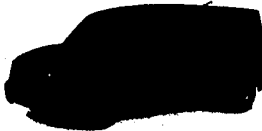
NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Thousands of Kenyans enraged over delays in announcing the country's next president burned down homes and attacked political rivals with sticks and machetes on Saturday, tantalizing a vote that initially was seen as a beacon of hope for democracy in Africa.

Three people were shot dead during protests in Migori, 360 miles west of Nairobi, said area police chief Grace Kaindi. In the capital Nairobi, hundreds of supporters of opposition candidate Italo Odinga marching on the electoral commission were beaten back by police using tear gas.

With votes in 180 of 210 constituencies counted, Odinga clung to his razor-thin lead by 38,000 votes. Despite pleas from both parties to release final results quickly, electoral commission chairman Samuel Kivutu suspended announcing tallies for the night, promising to look into allegations of rigging from both sides.

"If they don't announce results in two hours, we are going to burn this place down!" shouted 23-year-old John Odhiambo as youths armed with metal rods looted a fluming market behind him in the capital's biggest slum, Kibera.

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TOP STORIES OF 2007

Please join me in a moment of derisive laughter

There was a British sitcom a few years ago called "Coupling," that depicted the humorous adventures of six thirty-somethings — sort of like "Friends," only better written and better acted.

One of the characters in the series was named Jeff Murdock, a weird Wechsman with some novel ideas about life and love.



DON'T
ASK ME
Steve
Crump

One of Jeff's theories was called "The Giggie Loop," which he defined as the increasing urge to laugh during a moment of solemnity. He compared it to stacking drinking glasses in a tower, eventually the stack will fall — with disastrous consequences at a particularly inappropriate time.

"To know about The Giggie Loop, is to become part of The Giggie Loop," he explained. What he meant is that if you believe you're going to howl like a hyena, you will.

It happens to me all the time. That's why I dread long funerals, moments of silence for the departed — even the two or three minutes in the weekly church service I attend when the pastor calls upon the congregants to be quiet and meditate. It's my wife's church, and several times I've had to jump up and scurry out the door during these moments of silence, then get far enough away from the building so that I can't be heard laughing uproariously.

Victoria's friends will lean close to her and whisper, "What's the matter with Steve?"

"He was overcome," she replies without cracking a smile. At my grandfather's memorial service — I was 12 — one of the speakers said he was convinced this particular congregation's doctrine was true because it had been proclaimed as such by a senior church official whom the speaker described as the "sixth-smartest person in the world."

I had 10 or 40 minutes to let that sink in before everybody's heads were bowed in silent prayer. Ten or 15 seconds into the silence, tears of mirth were rolling down my cheeks and I was biting my tongue so hard that it bled. At just the second when the officiating clergyman said, "Please be seated," I convulsed into mirth and sprinted down the aisle and out the door of the church.

I hit in the back seat of my mother's car. When she arrived a few minutes later, Mom wasn't laughing.

"Whatever possessed you to do that?" she shouted. "The sixth-smartest person in the world," I replied, breaking out in laughter all over again.

A few years ago, I was speaking to a meeting of a local service club. The previous speaker was a member of a parents' group promoting the virtues of abstinence education instead of sex education in schools.

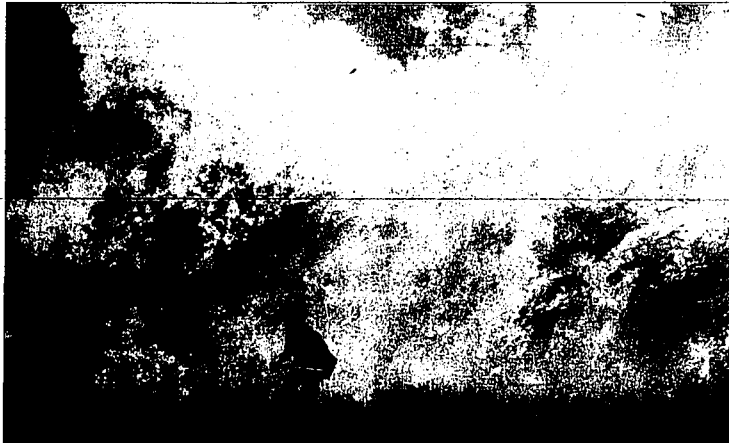
"Idahoans are overwhelmingly in favor of teaching youngsters to just say no to pre-marital sex," she said. "And I can say that without fear of contraception."

The speaker meant contradiction, of course, but for me the gig was pretty well up. I slunk as low in my chair and muffled my guffaws as much as possible.

But by the time the club's president introduced me my face and ears were still bright red and there were tears roaring down my cheeks.

Wiping my eyes, I began unsteadily, "Let's begin today with a moment of silence."

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A member of a hot shot crew monitors a back-burn in August along Warm Springs Road west of Ketchum. The burn was started by firefighters to remove fuel ahead of the Castle Rock Fire, which had burned thousands of acres. Combating the blaze were more than 1,000 firefighters, 10 helicopters and 50 engines from the U.S. Forest Service and local fire agencies.

Year marked by long, dry summer, soaring murders

Fires scorch valley

A series of catastrophic wildfires burned a record number of acres in southern Idaho, and forced the evacuation of ranches, neighborhoods — even the entire town of Shoshone.

Ranchers scraping by on land near the Nevada border to owners of megamansions in Wood River Valley, fires touched every region.

Surprisingly, no one was seriously injured in any of the blazes, though countless livestock and wildlife perished.

— Matt Christensen

makers and the American Civil Liberties Union, and prompted the county to rethink its CAFO laws. Commissioners eventually denied the permit.

— Matt Christensen

Immigration sweep

A wave of immigration sweeps revealed deep racial discomfort among many Latino immigrants across the Magic Valley.

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During a CAEO hearing with Jerome County Commissioners, Karen Yoshitomi, the regional director of Japanese American Citizens' League, cradles a photo of her mother's family. The photo is among about a dozen she has from before 1942, when the family was forced to move to a World War II internment camp.

Murder rate rises

Thanks to a soaring murder rate, Twin Falls never felt so much like a big city as it did in 2007.

The county prosecutor's office and city police were swamped with a big city's murder rate that dwarfed even Ada County's. Law enforcement officials were under great strain as the public felt gripped by a stunning volume of new murders.

Projections for the future are mixed. Some indicators say that 2007's murders were a stream of relatively isolated events. The overall crime rate is down, officials say. In each case, the victim knew the suspect. But due to the area's swelling meth use, some say it's no wonder the murder rate had risen.

— Cass Friedman

Water woes

Despite a Supreme Court ruling over Idaho's water laws and a governor-hosted water summit, long-lasting disputes over water nearly ended in the shutdown of hundreds of groundwater wells.

A last-minute deal spared the pumps, but with no real resolution, the dispute drags into 2008.

— Matt Christensen

CAFO controversy

Jerome County became the epicenter in the valley's long struggle to manage confined animal feeding operations when a developer proposed a feedlot near the Minidoka Internment National Monument. The debate drew the attention of the federal government, state law-



Sgt. Ryan Howe, center, smiles as he and fellow Twin Falls police officers carry out some of the 11 children who were rescued from a Main Avenue home June 1 during a stand-off with suspects in the murder of Vicente Molina Gonzalez, 29.



Rep. Bert Brachett, R-Rogerson, pauses for a moment last summer while describing the fire that killed several of his cattle during the Murphy Complex fire about 40 miles west of Rogerson on Bureau of Land Management property.

Rubeen E. Ketterling

RUPEEN — Rubeen Elmer Ketterling, an 82-year-old resident of Rupert, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at the Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home, from injuries sustained in an auto accident...



Rubeen E. Ketterling, 82, died Dec. 26, 2007, at the Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home.

empty truck. If your car would hold 20 pounds of food, you'll find with 23 pounds. Rubeen's favorite time of year was winter time. He was like a kid in the snow. It was a snow-ball fight or the pulling of a sled...

Survivors include his children: Larry (Nancy) Ketterling of Paul, Gerald (Toni) Ketterling of Rupert and RaNelle Straw of Caldwell; eight grandchildren: three brothers, Leo (Luelle) Ketterling, Elmer (Eda Mae) Ketterling and Ted Ketterling and one sister, Ruth (Herman) Vilhauer. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nelle; a son-in-law, Dan Straw; one brother, Alvin Ketterling; and two sisters, Viola Schenk and Ida Buerkle.

Elvalsee Edith Peckham

ELVASEE — Elvalsee Edith Peckham passed away Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at Home Healthcare of Buhl. Elvalsee was the only child of Lee and Edith Auringer born on Wednesday, July 24, 1925, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She grew up and attended school in Lewiston, Mich. finishing high school in Grayling, Mich. Elvalsee married Harold P. Coggins in 1940, settling in Lewiston to raise a family, and ran and eventually owned a grocery store. She was widowed with three children in 1953. After selling the store and settling debts, she went to work at Standard Products Company in Gaylord, Mich., for eight years.



Elvalsee Edith Peckham, 82, died Dec. 25, 2007, at Home Healthcare of Buhl.

Elvalsee remarried Dr. Richard Peckham in 1960; living in Gaylord, Mich., until 1968, moving to Carlsbad, Calif., then Henderson, Nev., and in 1978 moved to Castleford, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harold P. Coggins; her second husband, Richard C. Peckham; daughters, Nancy Lynn Coggins and Patricia Joyce Coggins-Peckham. She is survived by her sons, Harold J. Coggins-Peckham and Kyma P. Coggins-Peckham; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at Buhl's West End Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to St. Luke's Magic Valley Women's Auxiliary.

Martin R. Gutches

BELLEVIEW — Martin R. Gutches, 69, resident of Bellevue, died Dec. 22, 2007, at the Silver Shoals Rehabilitation and Living Center. He was born March 13, 1938, at the Triumph Mines near Hailey, Idaho. His parents were Russell S. and Lavelle E. (Keplinger) Gutches. They moved to Bellevue, where he attended school. In 1955, he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he earned his GED, and served in Okinawa, Japan, until 1959-59, and then was assigned to the Orlando Air Base in Orlando, Fla., finishing his service in the Reserves in 1963. Martin married Sharon June Smith in July 15, 1961, at Elko, Nev. In 1963, they moved to Malad for a time and then returned to Bellevue for the remainder of his life. He was a heavy equipment owner and operator locally and also for Hood Corp. all around the U.S. He also worked for Morton Thiokol in Malad, where they manufactured solid rocket propellant, and at the INEL in Arco with the atomic sub-marines project. The past eight or nine years, he drove ski bus for Sun Valley Company, which he really enjoyed. Martin was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved to go boating and camping with

family and friends. He also really enjoyed the family cabin at Hyndman. He was a member in the Sawtooth Snowmobile Club, Blaine County Search and Rescue, and Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department. He also belonged to the Gary Boardwalk American Legion Post of Bellevue and most recently to the Fairfield American Legion Post 19. Surviving family members include his daughter, Lisa Jack Gray of Gooding; his son, Mitchell (Carolyn) Gutches of Bellevue; his sister, Carol (Harold) Drussell of Twin Falls; his brother, Steve Gutches of Bellevue; and his sister, Shirley (Gary) Givens of Fairfield; his grandchildren, Ethan, Melissa, April and Dallas; his great-grandchildren, Alexis and Neawch; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him were his parents and his wife, Sharon. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at the Community Campus in Hailey. Interment will follow in the Bellevue Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey. Condolences may also be left at www.woodriverchapel.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Veterans Home in Boise.

Pauline Warr Armstrong

PAULINE — Pauline Warr Armstrong, age 68, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in Rupert, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer. She died peacefully in the final days which were spent in the loving care of her daughter, her husband, and family. Pauline was born March 16, 1939, in Oakley, Idaho, the oldest child of Quinten and Laetia Warr. She received her education in Oakley and Idaho Falls. She married Shannon Armstrong, and they raised six children. Shannon's military service took them to many places before returning to Burley and eventually settling in St. Helens, Ore. While in Burley, Pauline began her law enforcement career serving with the Burley Police Department. After moving to St. Helens, Ore., she continued the career she loved that spanned more than 30 years of service. She retired from the St. Helens Police Department in 2002. Pauline was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed many pastimes including golf, crocheting, working in her garden, and especially spending time with her family. She also loved camping and the family's annual trips to Redfish Lake.



Pauline Warr Armstrong, 68, died Dec. 25, 2007, at her daughter's home in Rupert.

Ina M. Soran

Ina M. Soran passed away Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Dec. 5, 1925, in the farm town of the community of Stull, Kan. She was the seventh child of Clarence and William Wulfschlae and Mildred Ann Gress Wulfschlae. She attended school at Deer Creek in the Stull community until she was 11 years old. Her family then moved to Topeka, where she graduated from Topeka High School in 1943. She began working for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company after high school. In May of 1946, Ina boarded a train to Caldwell, Idaho, to marry Leo Soran. They were married after Leo's honorable discharge from the Medical Corp. of the Army during World War II. They two sons, Steve and Tim, were born when Ina and Leo lived in Caldwell in 1951. They moved to Eagle, Idaho, after purchasing the Eagle Grill. After operating the Eagle Grill for seven years, they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they owned and operated the Depot Grill. Ina loved sports, especially fast-pitch softball which she played professionally in her younger days. She shared a love of baseball with Leo, which they passed on to their sons and grandchildren. They spent many years attending youth baseball games where Steve and Tim played and Leo managed. They also loved to go Spring Training. Leo passed away in February 1998, after 52 years together. Ina was also an avid bowler, once scoring a "near perfect" 279 game. She enjoyed weekly "Tonk" games and Wednesday "muffin" get-togethers

"with" her ladies. She is survived by her sons, Steve and Dehlie Soran, and Tim S. and their families. Ina is also survived by her grandson, Tom Soran Jr. and Jen Parsons-Soran of Salt Lake City, Utah; two granddaughters, Jaimee Soran (Jason Johnson) of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and Alicia Soran of Nampa; and two great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Zachary Soran of Salt Lake City, Utah. She is survived by two brothers, Ross and Morgan Wulfschlae of Lawrence, Kan., and George and Bernice Wulfschlae of Albuquerque, N.M.; sisters-in-law, Mildred Soran of Twin Falls and Joanne Soran of Gallup, N.M.; and brother-in-law, Harold Hopkins of Caldwell; as well as many nieces and nephews. Ina is also survived by several dear friends whom she loved and adored. Ina was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; her parents; three brothers, Clyde, Herman and Leo; and one sister, Rosemary.

A rosary prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Jim Herrett reciting. The funeral Mass will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Father Victor Manual celebrating. Burial will follow Monday at the Malta LDS 2nd Ward Chapel; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Ward and the wonderful staff from First Choice Hospice for their loving care of Ina. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made to the Leo Soran Memorial Baseball Scholarship Fund, in care of CSI Foundation, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238.

SERVICES

Leonard Vern Owens of Burley, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the mortuary. Ellen M. Harnar of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Buhl Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl). Nile Zetland Mitchell of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Bussumus Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church. Fontella Harper Tracy of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Malta LDS 2nd Ward Chapel; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Jane Douglass Rogerson of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 310 Park in Hazelton (White Mortuary in Twin Falls). Harlie Gene Waters of Buhl, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Dale K. Feldman of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Jackpot Community Church

(Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Harold Vernon Jensen of Crawford, Neb., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

Lee Ray Thurber of Champaign, Ill., and formerly of Fairfield, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect Ave. in Champaign; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Morgan Memorial Home, 1304 Regency Drive W. in Savoy, Ill.

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Shirley Ann Kinyon

CASTLEFORD — Shirley Ann Kinyon, 71, of Castleford, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at her home with her children and grandchildren by her side after a long battle with cancer.



Shirley was born Feb. 4, 1936, in Twin Falls County, to Charles Arthur and Celesta Ruth Humann. She grew up on a farm and dairy with her mother, father and 10 brothers and sisters. After graduating from Castleford High School, she married David Kinyon on Aug. 6, 1954. They have farmed, ranched and raised their family in the Castleford area most of their lives.

Shirley was a mother and nurturer of her children and many others. Everyone was always welcome at her table. She was an excellent cook and could whip up a batch of her special oatmeal cookies faster than you could blink an eye.

Shirley was a very beautiful woman, her crowning glory was a full head of copper, sparkling, curly hair. She was not a woman that sat around admiring her beauty, instead she was branding, hauling water to the range cows, driving tractors, mowing her lawn.

Being a very efficient manager of the Kinyon and Kinyon Cattle operation, she could arrange for roundups, weanings, brandings and check wagon cooking on a minute's notice. Until her death, she was the brains and ramrod of the whole operation.

Completing her master flower judge degree, she would judge many flower shows and various fairs with her good friend Ella Mink.

Shirley loved growing and arranging flowers and designing anything artistic. Family was very important to Shirley. She loved each and every member and was involved with teaching, guiding, and giving wisdom to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She especially enjoyed fishing, canoeing, hunting and camping.

She was a member of the Church of Christ as God was a big part of her fortune for handling difficult and trying times during her life. She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, David; her son, Joe Kinyon of Castleford; daughter, Lou Ann (Christy) Burkholder of Buhl; granddaughters, Stacy Kinyon (Tracy Vulgamore), Amy Kinyon and Cammy Kinyon; great-grandchildren, Tanya Hill and Kregan Kinyon; great-grandson, Greg; wife of Kimberly and Leahla (Bob) Sweet of Sublimity Ore; and brothers, Adrian (Nora) Humann of Twin Falls and Kyle (Doy) Humann of Jerome.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant daughter; one brother, Amos Humann; and five sisters, Charlotte Pfaff, Irene Black, Norma Timmetz, Hope Humann and Ruth Knudson.

Thanks to everyone for all your loving thoughts, prayers, gifts and good deeds. Friends may call from 2 until 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 502 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be held for Shirley at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Pastor Dale Metzger will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Also surviving are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

John Richard Forbes

John Richard Forbes, 77, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at Twin Falls Care Center.



John was born in Port Chester, N.Y., on Nov. 18, 1930, to John and Boris (Bess) Forbes. He attended schools in Port Chester.

After graduating from high school, John attended New York University until he entered the military. He served in the Army for two years. After returning home, he graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., in 1957 with a BBA degree.

John married Janice (Janina) A. Piasta of Webster, Mass., in 1958. John began his career as an accountant for Price-Matthews Co. in Hartford, Conn., and then joined Tipperware Co. in 1959. He became vice president of Financial Services at Tipperware headquarters in Florida.

He left Tipperware to join Sea World of Florida as director of administration. John re-joined Tipperware in 1975 and was installed as plant manager at the Tipperware manufacturing plant in Jerome. After the plant closure, he was general manager of Austin's Express and then became director of plant facilities at the College of Southern Idaho. He ended his working career as a Realtor with Gem State Realty for more than nine years.

Throughout these years, he had true respect and fondness for those he worked with. Always a community-minded man, John was active in the Jerome Rotary, was past president of Jerome Chamber of Commerce, past president of St. Benedict's Hospital Foundation, and founding

member and past president of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. John was also past treasurer of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, and a member of the Idaho Employers Council, Boise Art Museum, Jerome Historical Society, Magic Valley Arts Council and Blue Falls Country Club.

As a member of St. Edward's Church, John served as parish council member and in other ministries. He loved his God deeply and had a great reverence for his priests, deacons, and church community. Those whom he leaves, to whom he will always be beloved, are his wife, Janice; six children and five grandchildren; son John E. Forbes, wife Corianne; and grandchildren Christina and Grace Forbes; daughter Sarah E. Soapp, husband Steven, and grandchildren Daniel Fairbanks and Rachel Stapp; daughters, Pamela J. Forbes and Elizabeth G. McKinstry, husband Scott, and granddaughter Janina; sons Michael A. Forbes and Adam D. Forbes. John was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Catherine Gill of New York.

A rosary prayer service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Jim Herrett officiating. The funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with Father Melnard Schallberger celebrating. Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Memorials can be given to St. Edward's Church and the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. Donations may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403-1142.

Melanie Darrington Judy

ALMO — Melanie Darrington Judy, a 44-year-old resident of Maricopa, Ariz., and formerly of Idaho, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz.



She was born April 27, 1963, in Provo, Utah, the daughter of Leo Austin and Delilah Durfee Darrington.

She is survived by her husband, Barry Judy of Maricopa; her children, Sarah (Mike) Hogan, Teresa Monroe and Caitlin Monroe; her parents; seven siblings; and many extended family members.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Almo LDS Church, with Bishop Kent Duffice officiating. Burial will be in the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery. Friends and family may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Butley.

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Jacqueline 'Jacie' Esther Robinson

Jacqueline "Jacie" E. Robinson, 74, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in St. Edward's Hospital in Twin Falls by her side, following a courageous battle with cancer.



Jacie was born Jan. 17, 1933, in Gooding, Idaho, the daughter of Esther Low Campbell. She grew up and attended schools in Gooding, graduating from Gooding High School in 1951. Following high school, she went to work for the FBI in Washington, D.C., from May 1951 until August 1954; Jacie came back to Idaho, where she furthered her education at the University of Idaho and then returned to Gooding to work at the TB Hospital in Gooding. She married Gerald "Jess" Robinson on June 6, 1954, in Gooding. They lived in Twin Falls, where she worked for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. In 1976, she worked as the office manager for Dr. Affleck; a job she held for many years. She worked at Dr. Roberts' dentist office for a number of years before operating the Southside Storage facility in Jerome until she suffered a

stroke in 1987 forcing her retirement.

Jacie enjoyed hunting and fishing, shopping and collecting her dolls. Her love was her family and spending time with them especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed going to all of their activities and making their Christmas.

Jacie is survived by her husband of 53 years, Gerald "Jess" Robinson of Twin Falls; their children, Jim (Becky) Robinson of St. Anthony, Idaho; David Robinson of Twin Falls; Robin (Tommy) Thibault of Middleton, Idaho, and Gary Robinson of California; and her brother, Donnwan (Shirley) Campbell of Twin Falls. Also surviving are her four grandchildren, Shane Robinson, Lance Robinson, Tori Thibault and Bailey Thibault. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Beulah Schwartzkopf, Alma Conant and Marian Libbrecht.

A celebration of Jacie's life will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Sheldon Staged officiating. At Jacie's request, there will be no public viewing. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Rex L. Sutherland

BUIH. — Rex Leroy Sutherland, 96, of Buhl, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, in Filer. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Buhl 2nd Ward LDS Church on Main Street; visitation from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Lena Nelsen-Morley

JEROME — Lena Nelsen-Morley, 96, of Liberty Lake, Wash., and Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Howe-

Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the chapel.

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Tracy Carrico receives the flag from the casket of her son, U.S. Army Spc. Adam Davis, during a burial service in August at Jerome Cemetery. Davis died while serving in Afghanistan.

After anti-war vandalism, movement emerges in eastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Five people have been arrested in eastern Idaho for stenciling anti-war messages on city stop signs, prompting a pacifist group to form and encourage less destructive forms of protest.

Three minors and two adults — Craig Bakker, 19, and Alexander Piet, 18 — were arrested recently for defacing the signs in Idaho Falls.

Numerous shields warning drivers to halt at an intersection were hit by the vandals, so that instead of merely demanding people to "Stop," they read "Stop War."

Bakker and Piet were originally charged with felonies, but now face misdemeanors and likely restitution payments to Idaho Falls to remedy the damage. The minors have been referred to juvenile court.

After the ubiquitous anti-war messages confronted drivers across the city, two people, Tina Moore and Brad Strand, decided to get involved — but in a less destructive way.

At a meeting they helped organize inside an Idaho Falls Unitarian Church Friday, they described how they printed T-shirts with an image of the "Stop War" signs.

Proceeds from sales will help the defendants pay their legal bills. The duo sends e-mails to people who share their opinions, about 150. They didn't say how many they've sold so far.

"Let's actually do something about it," Moore, 43, said she told the 45-year-old Strand, after hearing about the vandals' arrests.

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Border Patrol officials said their agents arrested 100 illegal immigrants in an operation aimed at disrupting human smuggling on local bus lines.

But the sweeps alarmed the regional Latino community and stirred questions about the third-civil-of-immigration law enforcement — racial profiling.

Latinos formed a committee to improve their image among non-Latinos in the Magic Valley and to better support each another.

— Cass Friedman

Northwest Twin Falls grows

Growth continues to be on the minds of residents of Twin Falls — where the population has risen 18 percent since 2000 — and nowhere is growth more prevalent than in northwestern Twin Falls.

The changes have begun — and will continue for several years — to fill in nearly every open space along Pole Line Road.

Construction is under way for both the state-of-the-art St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the new Canyon Ridge High School.

The north and south sides

of Pole Line Road will soon have dozens of businesses, including Wal-Mart. A traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Washington Street North and Cheney Drive. And to account for the increased traffic, the city will widen Washington Street North — a more than \$10 million project slated for next fall.

— Jared Hopkins

CSI plans new building

It was announced that construction will begin in 2008 on a state-funded, \$22 million health science building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Ground will be broken in June or July on the 70,000-square-foot facility. The project off North College Road, which is set to be done in mid to late 2009, is currently in the planning stages.

The building is designed with about 18 large classrooms, including two computer labs, three lecture halls, a large balcony and dressing rooms.

CSI will use the building to expand existing programs, house new ones and reduce overcrowding in other buildings.

— Andrea Gates

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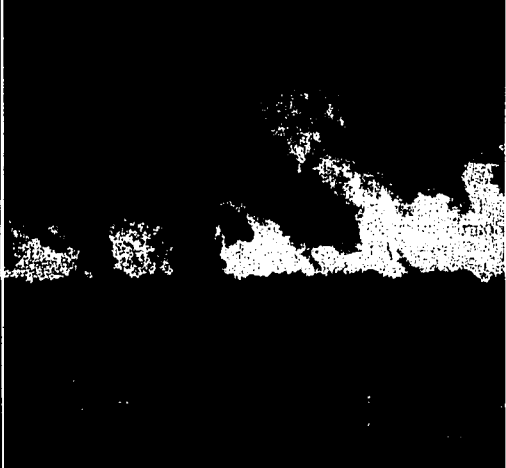
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IDAHO'S TOP STORIES IN 2007

Craig takes wide stance, wildfires char wide swath

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Sen. Larry Craig's arrest in a gay sex sting isn't just Idaho's biggest story of 2007.

It's likely the biggest Idaho political story of the last 100 years. For months after his arrest in a Minneapolis airport bathroom became public Aug. 27 in the political newspaper Roll Call, Craig dominated headlines here and in all the world.

The 27-year Republican lawmaker cried foul and said he was the victim of a police probe gone awry, then an error of judgment on his part for pleading guilty.

On Sept. 1, Craig said it was his "intent" to resign, he then reneged on the pledge, saying he could still serve effectively in the U.S. Senate until his term ends in January 2009 while he fights his conviction in court.

In distant Germany, Der Spiegel, the news magazine, perked up its ears, headlining one article, "Larry Craig's Last Stall, Airport toilet, becomes tourist attraction." In the midst of it all, Craig was named to the Idaho Hall of Fame.

"It's Alice in Wonderland" — it just gets curiously and curiously, said Jasper Lefel, a professor of political economy at the College of Idaho in Caldwell.

It was the culmination of a long, hot summer in which temperatures hit their highest averages in the month of July, fanning wildfires that burned 3,100 square miles, an area a third bigger than the entire state of Delaware.

A single fire, the Murphy Complex on the Nevada border, burned 1,000 square miles by itself, torching grazing land and prime sage grouse habitat.

Here are some of the other top 2007 stories for Idaho chosen by The Associated Press:

• **Boise State Fiesta:** For football fans, Boise State University's 43-42 overtime win in the Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl over the University of Oklahoma was filled with memorable moments. First, there was the "hook and ladder" touchdowns in the final

minute of regulation time, in which Dorian James turned a 15-yard pass into a 50-yard touchdown by laterally a pass from quarterback Jared Zabransky to Jerard Robb. Then, running back Ian Johnson turned a "Statue of Liberty" feint into the winning two-point conversion.

• **Hot wings, renovation:** C.L. "Butch" Otter said during his 2006 campaign he was against two underground wings to expand the Idaho Capitol by 100,000 square feet. Even so, many in the Idaho Legislature didn't think he'd do much about it. They found out otherwise Jan. 12, when Otter ordered work on the project stopped. For 14 days, the stardown brought lawmakers to a near standstill, before a compromise to scale the wings back to half their original size. Workers have dug two giant pits on the east and west ends of the building for the wings. The \$120 million expansion and renovation of the 100-year-old Statehouse won't be done until December 2009.

• **Friendly fire:** Controversy over a clearly 2003 mission in Iraq in which an Idaho National Guard A-10 tank-buster pilot mistakenly killed a British soldier on the ground erupted into an international incident in late January and early February. The case jumped back into the spotlight because of an ongoing British inquest into Lance Pilot. Many Hull's death. The pilots temporarily moved their families out of the region, to avoid some British reporters staking out homes of Guard members near Boise.

• **Tragic violence:** Idaho was hit by tragedy starting in late March when David Robert Boss, a 21-year-old Boise State, was found dead early March 31 in his apartment near the University of Idaho in Moscow. Three days later, the body of Bradley Morse, a 25-year-old Boise State University student, was found in a Boise city park pond.

Police arrested John Joseph Delling, a former Boise resident and U of I student, after using cell phone and stolen car records to link him to the crimes. Delling was later named a suspect in a March 20 shooting, in which a 23-year-old University of Arizona

student from Boise was wounded. Delling later said he suffered from mental illness.

• **Private prison blues:** On March 4, an Idaho inmate in Texas took a razor blade and slashed his own throat. An investigation following Scot Noble Payne's death concluded the privately run prison in Dickens County, Texas, where he was held was the worst facility Idaho officials had ever seen. Idaho's prison director, Brent Reinke, conceded his agency had lost track of just how Idaho inmates were being treated. This is just the latest chapter in the state's plight to accommodate its growing prison population, at a time when the 7,400 inmates have exceeded the system's capacity. It kicked off a new debate: Should the Legislature allow private prison companies to build and run new prisons in Idaho, or should the state build those prisons itself? Either way, it will cost Idaho taxpayers millions.

• **Water woes:** As nearly eight years of drought, a half-century of groundwater pumping and explosive population growth sap Idaho's water resources, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter got in the game of resolving conflicts with a water summit in April. By October, he proposed spending more than half of a \$15 million economic-relief fund on five water projects. Lawmakers balked, however, meaning water is destined to be an issue again in the 2008 Legislature.

• **Shooting spree:** Late on May 20, Jason Hamilton began a shooting rampage in Moscow. He would fire nearly 300 shots, kill three people including his wife and wound three others. The rampage ended only when the 36-year-old janitor took his own life near the altar inside the university town's First Presbyterian Church. Hamilton had been in and out of a mental health facility and had told health professionals he planned to kill others

before killing himself.

• **Job losses:** A year after Boise-based grocer Albertsons Inc. sold to a Minnesota rival, Idaho's corporate landscape shrinks even further. Washington Group International, the engineering company incorporated in Idaho, was taken over by San Francisco-based UHS Corp. — but only after UHS sweetened its cash-and-stock offer to \$3.2 billion to quell a WGI shareholder revolt.

Then, AMI Semiconductor Inc., an employer of 160 in Pocatello, agreed in December to be sold for \$915 million to ON Semiconductor, a competitor based in Phoenix.

• **Duncan's plea:** More than two years after he nearly sniped out the Groene family in a brutal May 2005 attack, convicted killer and sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan pleaded guilty in December to 10 federal

charges, including that he kidnapped young Shasta and Dylan Groene, sexually abused them, and then shot Dylan to death in a remote Montana campsite.

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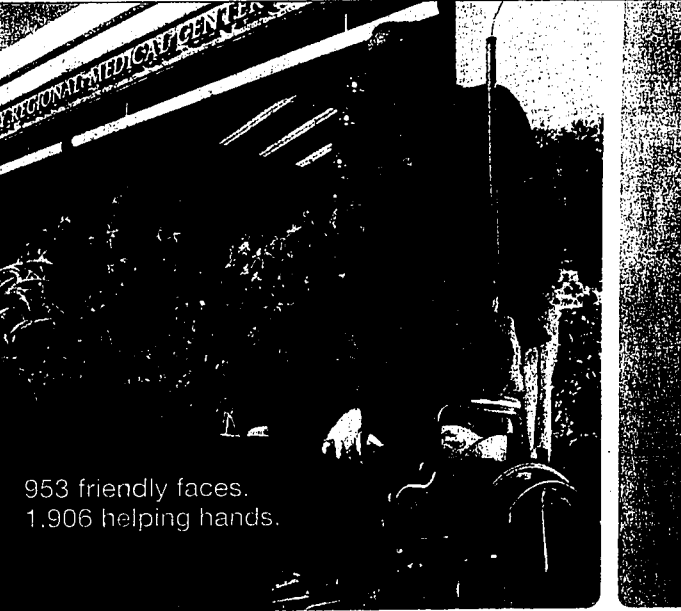


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Pakistan rejects foreign assistance in investigation of Bhutto assassination

By Ravi Nessiman
Associated Press writer

But a spokesman for Mehsud, Maulana Mohamed Umer, dismissed the allegations.

"We strongly deny it. Baitullah Mehsud is not involved in the killing of Benazir Bhutto," he said. "The

fact is that we are only against America, and we don't consider political leaders of Pakistan our enemy."



Daughters of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Bakhtawar, right, and Aafia, visit their mother's grave in Pakistan, on Saturday.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan rejected foreign help in investigating the assassination of Benazir Bhutto on Saturday, despite controversy over the circumstances of her death and three days of paralyzing turmoil.

The Islamic militant group blamed by officials for the attack that killed Bhutto denied any links to the killing on Saturday, and Bhutto's aides accused the government of a cover-up.

President Pervez Musharraf ordered his security chiefs to quell rioting by Bhutto's grieving followers that has killed at least 44 people over three days and caused tens of millions of dollars in damage.

"Criminals should stop their despicable activities, otherwise they will have to face serious consequences," Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema said.

Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party called a meeting today expected to elect a new leader, decide whether to participate in Jan. 8 parliamentary elections and hear her last will and testament.

If the party pulls out, it would destroy the credibility of the poll, already being boycotted by rival opposition leader Nawaz Sharif. The U.S. government has pressured Musharraf, who seized power in a coup eight years ago, to push ahead with the election to promote stability in this nuclear armed nation, a key ally against Islamic extremism.

The riots destroyed nine election offices — along with the voter rolls and ballot boxes inside, the election commission said. The commission has called an emergency meeting for Monday to decide how to proceed.

Questions about Bhutto's assassination have intensified since she died Thursday evening when a suicide attacker shot at her and then blew himself up as she waved to supporters from the sun-roof of her armored vehicle outside a campaign rally.

The disputes were sure to further enflame the violence and have led to calls for an international, independent investigation into the attack.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton said Friday that an international probe was vital because there was "no reason to trust the Pakistani government," while others called for a U.N. investigation.

Cheema dismissed the suggestion.

"This is not an ordinary criminal matter in which we require assistance of the international community. I think we are capable of handling it," he said. An independent judicial investigation should be completed within seven days of the appointment of its presiding judge, he said.

U.S. officials, however, said Pakistani officials have quietly begun consulting with other nations about the conduct of their investigation.

"The Pakistan government is discussing with other governments as to how best the investigation can be handled," one senior U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no agreement had yet come from the discussions.

With the United States, the official said, the discussions are about what we can offer and what the Pakistanis want. Having some help to make sure international questions are answered is definitely an option.

There was no immediate confirmation from Pakistani officials.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband offered his country's assistance. Obviously it's very important that a full investigation does take place, and has the confidence of all concerned," he said.

The government blamed the attack on Baitullah Mehsud, head of the Tehrik-i-Taliban, a newly formed coalition of Islamic militants along the Afghan border believed to be linked to al-Qaida and committed to waging holy war against the government.

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Woman had long, fulfilling career as wife and nurse

Gene Goodwin
For the Times-News

Thelma was the second of three children born to Katherine Olivia Morehouse and Pay Edmund Bury. Her mother and father were married in 1904 and her father worked at a grocery store.

In 1912 the family moved to Corville, Wash., to work on the Lynch Ranch. The ranch was a dry farm that raised wheat and corn.

As children, Thelma and her sister, Iona, were cowgirls that rode large white goats around the countryside. When her brother, Lloyd, was a child he was run over by a horse. He remained unconscious for four to five days and then recovered. It was then that Thelma decided to become a nurse and do what she could to help people.

Due to a seven-year drought and crop failure, the family moved back to Walla Walla, Wash. With this move Thelma had to leave her favorite gray horse with the neighbors.

In August 1924 at age 15, Thelma worked at a candy store and the Midway Cafe. She went to Walla Walla High School, but in her junior year quit school and trained for nursing at age 17. This was in January 1928.

Career plans, marriage

Thelma graduated after completing three years of nurse training. She then went to work part-time back at the Midway Cafe. At the time, nearby St. Mary's Hospital did not pay nurses wages.

In 1931 Thelma was able to do some private-duty nursing at a hospital when work was available. However, jobs were scarce due to the Depression.

At this time she did have a boyfriend who was to



Thelma Goodwin worked as a nurse for more than 40 years, including time at the Cassia Memorial Hospital. She retired from the profession in 1972.

become a rich wheat farmer. She had to choose between him and a tall, quiet boy named Frank Goodwin. It turned out that Frank literally swept her off her feet and they were married in 1934 in Colfax, Wash. Thelma always said that other girls had their eye on Frank, but Thelma sent them packing.

The couple moved to Spokane where Frank worked for an automotive parts store. After a time, they left Spokane and moved to Nampa, where Frank worked at Turner's Sales and Thelma did special duty nursing at Caldwell Sanitarium. They lived in Nampa for four years and then moved to Pocatello, where Thelma worked at the Bannock General Hospital for \$2.50 a

day putting in a 12-hour shift.

In 1941 their first child, a boy, was born. They named him after a dear friend, Jean Seegmiller. In 1945 a second child was born whom they named Suzanne.

In 1948 this little family moved again but this time to Burley, where Frank worked at Mackenzie Auto as manager and Thelma as a nurse at the old Cottage Hospital.

Later, Thelma worked at the Cassia Memorial Hospital and retired from nursing in 1972. She worked as a nurse for more than 40 years.

The family was finally able to build a new home in 1956 at 2020 Yale Ave. in Burley. Frank and Thelma lived there for more than 40 years.

a life remembered

Thelma Berthea Bury Goodwin

Born: July 19, 1910

Died: Dec. 11, 2007

Trials of life

Thelma was the original bionic woman, with screws in her ankle after it was broken and new knees that were replaced one at a time when she was in her 80s. She also had numerous bouts with cancer, which cost her one breast (she said she wasn't using it anyway), and part of an ear lobe.

Later on, she and Frank were in a car accident where she suffered a broken pelvis. After a period of recovery, she had to learn to walk again, which she did with her usual good humor.

While in her 80s, Thelma fell and broke her hip. Doctors put in a screw to hold the bone in place but when it slipped one leg was longer than the other. She then had to undergo a total hip replacement. After that, she had to learn to walk yet again.

At age 97, she fell and fractured her pelvis. The first X-ray didn't find the break, but a second X-ray did and she was confined to a wheelchair. It was this inactivity that contributed to her final illness as she developed a bedsore.

Another trial she faced was a bipolar mental condition, which surfaced in the 1950s and came back

numerous times to plague her. She responded well to shock treatments at the McKay-Dee Memorial Hospital in Ogden, Utah, and later did well with medication.

As later as her family can determine, Thelma suffered at least three strokes.

It took doctors a while to figure out what the problem was but when it was discovered, they again helped Thelma bounce back.

mental breakdown but was able to bounce back.

It was after this that the family realized she could no longer care for herself and she was moved to the Warren House in Burley. Always the optimist, she talked of how she needed to get off her medication, get well, and go out and find a job. The family jokingly considered having her apply as a greeter at Wal-Mart as soon as she got better.

During her last ordeal, her family realized she had no more fight in her. She passed away at age 97 on Dec. 11.

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On top of the world

Documentary filmmaker talks about shooting Everest

By Karve Bossick
For the Times-News

KETCHUM — Anthony Gaffen has spent time in war zones and crossing deserts in pursuit of a good story. But he says nothing was as tough as filming a major theatrical documentary retracing legendary British explorer George Mallory's 1924 attempt to climb Mount Everest.

"It's the highest costumed drama ever shot," he said. "But it was also the toughest. Just ahead of us six people died. We had weather problems and altitude sickness. We had exhausted people living and working in a very tight space. And then we had to deal with transporting three cameras to work in extreme conditions."

Gaffen, a Sun Valley resident and a leading documentary film producer, shared the behind-the-scenes story of what it took to film at the top of the world recently at the Community Library in Ketchum.

Gaffen spent three years organizing the expedition to determine whether it was possible for British climber George Mallory and his climbing partner, Sandy Irvine to summit the world's tallest peak nearly a century ago, when Mount Everest was still uncharted territory and the climbing gear and clothing were inferior by today's standards.

The two were last seen going for the summit before vanishing into the mist. Their loss has prompted questions as to whether they made it to the top 29 years before Sir Edmund Hillary made the first documented ascent.

the better because of the relation between Mallory and his wife back in England," Gaffen said.

The expedition waited until commercial climbers left, so they could film without other climbers in the shot. The timing also allowed the production crew to remove the ladder and ropes that a Chinese expedition had affixed at the beginning of the climbing season so that American mountaineer Conrad Anker and British mountaineer Leo Houlding could free-climb the notorious Second Step — a 90-foot wall of ice — as Mallory and Irvine would have done.

The shoot, which lasted 14 weeks, nearly failed as the

film crew succumbed to altitude sickness just days from the summit — a proposition that could have lost Gaffen more than \$1 million had not New Zealand guides not filed in for them. Gaffen also credits yaks and sherpas for the expedition's success.

Sherpas took over where the yaks left off, carrying the equivalent of two backpacks and a camera each as the group made their way up the mountain.

At the top, it took eight people to carry two cameras and their lenses to the summit. A technical team had devised liquid gels to rub into the camera parts to stop them from freezing. But it was still an orchestrated dance — coordinate where each of the five High Definition digital cameras were to be set up.

Besides producing a documentary on how his crew

filmed the Everest expedition, Gaffen also is producing a piece for PBS that features fellow Sun Valley resident Gerry Moffatt's impressions of the event.

Moffatt is a kayaker and filmmaker who summited with Anker, and provided feeds for a Web site about the expedition.

Anker, who found Mallory's body on the Tibetan side of Mount Everest in 1995, wore replica wool and silk clothing and leather boots for the film.

"Before this, people thought it was not possible," he said. "After we completed our project, people came to believe it definitely was possible."

Another of Gaffen's recent film projects include a documentary that aired on PBS, which explored the life and death of King Tutankhamun in Egypt.

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TIMES-NEWS YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

Jan. 1: The Idaho State Bengals win the 2007-08 season with a 13-0 record. The Bengals are the first team to win the state championship in the 100-year history of the sport.

APRIL

April 23: Dennis Ferry graduate cornerback is named the 2007 Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He is the first player to win the award since 1998.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 17: The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team finishes 10th in the Division I National Championship. The team is coached by Heidi Carliser and won the regular season 10-2.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 17: The Burley girls beat Hillcrest 48-44 in the Class 4A title game to claim the school's first-ever girls hoops championship, while Richfield rides the leadership of Cassie Wood to a 53-44 overtime win over Garden Valley to win the Class 1A crown.

MAY

May 5: The College of Southern Idaho softball team ends its inaugural season with a second-place finish at the Region 18 Tournament. After forcing a deciding title game against North Idaho College with a 7-2 win in the first championship matchup, the Golden Eagles jump out to a 5-0 lead on the Cardinals before falling 14-5. Nick Baumert's squad finishes 39-28 overall and a just a few innings away from making the JUCO World Series.

DECEMBER

Dec. 8: The \$255,000 settlement in the case of former College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Ben Stubbins is approved by the state court. The settlement is the largest ever in the state's history. Stubbins is accused of sexual harassment and molestation of students over a 12-year period.

MARCH

March 31: The Burley boys basketball team beats Hayden 63-49 to claim the Class 4A championship. With the win, Burley becomes the sixth school in Idaho history to claim boys and girls titles in the same season.

JUNE

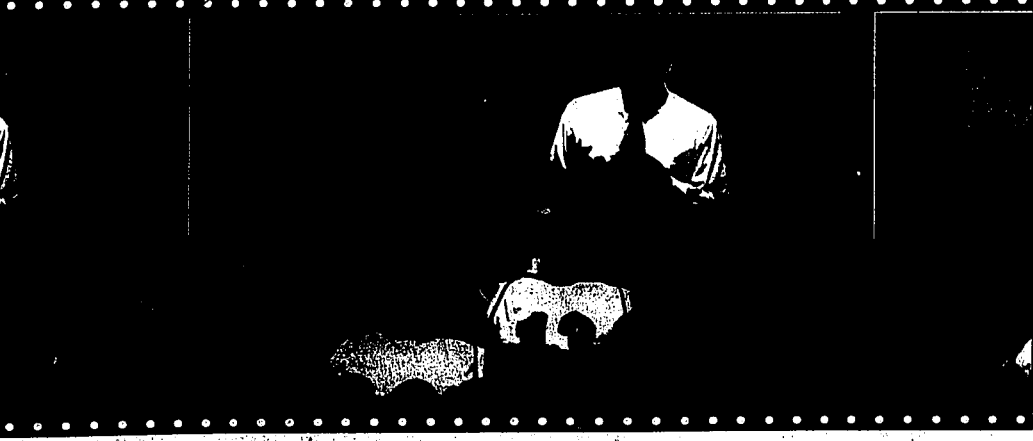
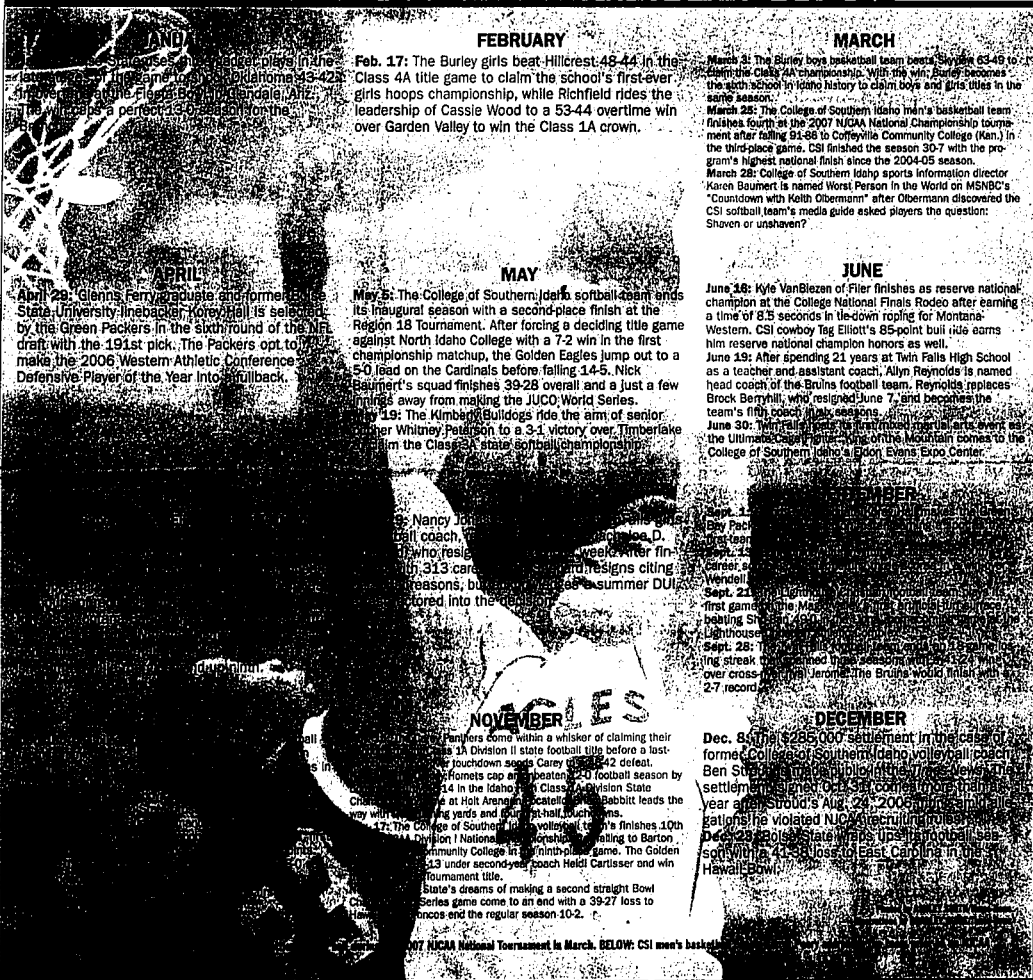
June 18: Kyle VanBlezen of Filer finishes as reserve national champion at the College National Finals Rodeo after earning a time of 8.5 seconds in tie-down roping for Montana-Western. CSI cowboy tag Elliott's 85-point bull ride earns him reserve national champion honors as well.

JULY

July 1: Bay Packer is named the 2007 Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year. He is the first player to win the award since 1998.

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Portland Trail Blazers guards Brandon Roy, left, and Jarrett Jack leap into the air to celebrate Roy's third-quarter three-point shot during Tuesday's game against the Seattle SuperSonics in Portland, Ore.

Portland blazing with a dozen straight wins

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Not all that long ago, many Trail Blazers fans were ready to write off this season. After all, No. 1 draft pick Greg Oden was gone, and maybe it was better to look down the road when the 7-footer returned from surgery.

Then came the streak. Portland has won 12 straight games, matching a streak from the 2001-02 season. The next milestone is the team's longest streak — 16 games during the 1990-91 season.

The latest victory came Friday night, a 109-90 decision against Minnesota. On Sunday night, Portland is home against Philadelphia.

The youngest team in the NBA, Portland started its run with a Dec. 2 victory at Memphis after posting 5-12 to start the season. Nine of the team's 12 victories have come at the Rose

Garden, where the Blazers are 14-3. Portland is one game behind the Nuggets in the Northwest Division.

"Now we are fighting for our division," guard Brandon Roy said. "Our goal is to put as much pressure on Denver as we can. No one expects us to be doing what we're doing."

The Blazers are the first team to string together so many wins after losing 50 games after they beat the odds and landed the top draft pick. They selected Oden. Then came the crash. In September, Oden needed season-ending surgery on his right knee.

Roy, last season's NBA Rookie of the Year, has been the spark

He has scored 20-plus points in nine of the Blazers' games during the streak, and has been honored as the NBA's player of the week twice during the span.

Over the 12 games, Roy is averaging 22.9 points. Fans chant "M-V-P! M-V-P!" at the Rose Garden whenever he comes to the line.

"He's unbelievable," forward James Jones said, "He's humble and that's the best component of everything he has. He's just a humble guy who comes in and works, plays hard and he is so unselfish."

The streak is all the more remarkable because starting forward LaMarcus Aldridge was lost for five games with an inflamed arch. Still, Aldridge is second on the team in scoring during the streak, averaging 16.7 points along with 6.6 rebounds. And the Blazers are getting a

boost from their bench. Forward Travis Outlaw is averaging 14.8 points and has 17 blocks, while Jones is averaging 11.5 points and has made 27-of-39 3-point attempts.

"Most teams play five-on-five but we play 13-on-five," forward Channing Frye said. "The coach can put any of our guys in and we can contribute. They have no problem."

The Blazers have sold out eight games this season at the Rose Garden — all wins. But it gets harder.

"We take every game as a one-game season right now," Frye said. "This is about us taking care of us, getting into the gym, practicing hard and executing our game plan. This isn't about the streak right now. We just have to take care of ourselves and take every game one game at a time right now."

BYwho? Broncos clip Cougars

BOISE — A few more wins like this, and they won't just be talking football at Boise State.

Matt Nelson made all seven of his shots and scored 18 points, former College of Southern Idaho standout Reggie Lundy scored 13, and Boise State rallied from 11 down at halftime to stun No. 20 BYU 73-70 on Saturday night.

The Broncos' first win over a ranked opponent in nearly three years was thanks to an inspired second half and Nelson's gritty play on the inside. Boise State won for the eighth time in its last nine, but it wasn't easy, watching BYU score eight of the final 11 points to make the Broncos sweat.

Lee Camward led the Cougars with 26, but stumbled in traffic and saw his desperation 3-pointer as the clock expired fall well short. BYU (10-3) lost on the road for the first time since October, and likely will fall out of the Top 25.

NO. 5 UCLA 76, UC DAVIS 48 — Darren Collison scored 14 points, freshman Kevin Love had 13 points and nine rebounds, and No. 5 UCLA used a stifling defense to beat UC Davis.

Josh Shipp and Luc Richard Mahatua made added 10 points apiece and Russell Westbrook had nine points and six assists for the Bruins, who completed the non-conference portion of their schedule with a 12-1 record, going 4-1 at home, 0-0 at neutral sites and 1-0 on the road.

NO. 3 KANSAS 86, YALE 53 — LAWRENCE, Kan. — Russell Robinson had eight steals.



BYU's Ben Murdoch (24) drives by Boise State's Anthony Thomas (11) as he heads toward the basket during Saturday's game at Taco Bell Arena in Boise.

Darnell Jackson scored 20 points, and Kansas overthrew Yale.

Robinson has never averaged more than 9.3 points in a season and has managed 7.5 per game this year.

DAYTON 80, N. C. PITTSBURGH 55 — DAYTON, Ohio — Brian Roberts scored 31 points and Dayton upset Pittsburgh, extending the Flyers' winning streak to 10 and handing the Panthers their first loss of the season.

Pittsburgh (11-1) had no answer for Roberts, who got repeated open looks and took full advantage. Marcus Johnson added 15 points and Kurt

Huelsman 12 for the Flyers.

NO. 7 MICHIGAN ST. 93, WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY 75 — EAST LANSING, Mich. — Taymar Morgan scored 24 points to lead Michigan State in its highest-scoring game in the last two seasons.

NO. 8 GEORGETOWN 78, AMERICAN 51 — WASHINGTON STATE — Roy Hibbert broke out of a scoring slump with 14 points and Georgetown shot 60 percent from the field in the win.

WISCONSIN 67, NO. 9 TEXAS 66 — AUSTIN, Texas — Michael Flowers hit a long 3-pointer with 2

seconds to play, then stole Texas' inbound pass and tossed it high in the air to run out the clock in the Badgers' victory.

NO. 11 TENNESSEE 82, Gonzaga 72 — SEATTLE — Julian Smith scored 18 points and Tennessee made up for star Chris Lofton's cold shooting with its usual strong defense. Matt Foulds scored 21 points to lead Gonzaga (9-4), which lost for the third time in five games.

NO. 12 MARQUETTE 77, CRYSTAL CITY 57 — MILWAUKEE — Lazar Hayward and Dominic James each had 12 points and Marquette earned its sixth straight win.

NO. 13 INDIANA 97, CHICAGO ST. 59 — BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Eric Gordon scored 22 points and D.J. White had 21 points and a career-high 15 rebounds for the Hoosiers.

NO. 14 TEXAS A&M 83, FLORIDA A&M 54 — COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Josh Carter scored 18 of his 20 points in the first half and Texas A&M extended its winning streak.

NO. 15 VANDERBILT 92, TENN-MARTIN 85 — NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A.J. Ogilvy had 21 points and nine rebounds, and Shan Foster finished with 16 points for Vanderbilt.

Alex Gordon added 15 points for the Commodores.

NO. 18 VILLANOVA 71, LA SALLE 58 — VILLANOVA, Pa. — Scottie Reynolds scored 19 points and Corey Fisher added 18 for Villanova.

— The Associated Press

Bengals scrape past Division II Crusaders

By Mark Luptak
Times-News correspondent

POCAHONTO, Idaho State head coach Joe O'Brien said "It has surprised me if it wasn't the way we wanted it to be a win."

O'Brien was talking about the Bengals' hard-fought 71-66 win over Division II Northwest Nazarene Saturday night. The Crusaders came in 6-0, the best start in school history, and wouldn't roll over and die to a Bengals team that was desperately looking for a win. ISU (3-9) opened the game scoring the first eight points but midway through the first half the Bengals trailed 22-19.

Thanks to solid play down the stretch by Amorrow Morgan and Logan Kinghorn, the Bengals went on a 17-12 run to take a slim halftime lead of 36-34.

In some ways this may have been the best Idaho State offensive performance of the season because of the diversity they had.

It turned out ISU had five players in double figures, led by Demetrius Monroe. The sophomore had a career-high 16 points to go along with 12 rebounds and hit the biggest shot of the game. The Bengals had a seven-point lead with 2:30 left and seemed to be in a position to put the game away.

But they rushed some shots and in the blink of an eye the Crusaders were back to within a basket at 66-64. Monroe then got a back-door layup with 1:36 left to up the lead to four and ISU survived.

"We persevered," Monroe said. "We didn't want to have to get on the bus tonight for the trip to Washington with a loss. We needed this win."

In addition to Monroe's 16 points, Morgan had 13, Austin Kilpatrick finished with 11 and both Kinghorn and Matt Stucki added 10. Stucki also had 10 assists.

ISU travels to 6-4 Washington on Monday.

Pierce hits late layup to help league-leading Celtics past Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — Paul Pierce hit a tiebreaking layup with 28 seconds left, then sealed Boston's fifth straight victory with a defense rebound and two free throws, as the Celtics beat the Utah Jazz 104-98 Saturday night.

Pierce was shut out in the first half, then came back scoring in the final two periods. He had 10 points in the third quarter and another 14 in the fourth to lead Boston to its 14th win in the last 15 games.

Roy Allen scored 23 and Kevin Garnett added 15 points and nine rebounds for the Celtics, who complete a four-game road trip Sunday at the Lakers.

Deron Williams had 22 points and 11 assists, and Carlos Bozler finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds for Utah.

MAVERICKS 97, HAWKS 84 — DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points, Josh Howard and Devin Harris each had 19, and the Dallas Mavericks led throughout.

Dallas made its first five shots, including 3-pointers by Howard and Nowitzki, to jump out to a 12-0 lead less than 24 minutes into a game against the Mavericks that had to hold off a late charge

by Atlanta, Howard and Nowitzki kept it from getting too close.

PISTONS 96, PACERS 92 — INDIANAPOLIS — Richard Hamilton scored 24 points, Chauncey Billups had 17, and Detroit beat Indiana for its eighth straight victory.

Headed by Jason Kidd, Detroit added 12 points and Rasheed Wallace finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds to help the Pistons (23-7) complete a home-and-home sweep.

WIZARDS 96, HEAT 74 — WASHINGTON — Andray Blatche scored 19 points, and Washington led by as many as 30 in handling Miami its fourth loss in a row.

It was the lowest point total for the Heat — or any Wizards opponent — this season.

Caron Butler scored 16 for Washington, and Antawn Jamison added 15 points and nine rebounds.

A night after playing 5½ minutes, Dwyane Wade looked sluggish at times and finished with 12 points on 5-for-12 shooting, along with seven turnovers, by 27 minutes. Shaquille O'Neal and Jason Williams were out with injuries.



Boston Celtics forward Glen Davis (11) looks around Utah Jazz forward Mehmet Okur (13) during Saturday's game in Salt Lake City.

Orleans over Cleveland for its fifth straight victory.

Chris Paul had 20 points, nine assists and tied a career high with seven steals, while Tyson Chandler added 11 points and 12 rebounds to help New Orleans (20-10) tie its best start through 30 games in franchise history. LeRon James drew the first

sellout of the season in New Orleans Arena (17,622) and also drew a lot of attention from New Orleans' defense. James tried to let his teammates do most of the scoring through the first three quarters, but it didn't work.

MAGIC 104, BOKCATS 95 — ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo

Jazz send Gordan Gricsek to 76ers for Kyle Korver

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers acquired disgruntled guard Gordan Gricsek and a first-round draft pick from the Utah Jazz for guard Kyle Korver on Saturday.

Gricsek had fallen out of favor with Jazz coach Jerry Sloan after the two had a heated exchange during a timeout in a game at Charlotte. The Philadelphia guard was ordered to the locker room and then sent home for three games.

Carlos Arroyo replaced the injured Jameer Nelson at point guard for Orlando and had 16 points and six assists. Rashard Lewis scored 18 points and Keith Bogans 12 as all five Magic starters reached double figures.

ROCKETS 91, RAPTORS 79 — HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half as the Rockets led 19-11 with 1:15 left and 11 rebounds to lead Houston.

NETS 97, BUCKS 95 — MILWAUKEE — Vince Carter scored eight of his 23 points in the final four minutes, Jason Kidd added 11 of his 17 in the fourth quarter, and New Jersey beat Milwaukee.

Richard Jefferson had 19 for the Nets, who have won four of five. Kidd finished with 15 assists but six turnovers.

— The Associated Press

Planet Cheer takes on Utah

SALT LAKE CITY — Planet Cheer came out on top of the USA competition in Salt Lake City on Dec. 8. The Mini, Tiny and Midget squads placed first while the Senior Squad placed second. The Mini, Youth and Senior squads all received bids to the USA Nationals in California.

At the UCA Regional Championship in Spanish Fork, Utah, on Dec. 15, all squads placed first. The Mini, Youth and Senior squads received bids to the UCA Nationals in Florida.

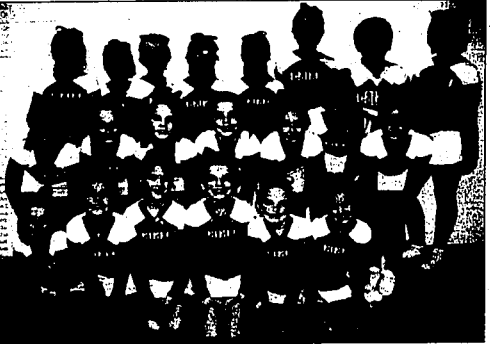
Planet Cheer next competes on Jan. 26 at Idaho State University.



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Brandon Bjorn, Kneeliff Tefft, Keisla Schutz, Brianna Hoshikawa, Vanessa Northcutt, Miyoko Freeman, Melissa Koenig, Brital Bunde, Rylee Nazza, Grady Carlton, Aspen Baskin, Larissa Stewart, Alexis Bingham, Melissa Cole, Jessica Childs, Jocelyn Childs, Carly Letz, Clara Conner, Ruth Laza, Taylor Simpson, Brooke Fitzgerald, Emika Freeman.

Your Scores

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUNDAY ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: R.D. Adema 630, Keith Kelly 625, Vance Mason 582, Stan Visser 579.
MEN'S GAMES: RD Adema 245, Vance Mason 228, Keith Kelly 233, Stan Visser 214.
LADIES SERIES: Margie Adema 562, Amanda Adema 551, Brenda Staley 463, Sandy Kelly 441.
LADIES GAMES: Amanda Adema 214, Margie Adema 197, Ida Countryman 197, Brenda Staley 175.
COMMERCIAL SERIES: Cobey Magee 713, Leon Klimes 689, Kerry Klussen 686, Robert Watkins 645.
GAMES: Cobey Magee 258, Tad Capuro 248, Kerry Klussen 246, Bob Leazer 246.

MASON

SERIES: Kathy Gray 549, Jean Stoksbary 521, Greta Barutia 518, Virginia Mulkey 500.
GAMES: Kathy Gray 230, Anna Moore 200, Glonda Barutia 193, Jean Stoksbary 189.

PIONEER

SERIES: Cassie Hohnhorst 566, Cheri Freeman 559, Lori Turner 526, Barb Reynolds 517.
GAMES: Cassie Hohnhorst: 225, Kathy McClure 202, Cheri Freeman 202, Lori Turner 195.

VALLEY

SERIES: R.D. Adema 713, Kent Stowe 695, Jody Bruant 683, Stan Visser 681.
GAMES: R.D. Adema 299, Ryan Worden Jr. 275, Kent Stowe 257, Tad Capuro 246.

FIFTY FIVE

MEN'S SERIES: Gerald Leis 583, Max Danos 551, Jack Boyd 562, Con Meyer 546.
MEN'S GAMES: Max Danos 1233, Joe McClure 214, Charles Lewis 214, Tom Morgan 213.
LADIES SERIES: Virginia Mulkey 584, Barbara Smith 503, Chelcie Eager 499, Gloria Harder 490.
LADIES GAMES: Virginia Mulkey 204, Barbara Smith 191, Lulu Borge 185, Gloria Harder 180.

THURS. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tad Capuro 627, Todd Dickenson 618, Jim Brawley 604, Charles Lewis 557.
MEN'S GAMES: Todd Dickenson 237, Jim Brawley 226, Larry Latlin 222, Charles Lewis 220.
LADIES SERIES: Edie Barkley 549, Lisa Dickenson 509, Kathy McClure 490, Shari Wisk 488.
LADIES GAMES: Lisa Dickenson 211, Edie Barkley 209, Charlene Kiser 188, Lynn Ashmead 184.

SAT. YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Zack Black 611, Trevor Wakley 587, Paul Jaeger 570, Dominic Curtis 499.
BOYS' GAMES: Trevor Wakley 260, Paul Jaeger 222, Dominic Curtis 188, Kyle Mason 162.
GIRLS' SERIES: Kaitlyn Simpson 512, Jessica Jenkins 490, Erica Reeves 486, Ryan Simpson 465.
GIRLS' GAMES: Ryan Simpson 224, Kaitlyn Simpson 194, Erica Reeves 193, Jessica Jenkins 187.

M.V. MEN'S TRAVEL LEAGUE

SERIES: Shon Bywater 732, Ryan Worden Sr. 699, Rick Heib 697, Len DeVries 666.
GAMES: Shon Bywater 279, Tony Brass 259, Jody Bryant 265, Rick Heib 163.
SERIES: Tad Capuro 783, Dale Black 684, Denny O'Brien 679, Dustin McCallister 677.
GAMES: Tad Capuro 286, Mark Owens 276, Kerry Klussen 269, Dale Black 169.

SLAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO (4 GAME SERIES)
SERIES: Justin Studer 894, Jordan Parish 875, Wally Studer 853, Delbert Bennett 835.
GAMES: Justin Studer 265, Jordan Parish 255, Wally Studer 246, Delbert Bennett 245.
LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS
SERIES: Kim DeWitt, Nancy Jensen 458, Kim Garcia 446, Melissa Cruz 441.
GAMES: Melissa Cruz 183, Linda Daniel 179, Kim Davis 178, Nancy Jensen 170.
MONDAY MARAUDERS
SERIES: Dorry Smith 492, Kathryn Stanger 429, Kristie Johnston 428, Brenda Schenk 420.
GAMES: Kathryn Stanger 183, Dorry Smith 178, Kristie

Johnston 161, Brenda Schenk 159.

DOB BALL

SERIES: Tom Albert 539, Stephanie Long 531, Glenda Meehan 502, Jan Studer 456.
GAMES: Stephanie Long 206, Glenda Meehan 203, Tom Albert 196, Sharon Taylor 161.

TUESDAY MIXED

SERIES: Rick Heib 703, Bob Bywater 632, Jordan Parish 618, Chris Rowley 544, Stacy Heib 501, Theresa Knowlton 463.
GAMES: Rick Heib 266, Bob Bywater 237, Dee Maier 232, Chris Rowley 184, Kristie Johnston 184, Theresa Knowlton 180.

WED. MIXED

SERIES: Marty Holland 648, Galen Rogers 599, Tyson Hirsch 597, Annette Hirsch 531, Jessica Meyer 465, Terri Albert 411.
GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 234, Galen Rogers 232, Marty Holland 225, Annette Hirsch 212, Jessica Meyer 182, Georgia Schult 176.

BARLDADERS

SERIES: Deon Fassett 536, Hym Son 501, Jamie Stewart 499, Sury Velveton 465.
GAMES: Jamie Stewart 204, Deon Fassett 196, Sury Velveton 185, Janet Grant 183.

HOUSEWIVES

SERIES: Kristie Johnston 531, Sharon Rathe 518, Bonnie Murphy 502, Kimber Rathe 448.
GAMES: Kristie Johnston 190, Sharon Rathe 189, Bonnie Murphy 172, Londa McClellan 168.

THURS. MORN. DBLS.

SERIES: Nanette Koste 513, Kay Heffington 506, Kris Zanone 473, Deann Richins 468.
GAMES: Nanette Koste 190, Kay Heffington 194, Kris Zanone 192, Deann Richins 183.

MAJOR

SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 719, Justin Studer 656, Larry Iwakini 644, Bob Bywater 642.
GAMES: Justin Studer 262, Tyson Hirsch 255, Lyle Martindale 246, Larry Iwakini 239.

MA & PA

SERIES: Randy Rose 574, Garth Jones 565, Bob Despain 546, Kris Rodriguez 516, Janet Grant 472, Lynn Despain 442.

EARLY BIRDS

SERIES: Darrin Carter 689, Duane Smith 614, Shannon Carter 607, Norma Carter 531, Nita Maier 513, Jody Galan 430.
GAMES: Darrin Carter 255, Duane Smith 236, Dee Maier 231, Norma Carter 194, Nita Maier 179, Jody Galan 156.

MINICO

SERIES: Sheldon Zimmerman 577, John Hamilton 524, Jared Studer 492, Bridget Abertson 509, Jamie Mancias 339, Meriah Keller 287.
GAMES: Jared Studer 226, John Hamilton 198, John Hamilton 198, Bridget Abertson 168, Meriah Keller 126, Jamie Mancias 124.

BURLEY

SERIES: Anthony Meyer 604, Garrett Anderson 524, Russell Martin 444, Amanda Rowley 434, Cassie Lindsay 340, Kyndie Koch 330.
GAMES: Anthony Meyer 234, Garrett Anderson 224, Russell Martin 182, Amanda Rowley 157, Cassie Lindsay 140, Sydnie Koch 129.

BUN, EARLY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Byron D. Hager 716, Bob Leazer 714, Rick Fredericksen 686, Dale Black 669.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 273, Byron D. Hager 277, Nell Walsh 245, Dale Black 241.
LADIES SERIES: Tracy Hoffman 617, Elaine Hager 553, Gretchen Black 511, Georgia Randall 505.
LADIES GAMES: Tracy Hoffman 253, Gretchen Black 199, Elaine Hager 199, Georgie Randall 197.

MON. FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Rick Morrow 608, Rick Rutherford 590, Tony Brass 579, Ken Hodges 573.
MEN'S GAMES: Rick Rutherford 245, Mike Watchford 235, Rick Morrow 224, Lawrence Tolman 213, Dute Simpson 213.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Beth Mason 536, Melchelo Koepnick 517, Becky Chambers 483, Deanna Heil 459.
GAMES: Beth Mason 223, Becky Chambers 200, Flame Klundt 192, Melchelo Koepnick 182.

MOOSE

SERIES: Nick Moravec 733, Roy Muff 700, Cobey Magee 696, Cory Moore 670.
GAMES: Nick Moravec 276, Roy Muff 266, Cobey Magee 243, Roy Salzer 235, Roy Maxfield 235.

SH-BROOM

MEN'S SERIES: Bill Meyer 657, Kelly Jeroux 644, Mike Olson 594, Dale Rhyna 590.
MEN'S GAMES: Mike Olson 257, Bill Meyer 244, Darrell Reynolds 231, Dale Black 226.
LADIES SERIES: Kathi Jeroux 582, Barbara Reynolds 550, Shannon Kondracki 540, Julie Smith 533.
LADIES GAMES: Shannon Kondracki 213, Kathi Jeroux 205, Julie Smith 204, Stacey Pitman 203, Potty Skuzo 203.
MID MORN. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Dick DeRoche 614, Gerald Leis 611, Tom Glass 611, Wauery Miller 595.
MEN'S GAMES: Dick DeRoche 244, Gerald Leis 241, Harry Burkert 233, Eddie Chappell 223.
LADIES SERIES: Pat Glass 544, Gail Cedarlund 542, Joyce Larsen 475, Joann Burkert 473.
LADIES GAMES: Gail Cedarlund 193, Pat Glass 190, Joann Burkert 183, Joyce Larsen 175.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Linda Vining 570, Jessie Biggestaff 496, Jean McGure 494, Londa Stout 490.
GAMES: Linda Vining 213, Jessie Biggestaff 197, Barbara Frith 195, Londa Stout 191.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Linda Vining 574, Shawna Obenchain 528, Mona Neill 507, Terri Federico 503.
GAMES: Linda Vining 221, Shawna Obenchain 202, Mona Neill 189, Helen McLeod 189.

CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Gerald Leis 691, Rick Fredericksen 667, Bob Leazer 661, Jerry Moses 660.
GAMES: Gerald Leis 258, Rick Fredericksen 255, Blaine Ross 214, Jerry Moses 213, Dennis Seckel 213.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Ron Marshall 620, Bill Freeman 596, Ken Hodges 568, Eddie Chappell 538.
MEN'S GAMES: Ron Marshall 236, Ken Hodges 228, Ed Dutry 204, Bill Freeman 200, Eddie Chappell 160.
LADIES SERIES: Ann Brewer 130, Dory Drapek 122, Jean McGure 122, Barbara Frith 178.

LADIES CLASSIC

SERIES: Diana Brady 582, Angie Hillman 541, Jeannette Johnson 527, Georgia Randall 534.
GAMES: Shannon Kondracki 211, Angie Hillman 210, Teana Thompson 208, Kay Puschel 206.

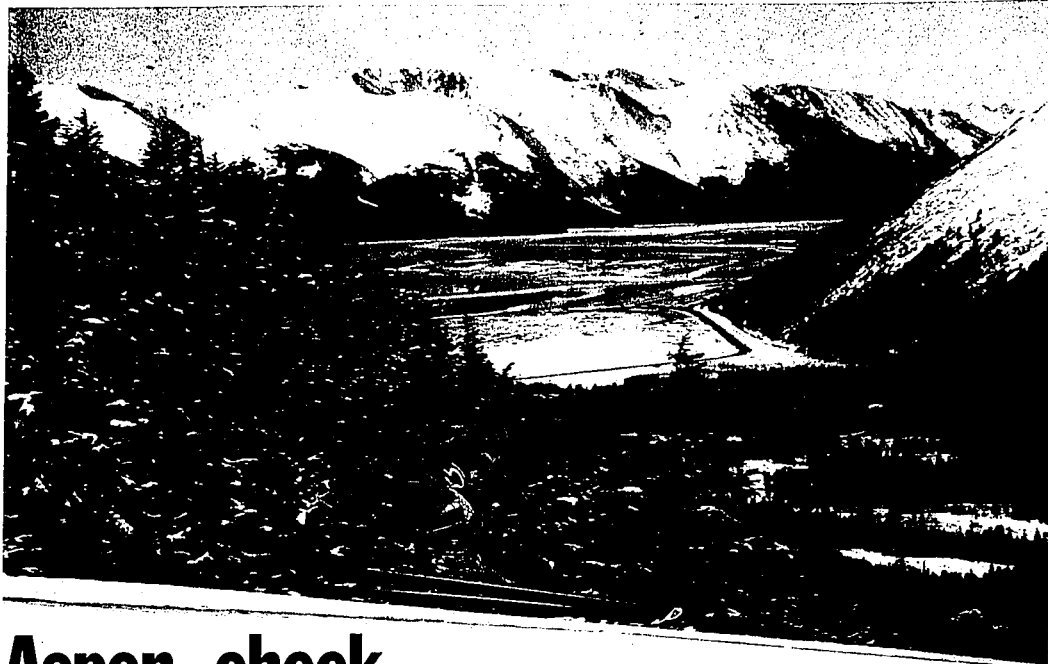
SUNSET

SERIES: Kathi Jeroux 558, Caystall Shull 550, Amanda Justman 542, Leanna Magee 535, Kim Leazer 528.
GAMES: Caystall Shull 223, Kathi Jeroux 223, Kim Leazer 215, Susan McPherson 210.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 620, Gerald Leis 590, Tom Smith 586, Tom Draper 577.
MEN'S GAMES: Blaine Ross 245, Jess Harrell 231, Tom Smith 225, Gerald Leis 222.
LADIES SERIES: Bonnie Draper 548, Linda Vining 531, Jean McGure 510, Nalejan Dutry 492.
LADIES GAMES: Bonnie Draper 205, Linda Vining 195, Carolin Bower 193, Nalejan Dutry 178.

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Whistler, check.

Where next? Alaska?

By Jeannette J. Lee
Associated Press writer

GIRDWOOD, Alaska — As alpine enthusiasts contemplate how they'll be breaking in their equipment this season, the managers at Alaska's only ski resort hope powder-lovers will bypass the classic slopes of Whistler, Sun Valley and Aspen and head to the far north.

The Alyeska Resort, long considered a niche venue for locals and adventure skiers, is undergoing a \$25 million expansion to lure larger groups of winter vacationers, families especially, to the peaks of south-central Alaska.

The resort's owner, a wealthy real estate investor and self-professed ski junkie from Utah, has stoked big changes at the Girdwood Institution, from new conveyor-belt lifts for beginners and snowmaking machines, to refurbished guest rooms and healthier menus.

John Byrne III, who bought the resort last year, is also negotiating with the U.S. Forest Service to build a lift that would open hundreds of acres of raw terrain in the Chugach Mountains to highly skilled off-piste skiers and snow-boarders.

But the top priority, Byrne said, is making steep and rugged Mount Alyeska less daunting for novices. Intermediate runs, most on the harder side, make up about half of the 1,400 acres of groomed trail. Another 10 percent are sculpted for beginners and 37 percent are black diamonds, the most difficult.

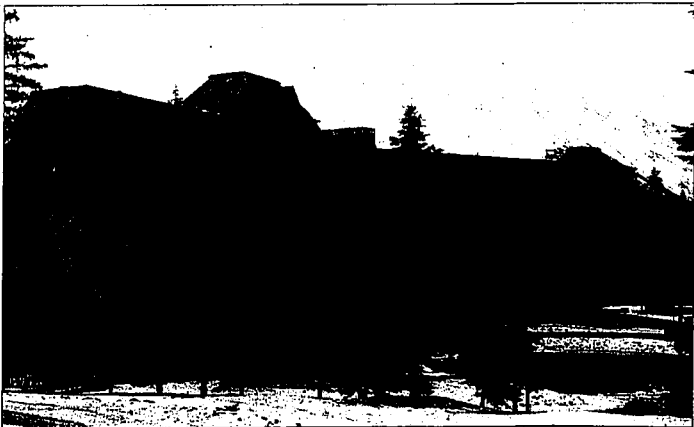
"Alaska has lots of great expert terrain, which I love, but what we really need now is more good beginner and intermediate terrain," Byrne said by phone from his home in Alta, Utah. "In the long

How far?
About six hours of flying from Boise to Seattle to Anchorage, plus a 45-minute drive to Girdwood.

run, we need to offer the complete package." This season, the resort is offering new ski-school classes and has carved out some mellow runs to give skiers and snowboarders more options on the mountain. At the low end, group lessons start at \$45 for young children. Adults signing up for a six-hour private lesson pay \$330.

Alyeska shares a sparsely populated valley with the community of Girdwood, home to an eclectic mix of artists, mountaineers and commuters to Anchorage, 40 miles to the north. Alaska's U.S. senators, Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski, own homes in Girdwood.

The former gold mining town has 1,200 full-time residents, zero stoplights and no mail delivery. Downtown consists of the post office where everyone picks up



The Hotel Alyeska at Alyeska Resort on Dec. 8 in Girdwood, Alaska. The resort, about 40 miles north of Anchorage, is undergoing a \$25 million expansion to lure larger groups of winter vacationers, families especially, to the peaks of south-central Alaska. At top, a skier races down the hill at Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska, during the U.S. Alpine Championships on March 26.

If you go...

ALYESKA RESORT: Girdwood, Alaska; www.alyeskaresort.com or 907-754-1111. Rates start at \$149; some last-minute deals available.
OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS: Girdwood has a variety of lodges and B&Bs. www.girdwoodchamber.com/cg-bin/comp_mfrcp.cgi.
GETTING THERE: Girdwood is a 40-mile drive south of Anchorage, which is served by major airlines. Expect a layover in Seattle.
DINING OUTSIDE THE RESORT: The Double Moose, 400 S. Girdwood Rd., www.doublemoose.com or 907-753-7328; The Bar, 100 S. Girdwood Rd., www.thebar.com or 907-753-7328.

Maxine's Glacier City Bistro, 1000 Crow Creek Rd., www.maxinesbistro.com or 907-783-0284; offers inexpensive deals and the menu changes daily.
The Bar, 100 S. Girdwood Rd., www.thebar.com or 907-753-7328.
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Travelers may stay closer to home in 2008

By Beth J. Hapaz
Associated press writer



ABOVE: Bill Moore, 55, from Denver, Colorado checks in at an airline counter in the resort city of Cancun, Mexico in this Jan. 23, 2007 file photo. New passport rules were part of the travel changes in 2007.

LEFT: JetBlue Airways Corp. passengers sleep and work on computers as they wait for flights at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, in this Feb. 15, 2007 file photo. Travel in 2007 was marked by high gas prices, record lows for the dollar, and record-high air travel.

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In 2008, experts say, Americans may take shorter trips or choose destinations closer to home where their dollar goes further.

But they will still travel. The Conference Board's most recent consumer survey found 45.8 percent of Americans intend to take a vacation within six months, down just a tad from 46.4 percent a year ago.

"When there's a slowdown in the economy, travel only slows slightly," said Douglas Shifflet of D.K. Shifflet & Associates, which tracks travel trends. "The amount of time people spend on vacations and in hotels is hit harder. They make tradeoffs; they stay closer to home or with friends and relatives."

"They'll look for other ways to save, like taking a day or two off of their trip," agreed Amy Ziff, *Travelocity* editor-at-large.

International hot spots for '08 include Beijing; Central America; Italy, Eastern Europe and Lisbon, Portugal. But domestic travel could benefit from the weak dollar and other trends. Visits to national parks were up 1.3 percent, January-September 2007, compared to the previous year, with Yosemite and Yellowstone adding more than a quarter-million visitors. Lonely Planet, the guidebook publisher, picked the U.S. as its No. 1 destination for 2008.

"It has made it more expensive for U.S. travelers to take their European dream vacation, so they're looking at their own backyard paradise, with holidays that include national parks and Hawaii," said Lionel Planet spokeswoman Christina Timmah.

"I think we'll see an increase in domestic travel and people looking for really good deals — for example, places where they can stay four nights and get a fifth night free," said Ziff.

Fianna Lake Washland, director of Yahoo! Travel, predicted more trips to "small, weekend-type destinations, with people staying closer to home and doing shorter getaways."

AIR TRAVEL: The year 2007 is on track to be the busiest ever. Domestic airlines carried a record 582 million passengers January-

JFK as a first step in cutting delays. But that would decrease options for travel through JFK, and airlines could go up as a result.

"There will be more option on flights to London through when the Open Skies agreement takes effect March 26. It allows a half-dozen carriers to add direct flights to Heathrow from Atlanta, JFK, Houston, Newark, Philadelphia, Dallas and Los Angeles.

PASSPORTS: The State Department issued a record 10.4 million passports in fiscal year 2007, compared to 12.1 million in 2006. Thirty percent of Americans now hold passports, up from 27 percent.

The increase was spurred by new rules requiring passports for air travel to the U.S. from Mexico, the Caribbean and Canada. "Last summer, the time it took to get a passport doubled to 12 weeks; countless vacations were ruined when travelers didn't get their passports in time."

The debacle led the State Department to publicly apologize. Processing times are now back to normal (four to six weeks); details at <http://www.travel.state.gov/passport>.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is proposing that passports be required for land and sea travel from the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico as early as summer 2008, but the plan is controversial and could be changed. (Other acceptable documents would be the new passport card, due out in spring; enhanced driver's licenses; being supervised by several states; and "Trusted Traveler cards" from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.) Cruisers may get an important exemption: a proposal to allow U.S. citizens to sail to the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico without passports if they depart from and return to the same U.S. port.

Alaska

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health clinic, a few restaurants and several other buildings along a 200-yard dirt road.

Pat Roman, who helps run the Girardwood Guesthouse, said most residents depend on the resort for employment. He hopes the expansion will attract more winter visitors to the roughly 25 lodges and bed-and-breakfasts in the valley.

"We don't get many tourists in winter because it's a big change for us," Roman said. "Hopefully, they will fill the hotel and there will be overflow into the B&Bs."

Byrne said guests want great skiing paired with great food and accommodations. He has spent \$3.5 million so far on the 23-year-old hotel.

"Sometimes dad or mom doesn't ski and they just want a comfortable place to relax," Byrne said.

Each of the more than 300 cherry-trimmed rooms have brand-new beds, comforters, slippers and nightstands. Black-and-white photo prints of indigenous Americans, by early-20th-century photographer Edward Curtis, now hang in each suite, with references to Alaska's native culture, resort spokesman Jason Lott said during a recent tour.

Winter room prices start at \$49 and go out at \$1,000 for a three-suite, although last-minute deals can drop the cost to \$79 a night. Tourist season in Alaska peaks during the summer, and rates are generally higher from mid-May to the end of September.

The resort's Seven Glaciers restaurant, 2,300 feet above sea level and only accessible by tram, boasts an open-air wood floor opened recently in the corridor between the hotel mezzanine and the high-speed tram. Next door, a sports shop is stocked with gleaming new rental gear. The resort spa offers massages, manicures and "glacial facials" using "creamy Arctic mud." Byrne is also planning to build condos for rental and

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— Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association, based in Lakewood, Colo.

purchase near the hulking main building. But some things, so far, remain the same.

High above the lobby, Alyeska's signature stuffed polar bear bears its teeth, as always, beneath a faux sky lit by stars and the Northern Lights. The indoor saltwater swimming pool will remain a popular feature. And the resort will continue hosting international events, such as the Teletulosa World Telemark Free-skiing Competition in March 2008. It hosted the U.S. Alpine Championships in 2004 and 2007.

Ski industry experts are keeping tabs on the overhaul. They will be gauging Alyeska's success at bringing visitors to Alaska during the winter, when most tourist attractions close up shop and daylight peters out after just a few hours. (The slopes are lit when it's dark.)

The resort also faces the challenge of convincing people that the long, and often expensive, trip is worthwhile. From Seattle, the flight to nearby Anchorage takes upwards of three hours. And the Northwest already has a top ski destination: Whistler Blackcomb in British Columbia, with 8,100 acres of premium runs and the well-established shopping and nightlife that Girardwood lacks.

"Everyone thinks it's a good idea for Alaska skiing. It's an area that hasn't been com-

pletely harvested for its potential," said Kelly Davis, research manager at snowsports.org, a non-profit industry research group based in McLean, Va. "We're curious to see how they're going to get more people up there."

Lott said other improvements will attract year-round visitors to the resort. Alyeska has built new hiking and mountain bike trails and offers summer activities through local tour companies, such as paragliding, rafting and sled dog rides on a glacier. Winter visitors can ice skate at Portage Lake or view Alaska wildlife — moose, grizzlies and musk oxen — at the wildlife conservation center off the Seward Highway.

"If this expansion is significant enough, it's not a stretch to think that people will put it on their list of must-dos," said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association, based in Lakewood, Colo. "What resonates is the vista and locale and how close you are to spectacular terrain."

Byrne said he is aware that much work remains. "Letting people in the lower 48 know about Alyeska has not been the burning priority so far," he said. "The priority is getting the product right, and then you'll start to see the ads. The trick isn't to get people to come to Alyeska once, but to turn it into a regular ski trip for the rest of their lives."

FEARLESS TRAVELER

One is not an odd number

By Scott Vogel
The Washington Post

Q: I'm a single person who wants to take a vacation, but whenever I find a deal they add a surcharge for being single. Are there places that don't charge extra for being single?

A: We don't mean to pry, but the first thing to ask yourself is whether you are single by choice or default. This question is critical to not only your romantic future but your traveling one, because although enormous progress has been made on the solo front, much of the tourism industry still fancies itself a latter-day Noah's Ark (and it's not only cruise ships that prefer their animals two-by-two).

Let's assume for the sake of argument that you're the type to travel alone and love it. If so, head to www.traveloneandlovet.com, a site full of tips and resources run by Sharon B. Winger, author of the book, *"Travel Alone & Love It."*

When you travel solo, "you'll find you meet people more easily, learn more about the places you visit and have freedom to do as you please," she writes encouragingly on her Web site. There you'll find links to several companies that spe-

cialize in helping travelers beat single supplements as well as tips and testimonials on the subject from fellow soloists.

On the other hand, perhaps you'll be willing to pair off — if you could. In that case, there's a wealth of sites on the Internet — that great purveyor of relationships virtual and otherwise — ready to match you up with like-minded solo travelers (www.travelonetravelers.com, say) or offering group trips catering to the unmarried set. One of the biggest is Singles Travel International (877-765-6874, www.singlestravelintl.com), whose president, Tammy Weller, says more and more tourists are choosing the paradoxical option of traveling alone in groups.

"We're perfect for single people who don't want to be alone all the time," she says. "We're especially important at the dinner hour. That's the toughest time when you're traveling alone. You want to talk about your day, the experiences you've had." Q: We'll be in Sydney in February. Can you recommend ways to get to know the city that aren't too budget-busting? Is it possible to walk the Harbour Bridge? What is the story on seeing a show in the opera house?

A: "Oh, they'll love the weather in February," says Francine Belfield, a Fairfax, Va., travel agent who specializes in "Traveler cards" from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. "It's doubtful they'll even need a light jacket."

Wait, it gets better. "Truthfully, you don't have to do a lot of guided tours. They have buses, a monorail, a metro system and it's very much a walkable city. There are several transportation packages you can buy before you leave, including a Sydney Pass (www.sydneypass.info), which for \$127 gets you five days of unlimited travel on city buses, ferries, certain trains, sightseeing buses and more.

The Harbour Bridge can definitely be walked — along a pathway on the bridge's east side — but it also be (begin) lit walked (end) lit. The Bridge Climb is a guided tour that takes the intrepid up wind-tattered ladders on that upper span, across catwalks and eventually to the bridge's summit. (Walkers are securely tethered to each other.) Belfield strongly recommends booking this popular activity in advance: www.bridgeclimb.com. And you can see the opera house via an inexpensive tour or by attending a performance.

Relish what's coming next month!

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Snow showers scattered about. Additional accumulations will be light. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Snow showers coming to end. Clouds may clear some late. Low in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and a much colder with light winds. Highs in the middle 20s.

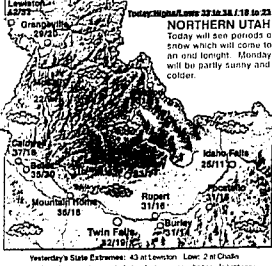
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered snow showers and breezy. Small additional accumulations. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Snow winds down. Partial clearing late. Lows in the mid-20s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny, but colder. Highs in the low to mid-20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Snow will continue for today with some additional accumulations. Winds will be high enough to cause areas of blowing snow. Snow ends tonight with more clearing conditions for Monday.

BOISE
Snow showers will continue today, coming in an end tonight. A better look at this sun Monday, but it will remain chilly.



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
A man or woman who treasures his friends is a gold gold himself.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Dec 31, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Monday and Tuesday.

U. V. INDEX

Low to Moderate. High. The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

REGIONAL FORECAST

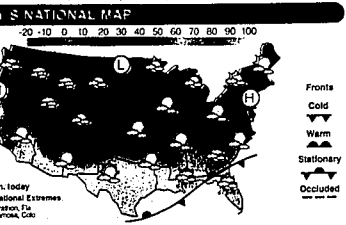
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NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

Glimpse magazine for study abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you're planning on traveling or studying abroad, check out Glimpse magazine, which is geared to college students and young adults interested in international issues.
The quarterly magazine's motto is "Real Life Abroad." It is published by an independent foundation, but is largely supported by the National Geographic Society. Its editorial offices are located in the society's Washington headquarters.
Glimpse prints about 10,000 copies per issue, with most copies distributed through study-abroad offices, but it's also available on newsstands and by paid subscription — \$17.95 for a year.
The Winter 2007 issue is themed on "Global Greening: Lessons from Abroad," with articles on working on organic farms in New Zealand, "Public Transit Adventures" from Kenya to Brazil; "China: The Good, Bad and Smoggy;" and "Can't You People Walk Anywhere?" — reflections of an American returning to a car-centric life after living in London, where walking and public transportation — not SUVs — are the default modes of getting around.
The magazine also offers a directory of resources for travel, volunteer and study abroad opportunities in every issue.
The current issue includes Bridge Linguate — http://www.BridgeLinguate.com — which can direct you to programs where you can learn a language, teach English or volunteer globally. Experiences — http://www.globalexperiences.com — which customizes internships in various fields around the world; and Semester at Sea — http://www.semesteratsea.com — where you travel the world in a ship.

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Jan. 2
Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., home of Betsy Sifer, Filer, 735-5213.
Rosetta assisted Living Alzheimer's support group meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 1177 Eastridge Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, (208) 734-9422 to R.S.V.P.

Jan. 4
The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) jam and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580.
Rupert Business and Professional Women meeting and no-host dinner, 6:30 p.m., Dilt Inn meeting room, 545 F St., Rupert, 436-3565 or 431-3565.



Jan. 4
"First Friday Dinner," a buffet-style, traditional Basque meal sponsored by the Gooding Basque Association, 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Basque Cultural Center at the intersection of Highways 26 and 46, Gooding, general donation of \$14 (seniors eat for \$12), (208) 352-4266 or 308-5051.



Jan. 6
Sunday Dinner, featuring roast pork with applesauce, noon to 1:30 p.m., Ageless Senior Citizens Center, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, suggested donation: \$6 adults, \$3 for children under age 12 (take out meals available), 423-4335.



Jan. 8
Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, guest speaker Mayor Lance Clow on downtown interests, 11:30 a.m., Vincifra, 138 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, \$12, 731-2082 for reservations by Jan 6.
Barley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208) 670-4868 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.



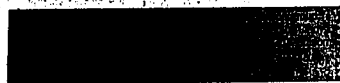
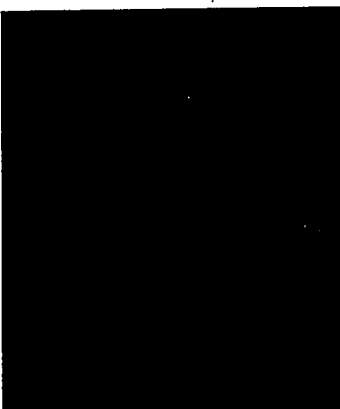
Jan. 10
Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Elsie Traugher, 2622 Longbow Drive, Twin Falls, 734-3745.



Jan. 14
Grandparents as Parents Support Group meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, Twin Falls, 736-2122.
Jan. 14, 15 — AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no AARP membership required or driving; insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Health and Welfare building, 601 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-9680.



Jan. 16
Mini-Casala Service Providers Community Resource Meeting and no-host lunch, with presentations by Kimberly O'Leary of Dyslexia Solutions Reading Clinic and Darin Perry of Impact Net Worth, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connor's Café, Interstate Exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, 679-9165 or 677-4872 ext. 2.
"Coping with Widowhood," an eight-week series providing information and support for widowed men and women, sponsored by Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Katz Conference Room, South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, 736-2122. (Drop-ins welcome.)



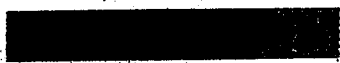
Jan. 19 — Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 20th annual Couples Banquet, with silent auction, live auction and raffles, 6 p.m. happy hour and 7 p.m. dinner, Radio Rondevo, 241 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 736-6220.
Jan. 19 — Magic Valley Model Railroaders group, public is invited to bring and run their trains, (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Model Rail Road building, Twin Falls County fairgrounds, Filer, 404-2151.



Jan. 21 — Frim Weight Loss Program Introductory class, 6 p.m., Gooding Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., no cost, 934-8508.



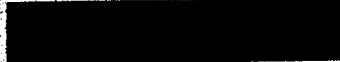
Jan. 23 — Job Search Workshop, offered by the Department of Labor; learn tips on interviewing, writing resumes, completing applications and identifying skills and interests, 8:30 a.m., 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 735-2500.



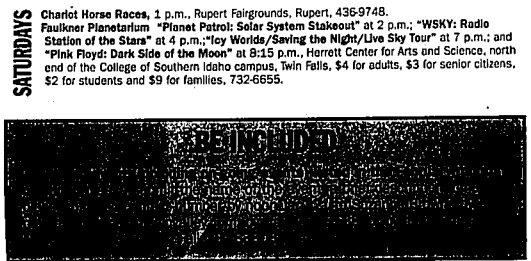
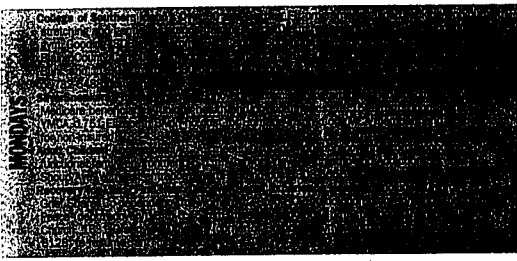
Jan. 26 — Idaho Writer Games, Pomerelle Tykes-to-teens Challenge, 873-5599 or info@pomerelle-mtn.com.



Jan. 29 — "2008 Let's Talk About It" book discussion ("Not for Children Only"), includes "Charlotte's Web" by White and "The Wind in the Willows" by Graham, 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., books available for check out, 326-4143.



Jan. 31 — The Kimberly and Hansen libraries book discussion group, "Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd led by Sherry George, 7:30 a.m., Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison St. W., Kimberly, books available for checkout at Kimberly and Hansen libraries, 423-4556 or 423-4122.



TUESDAYS

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl, no cost, 732-6475 resuming Jan. 15.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., 736-9282 or 734-8756.

Faulkner Planetarium "Icy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour," 7 p.m., Harrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

Mini-Casita Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, 436-0987.

Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557 or 324-7237.



THURSDAYS

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.

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Pinochle Club, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$5.00 and \$1.195 Black outs, 596-6358.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0557 or 324-7237.

A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.



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 Savannah Fleming
 Samuel Hansen
 Ana Jimenez
 Madison Kelsley
 Lydia Kuka
 Edith Lugo
 Jill Prince
 Rynne Royce
 Jennifer Smith
 Kristin West
6th grade
 Jordan Chapman
 Keila Cordero
 Jason Evers
 Alexander Nebeker
 Chas Nebeker
 Michelle Ponce
 Samuel Short
 Lacey Slade
 Tyler Thompson
 Luz Villagomez
7th grade
 Caril Andrus
 Megan Benson
 Robert Carlson
 Joshua Egbert
 Alberto Gonzalez
 Bryon Hope
 Valerie Jimenez
 Sierra Little
 Riley Merrill
 Shari Smith
 Morgan Swainston
 Taylor Vanholland
 Lucas Villagomez
8th grade
 Cody Bunn
 Dakota Crocker
 Justice Evers
 David Henderson
 Nicholas Mendes
 Schuler Nebeker
 Robyn Smith
 Case Spaulfield
High Honor Roll
 3.5 to 3.99
5th grade
 Steven Bernabe
 Christopher Hoshaw-Hass
 Jonathan Lasater
 Alec Low
 Emmanuel Rodriguez
 Schiler Stevens
 Jorge Valera
 Luis Beltran
 J. Shyane Duffy
 Michael Johnson
 Lynae Johnston
 Baylee Nelson-Schroeder
 Yasmin Veronica
 Chaso Camargo
 Luis Martinez
 Salvador Medina
 Lorena Perez
 Stephany Sandoval
 Angela Barkes
 Brianna Bowles
 Shauntill Cutgrass
 Michael Hatfield
 Courtney McCrae
 Alfredo Ocaranza
 Ivan Sarabia
 Leah Stouder
 Miranda Tovar
 Joshua Allen
 Ryan Bidwell
 Mara Bonawitz
 Mayra Casullio
 Timothy Gyzdyzhants
 Rashelle Housley
 Candice Kessler
 Deisi Lara
 Emily Mendes
 Shanika Simentates
 David Tinoco
 Jose Villaycana
6th grade
 Khrystyna Cortes
 Guadalupe Ferreira
 Dylan Smeat
 Nikki Calderon
 Samuel Henderson
 Sasha Hoshaw-Hass
 Kaleigh Kelsley
 Lillo Alvarez
 RJ Combe
 Shayla Jenks
 Arle Roeloffs
 Dana Tenorio
 Evelin Vargas
7th grade
 Jasmine Aguilar
 Luke Bunn
 Michelle Calderon
 Sean Campbell
 Josefina Garcia
 Shawnee Herra
 Alondra Maldonado
 Meneesia McConnell
 Megan Sousa
 John Vander Hulst
 Daniel Lopez
 Chynya Altamirano
 Curtis Bishop
 Bryan Mendoza
 Richard Tenorio
 Anne Albertson
 Jessica Butterfield
 Jessica Hurtado
 Hannah Lancaster
 Marina Lara
 Samantha Mize
8th grade
 Monica Alvarez
 Kurtis Bowles
 Austin Clark
 Alma Gabriela Huante
 Caitlyn Johnson
 Karen Tenorio
 Rhett Kelley
 Marsha Madera
 Emily Kula

Honor Roll
3.0 to 3.49
5th grade
 Oscar Aguilar
 Miguel Andrade
 Luis Miramontes
 Valentin Tobias
 Chance Beebe
 Derek Carter
 Brandon Drown
 Dara Garcia
 Valerie Gonzalez
 Fidel Martiñoz
 Jacqueline James
 Dora Garcia
 Valerico Gonzalez
 Angela Walker
 Jessica Carroll
 Jose Gomez
 Shariah Helstrom
 Mayra Tovar
 Richard VanDyk

Jasmin Bridwell
 Christian Jacobson
 Kassily Kelley
 Clinton Newlin
 Luis Ramirez
 Allen Reitsma
 Nicky Salazar
 Jackson Theberge
 Karen Barajas
 Juan Antonio Cano
 Meggan Cocaina Manzano
 Brianna Sherman
 Samantha Trejo
6th grade
 Elizabeth Brown
 Emily Brown
 Chad Copenbarger
 Clay Crumrine
 Luzetta Hurtado
 Jose-Alfredo Jimenez
 Alexis McCray
 Maria Mejia
 Johnathan Perelra

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 Kenia Santos
 Iesha Tobias
 Cynthia Allen
 W. Josh Francis
 Nicole Henslice
 Jorge Lopez
 Lizbeth Martinez
 Alex Swainston
 Abby Zampodri
 Isalah Hollomon
 Eder Macias
 Kaleb Bowers
 Yessica Coronado
 Deysi Lopez
 Celsey McClellan
 Shayla Picer
7th grade
 Elva Aguilar
 Christian Aiello
 Yesenia Cortez
 Guadalupe Espinoza
 Shaleena Gonzalez

Luis Lopez
 Ismael Martinez
 Raudel Miramontes
 Dalton Pearson
 Chelsey Slade
 Rowanna Bielmas
 Brittany Bowles
 Jessica Brasil
 Taylor Cutler
 Tanner Dewitt
 Marcela Diaz
 Jessica Kelley
 Quentin Locke
 Joshua Lund
 Bridget Oederott
 Sergio Pedraza
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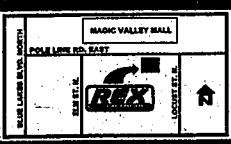
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 Jessica Brown-Meja
 Theron Eudave
 Jordan Beatz
 Miguel Noreiga
 Cecilia Gonzalez
 Leonard Terra
 Kevin Van Hooser
 KJ Cowen

Most Inspirational

A student that shows integrity and character, is disciplined and has a good work ethic/just an all around conscientious student.

Elizabeth Miramontes
 Eric McNeely
 Kelsey Rodrigues
 Preston Reitsma
 Caleb Reitsma
 Lucy Verhoeven
 Erik Lopez
 Jessica Trujillo
 Kade Francis
 Cheyenne Leach
 Diane Vander Hulst
 Ethan Todd
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 Devin Hosack
 Arnold Mendiola
 Cope Heath
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 Ashley Carlson
 Matthew Bettencourt
 Mark Buhler
 Bodine Todd

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4.0

Seniors

Sileena Bellow
 Elizabeth Bunn
 Jake Burrell
 Ashley Carlson
 Whitney Gines
 Brandon Hope
 Jodi Lund
 Matthew Luth
 Kyrisa Merrill
 Kayla Neal
 Kevin Nunes
 Beth Pomrenke
 Cody Slade
 Courtney Slouder
 Cory Vanderhage
 Carlos Vargas
 Yajaira Veronica
 Julianne Rueloffs
Juniors
 Laurie Andrus
 Amber Bowers
 William Caspersen
 Kolby Housley
 Jordan Lancaster
 Arnold Mendiola
 Keith Mowery
 Luke Petersen
 Jasper Peterson
 Kimberly Smith

Sophomores

Justin Bunn
 Charles Hansen
 Clara Nebeker
Freshman
 Dillon Benson
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 Luz Alvarez
 Cecilia Gonzalez
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 Jason Chandler
 Eric Lopez
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 Kelsey Keyes
 Gina Plat
 Mark Buhler
 Johnathan McClain
 Preston Reitsma
 Devin Hosack
 Yajaira Paez
 Cameron Serr
 Cody Thaxte
 Samuel Wiberg

Juniors

Kelsey Rodrigues
 Jess Deelstra
 Mindi Sears
 Sara Rueloffs
 Diane Vander Hulst
 Morgan Gutes
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 Alexandra Moreno
 Dustin VanderHam
 Jessica Ashford
 Miguel Orozco
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Sophomores
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 John Goedhardt
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 Tyler Muegerl
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 Ruben Cortez
 Rosa Saucedo
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 Angela DeVries
 Levi Gosnell Hunt
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 Joseph Meyer
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 Victor Gonzalez
 Brittany Griffith
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 Julie Peck
 Miguel Sarabia
 Jessika Trujillo
 Andrew Ringling
 Alex Veenhouwer
Sophomores
 Danielle Alallo
 Candy Camargo
 Jared Devries

William
 Andrea Hurtado
 Manuel Montes
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 Devan Roseborough
 Leonard Terra
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 Brittany Sams
 Ethan Todd
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Twin Falls Canal Company NOTICE

Of Regular Stockholders' Meeting

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday the 8th of January, 2008. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Rick Allen Room of the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Director from District 3-Filer will be elected for a three-year term.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2008 water supplies, water call, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will be closed for the transfer of stock effective December 28, 2007.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company Office on or before January 4, 2008.

DATED this 3rd day of December 2007.

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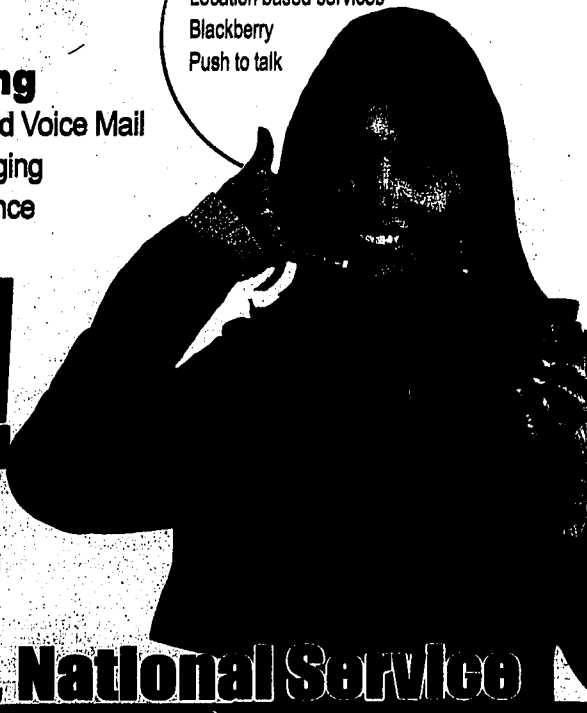
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Simpson, Craig announce Idaho military nominees

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "It is an honor to nominate Idaho students to the Military Academies," said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho. "I am always impressed by the quality and character of our youth in Idaho. Each person is a fine example of what our state has to offer. They are bright, articulate and ready to serve."

Students were selected on the quality of their application, scholastic achievement, references and extra-curricular activities. While a Congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance to the Service Academies, many of Idaho's nominees are selected for an appointment.


The following students were nominated to either the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; the United States Military Academy in West Point, New

York; the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; or the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. Nominees from the Magic Valley are: Murtaugh, Bryan Ashton, Air Force, Naval; Gooding, Megan Pierson, Air Force; Rupert, Shelby Coats, Air Force, Naval, Military; Wendell, Jason Dimond, Military; Merchant Marine; Eden, Matthew Phillips, Air Force; Jerome, Alex Barber,

Military, Merchant Marine and Buhl, Jacob Busby, Naval. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has nominated 32 of Idaho's best and brightest young people for appointment to our nation's military service academies for the year 2008. Idaho continues to produce young people who are remarkably qualified for the rigors of our service academies," Craig said. "In their young lives, this year's students have already

demonstrated excellent leadership capabilities and strength of character. This nation depends on those who dedicate their lives to defend the values and liberties we hold dear. "It is a privilege to nominate them for the four service academies." Potential nominees were selected based upon criteria such as their academic record, class standing, and potential for leadership. Nominees from the Magic

Valley include: Merchant Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.; Alexander Barber of Jerome; Shelby Coats of Rupert; U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; Alexander Barber of Jerome; Katrina Davis of Jerome; U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; Jake Busby of Buhl. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Shelby Coats of Rupert; Megan Pierson of Gooding.



Gooding Celebrates 100 Years 1908-2008

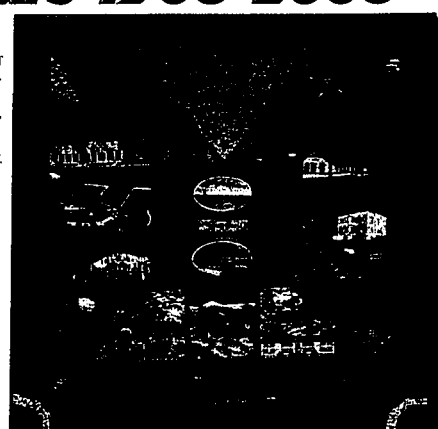
The community of Gooding, Idaho, was established in 1908 under the watchful eye of Frank Gooding. This area prospered in agriculture as well as retail business. Today, Dec. 2007, Gooding still flourishes and continues to grow.

The Idaho Leader published the following article titled, "Come to Gooding, The Peerless" in its first edition Friday, Dec. 25, 1908. The article read: "Gooding, the Peerless, Lincoln county, Idaho, on the main line of the Oregon Short Line is a hustling Western city, spinning into existence as if by magic, forging rapidly to the front, already a city of commercial importance, and promising soon to be one of the leading cities of this mighty empire of irrigated Southern Idaho. The following list of cold facts proves the above to be true beyond a reasonable doubt. The Gooding population on Dec. 15, 1908, was 1,000, and it hosted the following businesses: Lincoln Inn, The Gooding Hotel, Central School Building, Business Buildings, Theatre (1200 seats), First Presbyterian Church, 3 Banks, 1 Bakery, 3 Barber Shops, 2 Blacksmiths, 2 Butcher Shops, 2 Billiard and Pool Rooms, 1 Bowling Alley, 1 Brickyard, 3 Carpenter Shops, 3 Concrete Block Factories, 1 Cigar Factory, 1 Dentist, 2 Doctors, 1 Drug Store, 1 Farm Implement Store, 2 Feed Stables, 2 Furniture Stores, 2 Hardware Stores, 1 Harness Shop, 2 Hotels, 1 Hospital, 1 Job Printing Office, 2 Lodging Houses, 4 Lumberyards, 2 Lawyers, 1 Millinery, 3 General Merchandise Stores, 1 Notions Store, 1 Newspaper, (The Leader), 2 Paint Shops, 5 Restaurants, 4 Real Estate Firms, SALOONS-NONE."

All this accomplished in the first 12 months of Gooding's existence. As we celebrate 100 years of prosperity and growth The Gooding Leader will take us back in time and track our heritage throughout 2008.

If you are planning a special event to celebrate the Centennial, please contact us at 208-934-4449.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the city of Gooding in 2008, the Wood River quilters have created a Centennial Quilt. An original design by Pat Wagner was chosen to depict the themes that reflect the history, economy, and social aspects of the area. The Wood River Quilters are proud of their contribution to this milestone in Gooding history. During 2008, the quilt will be available for display for local businesses or events. It will have a permanent home in the new Gooding Historical Society building built near the Basque Center in Gooding. For more information about this quilt or the Wood River Quilters, contact Pat Wagner, 934-4998.



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Dear Mr. Wolff: You recently wrote that the chance of a suit splitting 4-3 was 60 percent. Since there are seven different lengths each opponent could have, why isn't the chance closer to one in three? Can of Worms, Elmira, N.Y.

ANSWER: When an odd number of cards are missing, the chance that they split as close to evenly as possible is approximately two-thirds, the odds going down as the total number of cards involved increases. When an even number of cards are missing, the chance that they split exactly evenly is one third, the odds going down as more cards are involved.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held A-Q-7-3, Q-10-9-6-2, A-J-5-2, K-K. My partner opened one club and the next hand bid three diamonds. What should I do now? Stepping Up, Tulsa, Ariz.

ANSWER: I'd bid three hearts and hope to get raised, or to hear three spades so that I could bid three no-trump. You are not worth committing the hand to, what else can you do? Anything else is too extreme.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Are there any guidelines about discarding honors such as kings or queens in midhand? Riches to Burn, Houston, Texas

ANSWER: If I understand you correctly, you want to know whether the discard of an honor denies a higher card in the suit. I think so. For example, if I had to

discard from A-J-10-9, I'd pitch the 10 or nine. The jack tends to deny a bigger card. Likewise, the king suggests solidity down from the king, but not the ace above it.

Dear Mr. Wolff: With A-A-Q-7-3-2, ♠ 4, ♠ Q-10-8-2, ♠ A-J-3, what would you call if you heard one heart on your left and four hearts on your right? I can see how passing, doubling, and bidding four spades might all work! Hot Seat, Dayton-St. Paul, Pa.

ANSWER: You are absolutely right, and my vote goes for the bold (or foolhardy) bid of four spades. The real reason for acting is that the jump to four hearts is very wide-ranging. Even when LHO might double me for penalties, he will not know if his partner has only shape, or some high cards too. They made you guess, so return the favor!

Dear Mr. Wolff: Since it is year-end now, can you summarize what happened to you in bridge in 2007 — and went on in the world at large? Curious George, Lakeland, Fla.

ANSWER: On a personal note, I was delighted to qualify to play in the Bermuda Bowl in Shanghai in the seniors division. At the world level, the thing that most distresses me is the shift of focus away from juniors. If we (the world and the Americans) don't spend money on juniors, the game will die. Schools in Europe (especially Poland) and in Israel have introduced bridge successfully. Why can't we?

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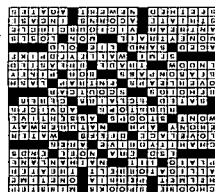
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Life after peanuts

Twin Falls family fights food allergies

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

"My kids have never eaten a Snickers bar. They've never had a grilled cheese sandwich."

— Heidi Conner, mother of Eugene and Maryah, who have severe food allergies



Eugene Conner has as much energy as any healthy 7-year-old boy. He runs around his house outside Twin Falls, tossing baseballs in the air and playing with his younger sister, Maryah.

Take a peak in his lunch bag, though, and it becomes apparent he's not so typical. Cashew butter sandwiches and special dairy-less and egg-less cookies replace peanut butter and Twinkies. A closer look at Maryah's ice cream sandwich wrapper shows the 5-year-old is munching on a soy treat instead of the traditional milk-based goody. Offer them a snack, and the Conner children run to their parents to have it examined.

Eugene and Maryah have severe food allergies, including sensitivities to dairy, eggs and peanuts. That means their parents have to research everything that goes into the Conner children's mouths — a daunting task, but one made easier by wider availability of specialty products and a growing awareness of food allergies among their allergy-free friends.

Food allergies are common in children, said Dr. Richard Henry, an immunologist and allergist at Asthma & Allergy of Idaho in Twin Falls. Animal protein, like eggs and dairy, can especially cause problems for newly weaned children.

"Up until that point, they've been drinking the mother's breast milk, which is a human protein," Henry said.

When the first foods are introduced, the gut is immature, causing the immune system to rev up in an attempt to decide what's good and what's harmful. In some children, this causes a reaction against animal proteins.

"It's a foreign thing," Henry said. "It's not human, so it starts a response."

While most children out-grow milk and egg allergies, peanut allergies often stay with people their entire lives.

Some allergies are especially dangerous, Henry said, because of vitellin, a hardy, heat-stable protein in peanuts that stays intact during cooking and processing.

"The protein is actually there to help defend the



Maryah Conner, left, and her brother, Eugene, pause for a portrait at their home south of Twin Falls. The siblings are highly allergic to dairy, eggs and peanuts.

peanut against viruses and other things that would try to eat the peanut," he said. "It's their form of self defense."

Exposure to peanuts in any form, like peanut oil or products processed on the same equipment as peanuts, is potentially fatal for children with food allergies and can cause severe reactions, including anaphylactic shock.

Henry said that parents of those children must read the labels for every product their children consume. A couple of bites of the wrong kind of candy can send a child to the emergency room.

"You have to become almost obsessive-compulsive about avoiding exposure to it," he said.

Heidi Conner, Eugene's and Maryah's mother, discovered this the first time she went shopping after learning Eugene had allergies. After spending three

Written for kids

Children's peanut allergies explained for young readers, Page F6.



hours in the store poring over ingredients, she could find only two items safe for her son to eat.

"My husband was like, 'How are we going to feed the family with that?'" she said. "I just started bawling."

It took Heidi a while to get the hang of her family's new lifestyle.

At first, she would take an entire day to bake multiple



Eugene Conner looks down at one of his special dairy-free cookies while his mother, Heidi Conner, goes through their dairy-, egg- and peanut-free cupboard at their home south of Twin Falls. Eugene has severe food allergies and must avoid most baked goods.

dairy- and egg-free cakes to see which would be adequate for a birthday cake.

When Maryah was diagnosed a couple of years later, Heidi was better prepared. She had learned how to make most things from scratch, including dairy-free

swifets and birthday cakes without animal products. She could recognize which products were safe and knew which substitutions, like almond milk and cashew butter, tasted best.

She knew to keep pre-made treats in the freezer for

- Suspect you or your child has a food allergy? Check for these symptoms and, as always, consult a doctor. Symptoms of food allergies:
- vomiting
 - hyperactive behavior
 - diarrhea
 - asthma
 - hives
 - runny nose
 - rashes
 - stuffy nose
 - ear infections
 - bloating
 - watery eyes
 - eczema
 - recurrent bronchitis
 - failure to thrive

Source: Allergycscape.com

her children so they could avoid allergens at birthday parties without feeling left out of the festivities.

The dietary restrictions rule out a lot of childhood staples, like macaroni and cheese and most chocolate.

"My kids have never eaten a Snickers bar. They've never had a grilled cheese sandwich," Heidi said.

The situation could be worse. Several mainstream products, like some brands of Teddy Grahams and cheeseless Papa Murphy's "like 'n' bake pizza, are safe for the kids, and increased awareness makes it easier for people to understand which food is off-limits to her children.

With the Internet and Heidi's network of friends helping her research, she's able to find food that is both allergen-free and yummy.

It's good news for children like Maryah and Eugene, who couldn't be happier munching on their specialty snacks.

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Lawyers and clients collaborate on kinder, gentler divorces

By David Cray
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Collaborative divorce. The term sounds like an oxymoron in a culture steeped in high-cost, high-conflict breakups.

Yet many couples are embracing the approach, recently endorsed by the American Bar Association, as part of a broader quest to find more civilized, efficient ways to end a marriage. Do-it-yourself divorces and mediation also are popular options.

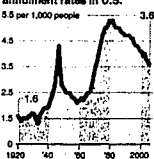
Lawyers by the thousands want to be part of the trend.

"Most of us had that moment where we realize the adversarial process is so damaging for our clients — and there's a recognition that we can do better," said Talla Katz, a former divorce lawyer who is executive director of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Divorce declining

Divorce and annulment rates have dropped since peaking in 1981. Roughly one in five adults have divorced at least once.

Yearly divorce and annulment rates in U.S.



SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics

Katz said the academy, just eight years old, now has 3,000 members, mostly lawyers but also financial planners and other professionals. She estimates that 20,000 attorneys have received training in collaborative law, and groups promoting the practice are

active nationwide.

In contrast to mediation, in which divorcing couples entrust a resolution to a single neutral mediator, collaborative divorce involves the use of attorneys for each party, often joined by other expert consultants. But the lawyers, instead of sparring, pledge from the outset to work together in crafting an outcome that is fair to all.

"Most clients in a dispute are looking for an honorable peace, not war," Boston lawyer David Hoffman wrote in recent op-ed for The Christian Science Monitor. "Collaborative lawyers can be just as zealous about seeking such a peace as litigators are about victory in the courtroom."

Hoffman works at the Boston Law Collaborative, where the staff includes a psychologist and a financial planner. It offers divorcing



David Boyle, right, of Maynard, Mass., and his ex-wife Sarah Smith, left, leave Smith's house in Southbury, Mass., on Dec. 15 as Smith takes their daughter Vanessa Smith-Boyle, 6, center, to her seventh birthday party, and Boyle takes their son Sam Smith-Boyle, 11, not pictured, to his basketball game.

Please see DIVORCE, Page F3

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West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$7.50...

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Thursday: Ham ACTIVITIES:

Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m. Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Center closed Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.

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Jerome Senior Center

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Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gorn State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Monday: Spaghetti Wednesday: French dip sandwich Thursday: Stuffed chicken breast

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. New Year's party, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Center closed Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Music with June Mooney Pinochle, 7 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

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Music with June Mooney Pinochle, 7 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Monday's. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12: Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed internet.

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'Widowed'? No, that box can't tell the tale of a heart

By Tracy Grant The Washington Post

For our 10th wedding anniversary, he gave me a delicate gold bracelet that encased 35 perfect, tiny diamonds.

Please don't call me a widow. The word conjures images of an Italian grandmother in black stockings, a face marbled and a heavy sigh.

I was first confronted with this idea that I was a widow, sitting in the hospital room where his body lay lifeless, his spirit already gone to a purer place, not following his casket down the aisle of the church.

There it was: "Marital Status," followed by four boxes and the letters M, S, D, W. I barely managed to get the receptionist for the key to the ladies' room before the mind-numbing shock gave way to body-wrecking sobs.

I have loved each other through lots of good times, some no-so-good times, in sickness, oh yes in sickness, and in health. Yet, there is a part of me that still feels his presence in the home that he

redecorated in the last days of his life, in the car he gave me for my 40th birthday in a spontaneous gesture the day I first met him 23 years ago.

The phenomenon of phantom pain is well-documented in people who lose limbs. They feel sensations — even pain — from arms or legs no longer there.

I don't see my marriage so much as being over as being interrupted — even unexpectedly interrupted. Some will say this is an unhealthy attitude, that I'm trying to keep my husband alive, that I'm stuck in the past.

What for what firms these days. I leave "Marital Status" blank. There are some questions that simply can't be answered by checking a box.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Barbara Zoe Buenrostro-Morales, daughter of Ana Morales and Raul Buenrostro of Ketchum, was born Dec. 12, 2007.

Hannah Lyn Churchill, daughter of Katelyn and Homer Churchill of Ketchum, was born Dec. 12, 2007.

Viviana Palomera, daughter of Yolanda Arriaga and Onofre Palomera of Shoshone, was born Dec. 14, 2007.

Izzuel Almaraz, son of Liliana and Jose Almaraz of Ketchum, was born Dec. 15, 2007.

Karen Lee Whitmore, daughter of Krysta and Zachary Whitmore of Sun Valley, was born Dec. 15, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Shantaya Rose Randall, daughter of Regina Marie and Kevin Lee Randall of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 4, 2007.

Ayden Andrew Knefel, son of Randi Kristine Bingham of Buhl, was born Dec. 12, 2007.

Paulo Armani Leon, son of Melinda Maria Gonzalez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 12, 2007.

McKenzie Lynn Fresquez, daughter of Brandy Nicole Brown and Josh Christopher Fresquez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 13, 2007.

Lyle Ray Muse, son of Jeanie Lee Bryant and Timothy Ray Muse of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2007.

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daughter of Brandi Jo and Timothy Allen Stasny of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2007.

Carter Tyler James Carter, son of Lisa Michele and Bradley James Campbell of Kimberly, was born Dec. 16, 2007.

Tyson Garrett Brown, son of Cindy Marie and Jeremy John Brown of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 17, 2007.

Elizabeth Sue Gurule, daughter of Johnnie Sue and Anthony David Gurule, was born Dec. 17, 2007.

Baden Dale Bleazard, son of Stephanie Diane and Anthony Dale Bleazard of Burley, was born Dec. 18, 2007.

Abigail Angel Laws, daughter of Marlna Dawn and Michael Antonis Laws Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 18, 2007.

Walter Russell Olson, son of Michelle Rue II and Mitch Jeff Olson of Buhl, was born Dec. 18, 2007.

Gillian Cooper Doan, daughter of Ginger Rancee and Daniel Forest Doan of Filer, was born Dec. 18, 2007.

Abigail Elaine Eldredge, daughter of Amber Suzanne Watts and Gary Burt Eldredge of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 19, 2007.

Stephanah May Henderson, daughter of Paige Michelle and Richard Allen Henderson of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 19, 2007.

Rogan Lopez-Matias, son of Carolina Maribel Matias de Lopez and Jesus Lopez Rodas of Jerome, was born Dec. 19, 2007.

Goldfish gain respect in the pet world

By Denise Faiman Newsway

Goldfish are the Rodney Dangerfield of the aquarium world.

When Jo Ann Burke of Semmes, Ala., started keeping these bumpy little fish in 1976, and even when she started importing fancy specimens from China a decade later, no one dared dignify goldfish. No one could tell her what it meant when goldfish yawned (oxygen deprivation, perhaps) or when it has white eye flecks (brain flukes — yikes).

So, in the early 1990s, this mother of eight enrolled at the University of Florida at Gainesville to do graduate-level coursework that led to her certification in the diagnosis and treatment of freshwater fish diseases.

Based on that scientific grounding — as well as trial and error amid the 8,500 gallons of aquaria that filled her home — she pioneered ideas such as the 3 percent salt dip putting a newsworm in a solution of 2 cups rock salt (never table salt) to 5 gallons tank water.

"You put them in for one to five minutes, and when they belly up, it means they're done," she says matter-of-factly. The salt dip purges the fish's system and removes parasites and bacteria from its protective slime coat. "When I first started suggesting it, people thought I was off my rocker."

"I just want people to have the ability and knowledge to care for these absolutely wonderful creatures."

— Jo Ann Burke, who has had goldfish live to 14 years

Today, on goldfish chat lists and e-mail discussion groups, the name Jo Ann Burke is typed with a universal reverence. Newbies are counseled to read her online instructions for giving a three-point goldfish physical, or are directed to her "Anatomy of Goldfish Physics."

These days, the self-proclaimed "Goldfish Guru" is semiretired, with just three ponds of koi on her country property. Replacing her tanks are antiques, and she sells high-end pottery and glass on eBay.

But Burke still fields countless questions about these popular little fish, helping distraught owners sort through symptoms as perplexing as bubble eating and tail standing, black-streaked fins and protruding anal pores.

"I just want people to have the ability and knowledge to care for these absolutely wonderful creatures," she says down-to-earth, native Vermont, who has had goldfish live to 14 years, and koi more than twice as long. "Most of the people who call me can't spell pH. So it's like, 'Look at his butt and tell me what you're seeing.'"

One myth she'd like to debunk right here, right now, is that goldfish are dirty. "If people do regular tank maintenance and they have proper filtration, they will not have dirty tanks," she says.

Prevention, of course, is key. Because goldfish just can't say no to seconds — or thirds, or fourths — only once a day, in the evening, and no more than they can eat in three minutes," she says. "A hungry goldfish is a happy goldfish."

Invest in a solid-flake food that sinks "so the fish are not gasping at the top of the tank," Burke recommends. Look for a protein content of 27 percent or better, and stay away from corn-based foods.

Other no-nos: Decorating your tank with driftwood, which gives off tannic acid, and colored gravels, which not only leach out dyes, but present a choking hazard. Stick with pea gravel instead.

The biggest mistake people make is they dump the new fish and the water it came with right into the tank," Burke continues in exasperation. All this does is introduce whatever diseases were floating around in the fish's previous tank into your pristine little kingdom.

Instead, float the bagged fish in your tank until the water temperatures are equalized, gently lift the fish out, give him the aforementioned salt dip, and then place him, sans water, in the tank.

Although Burke has known a couple of "true goldfish" in her day, most are too docile to do well in community tanks. And take care mixing goldfish of different types: "Capped" goldfish, which have grown on their heads, such as orandas and lionheads, should be kept in a different tank from their more aggressive cousins, such as common goldfish and ryukins, with their distinctive humped backs.

For a glimpse into Burke's expertise, visit www.welldoing.com/puregold/.

She files goldfish questions at 251-649-4780.

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Divorce

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couple a range of options, including mediation and collaborative divorce as well as conventional litigation.

The firm analyzed 199 of its recent divorce cases, and found that mediation, collaborative divorce and litigation all produced high rates of successful settlements. Mediation was by far the least expensive option, with a median cost of \$6,600, compared with \$19,723 for a collaborative divorce, \$26,430 for settlements negotiated by full-scale litigation.

Sarah Smith, 47, of Sudbury, Mass., said she and her ex-husband, David Boyle, were able to complete a swift collaborative divorce two years ago for roughly \$5,000.

"It was definitely the way to go in our situation—we didn't go through a bitter fight with each other, and we also didn't have piles of money," said Smith. "Our main concern was the welfare of the kids."

Smith, Boyle and their two lawyers arranged for the two children, now 11 and 7, to split time with their parents, who live in neighboring Boston suburbs.

The two both liked both lawyers," Smith said. "As a group, we had some laughs together, and that made it nicer."

Boyle shares her appreciation. "Because this process went so smoothly and we didn't have a lot of baggage as a result, now the tone is set for raising the kids," he said. "We get along. We were together to make it happen."

Another appeal of collaborative divorce is confidentiality. While some high-profile couples play out their divorce in the national news, Boyle, Smith, nephew of Walt Disney and a major shareholder of The Walt Disney Co., embarked last January on a collaborative divorce with his wife of 52 years, Patricia, that has avoided the limelight.



David Boyle pushes the car of his ex-wife Sarah Smith to help free it from the snow at the end of her driveway in Sudbury, Mass. Boyle and Smith described the collaborative divorce process they went through in 2005 as swift and amicable.



David Boyle, left, and his ex-wife Sarah Smith, second from right, make arrangements to take their daughter to her seventh birthday party and their son to his basketball game.

Supporters of collaborative law were dismayed last February when the Colorado Bar Association declared such arrangements unethical on grounds that they prevented

a lawyer from exercising undivided loyalty to a client. But in January, the American Bar Association's Ethics Committee weighed in, endorsing the collaborative

process as long as clients were fully informed about its provisions.

The growth of collaborative law is part of a broader trend away from courtroom divorce proceedings. Even members of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, who serve a relatively affluent clientele, reported in a recent survey that increasing numbers of cases are being settled before trial.

"As cases get more expensive, a lot of people don't want to spend the time, the hiring of experts that a trial entails," said Gretchen Ferro of New Canaan, Conn., who just completed a term as the academy's president.

Though his own business remains brisk, Ferro says he has observed an "explosion" of pro se divorces, in which one or both parties

represent themselves.

There are no national statistics on pro se divorces, but recent surveys indicate that well over half the divorce cases in many jurisdictions now involve at least one pro se party.

To accommodate these non-lawyers and minimize procedural disruptions, many courts have established self-help centers and clinics. Easy-to-read instructions and legal forms are posted online. Sometimes case managers are available to guide people through the process.

Mediation is another popular option for divorces, although statistics on its use are scarce. Private mediation services abound, and many courts encourage and require an attempt at mediation in divorces involving disputes over children.

"At the heart of mediation is the belief that people can solve their own problems," said Carl Schneider, a psychologist in Rose Hill, N.C., who is a mediator for divorcing couples in the Washington, D.C., area.

Schneider skeptically views collaborative divorce as an effort by lawyers to feel better about divorce work.

"There may be cases that need to be litigated—but often you're doing major damage to families, and attorneys know," Schneider said. "Collaborative law lets them think they're doing something more useful."

He depicted the collaborative approach as "a market for upper middle-class divorce" because its price tag generally would be higher than mediation.

Rita Polak, the Boston lawyer who helped represent David Boyle in his divorce, said mediation might be a good option for some couples, but there are reasons to try the collaborative approach.

"At mediation, each partner has to come to the table and speak for himself or herself at a really emotional time, and sometimes there's an imbalance in knowledge," she said. "If you don't have your attorney at the table to protect you, the mediation can be pretty tricky."

Among Schneider's recent mediation clients is Bill Sanjoy, 45, of Bethesda, Md., a budget manager for a federal agency. He says he spent less than \$5,000 on his divorce—a third of what he had projected using an adversarial process.

Sanjoy emerged on good terms with his ex-wife, and satisfied with his co-parenting arrangement for their two children.

"It's nice to have someone who's not antagonistic, who's not trying to start a war, who wants you both to be included in every difficult time in your life," Sanjoy said.

Aspire to perfection this week, Capricorn

BIRTHDAY: IS YOUR BIRTHDAY? Lady Luck is coming for your side, and may send you the answer to a prayer in the next few weeks. You will find that others are anxious to cooperate during this month, and you will be able to begin something important or attract opportunities. Set the wheels in motion before the first week of February and you will benefit.

INVOLVEMENT: With new friends or groups can mean long-term responsibilities if you initiate something important in August. Avoiding the inevitable problems especially in the last half of the month.

ARRIVES: (March 21-April 19): Give yourself plenty of breathing space in the week ahead. Personal confrontations and take your time when presented with crucial decisions. A bit of flirtation might spice up your year.

TAURUS: (April 20-May 20): Holiday rituals bring comfort. Curb any tendency to overeat, oversleep and overspend during the week ahead. In sports, exercise, or even a walk in the woods will revive amorous feelings.

GEMINI: (May 21-June 20): Love might be lost in translation during the week to come. Sidestep controversies and don't make new commitments. Money doesn't need to burn a hole in your pocket.

CANCER: (June 21-July 22): Gauge reactions. Your congenial warmth and kindness might be interpreted as a sensual comment to someone who has one thing on his or her mind. Don't stir up a hornet's nest.

LEO: (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ambitions might seem dead in the water until after the first of the year. Keep lavish spending to a minimum. This is a poor week to get caught up in any type of

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investment scheme.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things are getting better all the time. This week you might feel you have reached a turning point. You have the ability to control your destiny and turn a mistake to your advantage.

LIBRA: (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Romantic sparks might fly later this week. You and a loved one might be wishing upon the very same bright star—even if you are far apart right now. Take care of family obligations.

SCORPIO: (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Somewhere out there someone is thinking of you this week. Your New Year's resolutions should revolve around making others proud of your accomplishments. Give old friends a call.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid a rude awakening this week. A pleasant flirtation could turn sour or you could be briefly troubled by jealousy. Stick to the tried and true, even if this seems a bit boring.

CAPRICORN: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Aspire to perfection. You shouldn't get too much or too little, go too fast or too slow. Stick to the middle road in all things this week. Ignore someone who tries to rock your sense of balance.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Avoid crowds. You can make progress through practical means this week. Get all your things in order and put everything in its place so that you can start the New Year off efficiently.

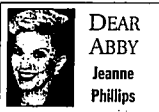
PISCES: (Feb. 19-March 20): You may lose more than you gain through compromise this week. You must think clearly about what will make the cogs run more smoothly without costing you an arm and a leg.

Woman wonders if it is OK to settle for Mr. Almost-Right

DEAR ABBY: It seems I will never meet my "Mr. Right." Every person I'm attracted to is either in a relationship or doesn't like me.

My questions are: (A) When is it OK to just "settle"? and (B) Do you have to be attracted to your Mr. Right, and/or can you take the risk that the "supposed" spark/love will come in time?

—TIRED OF DATING, LANDOVER, MD.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR TIRED OF DATING: My answer to question A is it depends upon what you mean by "settle." If you have to ask yourself if you are settling, then you probably are—and I don't recommend it. As to question B, "love" and "sparkle" are not the same thing. Unless you marry someone you truly LIKE, your marriage probably won't make it to the finish line. Marriage to the wrong person is like living a cellulite, not a partner.

same thing to him that she did with her husband. We're not sure if he should warn him about her or leave it alone. They are planning to be married next summer. I think he is having second thoughts, but is waiting to see if she changes. We can tell he's unhappy. Should we warn him or not?

—CRYSTAL IN CLEVELAND

DEAR CRYSTAL: Dolly's live-in is an adult and capable of making his own choices, so it should not be necessary to

announce to him that his fiancée is a control freak. If he's unhappy now—as you say he is—his plans could change drastically by next summer. Keep your fingers crossed and your mouths shut.

DEAR ABBY: Some new neighbors moved into our beautiful neighborhood recently. This couple, who seem very nice, have gotten an adorable puppy I'll call "Tuffy."

Tuffy is now about 6 months old. They leave her in front of their house, completely alone, for most of the day and all night. From what we can see, that poor dog is never allowed inside. Tuffy craves affection, and we all stop to pet her whenever we go by the house, just to allay

some of her loneliness and boredom.

How should we deal with this painful situation? Do we dare say anything to the owners—which will obviously cause "neighbor difficulties"? Please advise.

—SALLY IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SALLY: Your neighbors may be nice, but they have no clue about being responsible pet owners. If you or your neighbors approach them about the way they are neglecting their pet, they will become defensive, as if you had criticized the way they were raising their child. Therefore, it would be better for all concerned—and that includes Tuffy—to notify the SPCA or your nearest animal shelter because the situation you have described is animal neglect.

Plot with purpose
Former Burley teacher writes parenting book disguised as engaging story.

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Wing into the unknown

By Dan Zak
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The dawn hits Montana, so that's where she was going.

After years of corporate monotony as a database specialist in Northern Virginia, Marisa VanDyke was ravenous for excitement. Every day was the same wake up, go to work, eat dinner, go to the gym, go to bed. To prompt destiny, she chose a flat at a mall and suddenly had something to look forward to. She told her bosses she was quitting. They didn't understand why she'd give up good pay. It was tough to tell her parents, who were happy with her stability. But VanDyke simply stepped off the first rungs of the corporate ladder.

She chucked the idea of Montana and instead drove well beyond there — to Cooper Landing, Alaska. To be a waitress. No health insurance, no safety net, nothing. Then to a job in Antarctica.

Why not?
She replied. She got it. The woman who had spent her post-college years in a cubicle was now slinging from one planetary pole to the next.

"The first day I got there, the plane lands on an ice runway," says VanDyke, 27. "You get off and look around, and there's nothing for miles. It was negative 60 degrees with the wind chill, and my first thought was, 'Oh, (bleep).'"

People start over. It feels right. It feels exhilarating and stupid and like the beginning of something great, moving from one place to another, geographically and psychologically. From Virginia to Antarctica, by way of Alaska.

Next week, VanDyke returns to Antarctica's McMurdo Station for her third year. She has a scheduler in the station's housing department. The Herndon native gets half of the year off, time she uses to travel across the United States and New Zealand. Her vocabulary is full of the phrase "PeopleSoft help desk, how can I help you?" She's happy she gave up what she knew for something better, even if the initial step was a plunge into the dark void of doubt.

"I think that no knowing is the best way to do everything," she says.

"There's no point in researching it ahead of time and trying to figure out everything. It's more fun to go and see it. I'm not afraid. I'll go anywhere and do anything. And I will make it work, because what else can you do?"

Five years ago, Sue Keith called her husband of 29 years from Heathrow Airport to say she was leaving him, her two grown daughters, her best friends and an outwardly perfect life she'd built for herself in the county of Dorset, England. She felt invisible, her marriage had eroded, and her resentment, fear and anger seethed. That's always very exhilarating.

There are no official statistics on Starting Over. There is no Federal Bureau of Sayonara.

But the seeds of existential antinodes are apparent when you look at U.S. job satisfaction numbers, which have corroded over the past 20 years. Consider: More than half of Americans across all income brackets are dissatisfied with their jobs today, according to the Conference Board, a business research group. This is up from 39 percent in 1987.

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Marisa VanDyke, shown along the Cape Armitage Loop in Antarctica, stepped off the corporate ladder and found a new life on a new continent.

pumping gas, dealing with money and using the phone. Her husband and neighbors helped her ease into the new lifestyle, and her family back in England began to understand that she was happier because of her choice, however inexplicable it first seemed.

"Looking back, I know that the only way I coped was by taking one day at a time, one step at a time," Keith says. "I didn't look at the big picture. If I had, I might never have taken that first step."

The first step — and continuing to take those steps — is what's important, says Robert Quinn, author of "Deep Change: Discovering the Leader Within" and a business professor at the University of Michigan. "When you go through deep change, it doesn't matter if you're wrong," Quinn says. "It matters that you're moving."

There are times in one's life where we either make a frightening change or continue to die a slow death.

"People will go to great lengths to deny that the external world is changing and needs something else from us," Quinn says. "We will just stay in the pattern we've traditionally succeeded at. If we do that when the world is calling for something else, there's usually a breaking point where we can't function anymore, and then we're forced into some form of that deep change. "There's great exhilaration in the new identity that starts to form, a greater alignment with the environment you're in. You expand your consciousness, your awareness and your capacity. That's always very exhilarating."

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Directions Without Losing Your Way" and "Finding Your Perfect Work."

There's an explanation for this rampant feeling of something's-not-right. In early life, people fall into two paths, Edwards says. We either follow the career route prescribed by our academic experience or we follow the example or guidance of our parents.

"At the time, we're so pleased to have opportunities, so we step into things," she says. "When you're in your 20s, you're very excited about life and you want to get hooked up somewhere. And once you're there, you start saying, 'Wait... As we move on into our 30s or 40s, we start to question, 'How did I get here? Is this what I decided to go?' People start thinking, 'What am I doing?'"

In work, several elements foster contentment, says Jessica Schirer, a clinical psychologist based in Los Angeles: feeling proud of what you're doing, having your co-workers and employers like and respect you, and using talents that come naturally to you.

Satisfaction is compromised if any of these are missing, but it may not be caused for a total life change. It's innately to question yourself before you make the leap.

"Do I need a total change of scene, or do I just need a vacation?" offers Schirer. "Do I need to change my whole entire career, or do I just need to change the company I'm working with? Many times, people think the whole industry they're working in is terrible, but it's not. Sometimes you don't have to change your career; you just have to change your company."

It comes down to this: What do you want more of, and what do you want less of? These are the first questions that life coach Wendy Billie asks clients. What is your life dream, and why is it not your reality? What was happening the last time you felt blissful and things came naturally? These are all good questions to ask, but make sure you're getting at your inner motives.

Tales of taking the plunge

By Dan Zak
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Experts and numbers say only so much. Personal anecdotes are what fuel the allure of Starting Over.

Sometimes it's unavoidable. Yodit Gilra moved twice. In 1992, her family moved to the United States from Ethiopia because her mother was a political refugee. She was 18 and wrestled to put herself through beauty school. She eventually joined Dupont Circle's Salon Cleo as a hairstylist and two years ago opened her own place, Salon Revive in the U Street corridor, with a co-worker. She has worked full time at Salon Revive since March.

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"I was doing well where I was, but I was getting to the point where something had to happen. There was something better out there. It was a challenge. Risk is just one of those things — you just have to jump."

Sometimes starting over stems from happenstance. While writing code as a freelance software developer in Portland, Ore., William Quinn signed a bartending contract at a bar. He started bartending, talking about modeling job. Since he had a lot to do, Quinn quit. He attended the University of Oregon and worked at a bank. He then moved to New York, where he does catering or computer work when he's not modeling in Milan or Paris.

The magnitude of this change crystallized in his mind last year as he was drinking champagne on a balcony overlooking the Champs-Élysées. The guy who always thought he'd be an engineer was doing the Louis Vuitton show in Paris. He's definitely happy he took the plunge — he gets to see people and parts of the world that would otherwise be inaccessible — but there are frustrating parts of the life he has chosen: the tedium of casting calls, the repetition of photo shoots.

"At first I was pretty enthusiastic because I assumed I would have great success, but once the reality set in, pretty much every week I have moments where I think, 'What am I doing?'" says Foster, 27. "I'm trying to not worry about long-term career plans. I hope that by keeping my eyes open and trying new things I'll eventually carve a path for myself."

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Yodit Gilra moved twice. In 1992, her family moved to the United States from Ethiopia because her mother was a political refugee. She was 18 and wrestled to put herself through beauty school. She eventually joined Dupont Circle's Salon Cleo as a hairstylist and two years ago opened her own place, Salon Revive in the U Street corridor, with a co-worker. She has worked full time at Salon Revive since March.

The move from Ethiopia was complete culture shock, says Gilra, 32, but opening her own salon was the biggest decision she'd ever made.

"I was doing well where I was, but I was getting to the point where something had to happen. There was something better out there. It was a challenge. Risk is just one of those things — you just have to jump."

Sometimes starting over stems from happenstance. While writing code as a freelance software developer in Portland, Ore., William Quinn signed a bartending contract at a bar. He started bartending, talking about modeling job. Since he had a lot to do, Quinn quit. He attended the University of Oregon and worked at a bank. He then moved to New York, where he does catering or computer work when he's not modeling in Milan or Paris.

The magnitude of this change crystallized in his mind last year as he was drinking champagne on a balcony overlooking the Champs-Élysées. The guy who always thought he'd be an engineer was doing the Louis Vuitton show in Paris. He's definitely happy he took the plunge — he gets to see people and parts of the world that would otherwise be inaccessible — but there are frustrating parts of the life he has chosen: the tedium of casting calls, the repetition of photo shoots.

"At first I was pretty enthusiastic because I assumed I would have great success, but once the reality set in, pretty much every week I have moments where I think, 'What am I doing?'" says Foster, 27. "I'm trying to not worry about long-term career plans. I hope that by keeping my eyes open and trying new things I'll eventually carve a path for myself."

night, then sold her house in Fairfax, Va., quit her job as a government lawyer, threw her stuff in storage and moved to Lithuania for two years. With the horizon barren of excitement, she did a bit of planning and made her own, just as she had done years before when she moved to England.

"It was exhilarating," says Doherty, 52, who now lives in Bethesda, Md. "I knew I wanted it. It took a lot of effort to get there. The whole idea of taking this time was to reward myself for being a member of the establishment and bucking down and saving money."

Having been back in the States for a decade, Doherty admits to hearing the siren's call of New Zealand. She has looked into requirements and the cost of rental homes, but she'll go to school. She'll start, she says, though it's not about living ahead and for the past. It's about living life in the moment.

"I'm not worried about being a member of the establishment and bucking down and saving money."

quartermaster of a million dollars" on a bed-and-breakfast. It's better to test-drive it," says VacationVacations founder Brian Kurth.

"We'd a first decent-sized baby step."

"Don't worry if you don't have the time or the money to experiment. The first step toward considering it in earnest is free: putting it in a link."

"Before that, it's just a dream," Edwards says. "But once you write it down, that's the first step into reality."

ENGAGEMENTS

CAMPBELL-BARNES

Don and Diane Campbell of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Hailey Gale Campbell, to Jason Del Barnes, son of Debra Barnes of Burley and the late DelRay Barnes.

Hailey is a 2002 graduate of Buhl High School and a 2007 graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. She works at Keller Associates Inc. in Pocatello. Barnes is a 1996 graduate of Burley High School and is an engineer for Union



Hailey Campbell and Jason Barnes Pacific Railroad. The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 26. The couple will reside in the Pocatello area.

WOOD-ARRINGTON

Bret and Lisa Wood of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Arielle, to Alex Arrington, son of Glenn and Kenna Arrington of Twin Falls.

Wood is a graduate of Burley High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She works at Progressive Behavior Systems in Twin Falls.

Arrington is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. He served in the Philippines Angeles Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Arielle Wood and Alex Arrington. The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 4, at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the LDS Church on Eastland Drive North in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

HARPER-YATES

Neil and Laura Harper of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Harper, to David Emerson Yates, son of Lee and Jolynn Yates of Salt Lake City.

Harper is a 2005 graduate of Declo High School and attends Brigham Young University majoring in English education with a minor in music.

Yates is a graduate of Cottonwood High School in Salt Lake City. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Honduras San Pedro Sula Division.

He will graduate in April from BYU majoring in biology and will enter dental school in August.



David Yates and Heather Harper. The wedding is planned for Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Harper residence, 115 S. 950 E. in Declo. The couple will reside in Provo, Utah.

MCCORISON-SHAW

Nicole McCorison of Duluth, Minn., and Matt Shaw, formerly of Gooding, announce their engagement. McCorison is the daughter of Steve and Shari McCorison of Duluth. Shaw is the son of Mark and Arlene Shaw of Gooding.

McCorison is a 2002 home-school graduate, a 2004 graduate of the College of St. Scholastica with a bachelor's degree in elementary and middle school education, and a 2007 graduate of St. Mary's University of Minnesota with a master's degree in education. She is an elementary Spanish teacher for St. James, Minn., public schools. Shaw is a 2001 graduate of



Matt Shaw and Nicole McCorison. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 26, in Duluth. The couple will reside in Jackson.

WEDDINGS

MILLER-CAMPBELL

Emily Dawn Miller and Thomas J. Campbell were married Dec. 8 at the home of Daniel and Kim Christensen in Burley.

Officiating was William H. H. Bishop. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Kim Miller of Belgrade, Mont. The groom is the son of Ed and Melanee Burnham of Soda Springs.

Maid of honor was Darby Miller of Belgrade and formerly of Burley. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Miller of Nampa and Brianna Timmons of Mapleton, Utah. Flower girl was Shelby Miller and ring bearer was James Miller, both of Belgrade and formerly of Burley.

Best man was Tyler Iverson, and groomsmen were Casey Iverson and Kemp Iverson, Daniel Miller



Emily and Thomas Campbell of Belgrade and formerly of Burley was usher.

A reception followed with music by Darby Miller and Eliza Christensen.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple resides in Pocatello. The bride is a sophomore at Idaho State University pursuing a degree in nursing and works at ISU.

The groom attends and works at ISU.

KISER-JONES

Roseanne "Bozie" Michelle Kiser and Biff Beecher Jones were married Dec. 28 in Portland, Ore.

The bride is the daughter of Craig and Rebecca Kiser of McMinnville, Ore. The groom is the son of Gary and Deborah Jones of Burley.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of McMinnville High School and attends Brigham Young University majoring in home and family living. The groom is a 2002 graduate of Burley High School and attends BYU majoring in eco-



Biff and Rosie Jones

nomics. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Jones residence in Burley.

FELTON-MEDLAND

Heather Felton and Kurt Medland were married Oct. 6 in a gazebo at Seabebe Point near Lake Buena Vista, Fla. A wedding dinner and dance followed at Boardwalk Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Heidi and Judy Felton of Buhl. The groom is the son of Gary and Carol Medland of Lapeer, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Buhl High School and Colorado State University. She has a graduate degree from the University of Chicago in Middle Eastern studies. She is a Middle East analyst for RAND Corp. The groom is a graduate of Flint Powers High School



Heather and Kurt Medland

and Albion College in Albion, Mich. He has a graduate degree from the University of Chicago in Middle Eastern studies. He is a Middle East analyst for the U.S. government.

The couple resides in Alexandria, Va.

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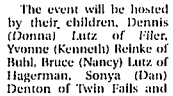
THE LUTZES

John Lutz and Shirley Schroeder were married Jan. 4, 1946, at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church in Buhl.

The couple farmed and raised their children in the Clover area. They moved from Clover to Twin Falls and later lived in Wilderness Ranch near Idaho City. They now reside in Twin Falls.

The event will be hosted by their children, Dennis (Dann) Lutz of Filer, Yvonne (Kenneth) Renke of Buhl, Bruce (Nancy) Lutz of Hagerman, Sonya (Dan) Denton of Twin Falls and Tamara (Tom) Retwalk of Japan.

The couple has 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.



John and Shirley Lutz

By Kathleen Megan The Hartford Courant

The cell-phone calls would start a couple hours after she left. "Mom, it's 10 o'clock, when are you coming home?"

And later, "Mom, where are you now, Mom?" When Anita Garvey started dating a couple of years after her divorce, her teen daughters said they were happy for her, but even so, it wasn't easy for the Miller-Garveys. "It was almost like I was a teenager. It was like a role reversal," said Garvey, who was divorced four years ago. It was perhaps made harder, she said, because she had been an at-home mom for most of her children's lives, leaving the house to work only six years ago.

"They were used to having me 24/7," said Garvey, of South Windsor, Conn. "Working was a little hard for them to digest, and then divorce was hard for them, and now it's about dating. I could sense they felt me pulling away."

Finally, one of her daughters said, "Mom, you know, I'm not liking this too much." For parents who are navigating the dating scene in search of a new partner, the process of parenting while on the prowl is delicate at best.

The challenges for a single parent range from the practical — finding the time, a sitter and a date — to the complex: gauging whether you are ready for a relationship, what your child's emotional reaction is, whether the date has long-term potential. All of this may make it seem easier to simply wait until the kids are out of the house. But even then there can be problems — twentysomethings have been known to dislike moms' boyfriend as much as 12-year-olds — and it's probably worth proceeding when you feel you're ready, experts say. With 25 percent of families with children in homes run by single parents, according to 2006 U.S. Census Bureau figures, you'll have plenty of company.

Here is some advice from experts and parents who have been there.

First, make sure you are ready to date, said Donna Ferber, a licensed professional counselor in Farmington, Conn., with a specialty in life transitions and author of "From Ex-Wife to Exceptional Life: A Woman's Journey through Divorce." When a marriage

Post-divorce dating a balancing act for some couples with kids



Anita Garvey's daughters, including Alyssa, 16, were nervous when she started dating again after being divorced. Now they are more accepting of the situation.

has ended in divorce, Ferber said, "It's good to take the time to learn what went wrong before anesthetizing yourself as the "baby listener" — a single mother herself, suggests setting up social and recreational times with friends from the beginning. "This gives you social support, which is getting your children used to the idea that you need time for a social life, too. This way, Dunstan said, "when you start dating, your children won't feel that your date is taking up their time with you. It's just a regular night out."

If there's one mistake that gets made too often, according to Ferber, it's introducing children to a partner before the child is ready or before the parent knows whether the person has much potential for a stable relationship. "The child may not be through grieving," Ferber said. "The parent may feel like this is something new and exciting, but their child may not be on the same page."

"Secondly, if you do connect and then break up, the child experiences a loss all over again," Ferber said. "Dale Macken who was divorced 14 years ago when his children were 4 and 1, said that over the years he never introduced a new girlfriend to his daughters until he was fairly certain the relationship would be long-term.

And when he did introduce a date to his daughter, he'd call the woman simply a "friend."

"But Dad, they are 'girls' and they are 'friends,' so they are your 'girlfriends,'" she recalls his daughter once

saying to him. "No, honey," he'd tell her, "they are friends who are girls."

Macken, who lives in Bristol, Conn., joined a singles group at his church. He liked it because he could get to know a woman first in a group setting before thinking about a romantic involvement. Macken and Garvey are now dating.

It's "a slippery slope" deciding when to introduce kids to a potential mate, Ferber said.

A Bristol mother, who did not want her name published, said she probably introduced her two young sons too early to one boyfriend. "In the beginning you are naive about dating, at least I was," she said. "This boyfriend, he made promises and then basically walked out. My children were kind of seared on me dating after that."

That was two years ago, and the Bristol mom has been more careful since then about whom she introduces to her sons. She said she senses that her sons, ages 17 and 14 now, "are comfortable with the way things are. ... They don't want to meet anyone unless I'm serious, and they probably would prefer no one at all."

Dunstan said in an e-mail, "Your family home is a sanctuary, not only for you, but especially for your children. It is therefore extremely important that you are guarded with whom you let into that sanctuary."

If you're not sure where the relationship is headed, Dunstan suggests seeing the person when the children are not home or going somewhere else.

interest until the relationship had lasted six months or longer. "I'm not sure that extreme is really necessary," Palitz said.

But what if, after all the conversations, your child doesn't want you to date or doesn't particularly like the person you are dating? Usually this is less about the person and more about the child's grief about the divorce or a parent's death.

Palitz encourages parents to keep talking to children. It's natural for a child to act out or start to regress if they are going through a difficult time, he said. Keep open the possibility of getting therapy for the child.

There are some parents who say "if my kid doesn't like you, you're out," Palitz said. In general, most experts say that approach gives the child too much power.

Palitz said some parents talk about waiting until the child is "healed" since then a divorce or a death before they begin to date.

"They could be waiting forever," he said. "So they may need to make a decision that they are going to start dating — and that may actually help the child move forward."

"If a child continues to hate the boyfriend or girlfriend, Palitz said, "parents have to be very careful to be respectful of children's feelings, to hear them and acknowledge them, but the child is also expected to treat the significant other with respect. They don't have to like them, but they need to be respectful."

However, if a child persists in disliking your new interest, Palitz said, it's worth looking closely at the relationship to make sure the child isn't picking up on something you've overlooked.

No more peanuts and Cracker Jacks

By Amy Omdorff
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Jacob Blitz is a big baseball fan. But until recently the Bethesda, Md., 9-year-old had never attended a Major League baseball game.

Why? Because he could die if he gets too close to peanuts.

For the 1.5 million Americans like Jacob who have peanut allergies, touching a peanut shell or even them a rash, itching or swelling one could cause their airways to close, preventing them from breathing.

Given what they have to watch out for, it was a huge deal recently when Jacob and more than a dozen other kids with peanut allergies took to a Washington Nationals game from a peanut-free auxiliary press box at RFK Stadium.

Because of their allergies, many of the kids were seeing a game in person for the first time. As Jacob's dad noted, peanuts are an "important part of the culture of baseball ... 'Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack' is part of baseball's anthem. But the Nats made sure there wasn't a peanut or Cracker Jack anywhere near these kids.

The team gave the seating area a thorough cleaning before the game and let the families use a special elevator so they didn't have to walk through the stadium. They also were allowed to bring their own food.

But even with those precautions, Jacob noticed he had hives later that day. His family still isn't sure when he was exposed to peanuts, but it didn't affect his joy that he got to attend the game. The hives went away in a few days.

Dusty Mahmit, 12, who was at the game with Jacob, described a bad allergic reaction he had once at a minor league game. He dropped a ball he had brought with him and didn't see it roll through peanut shells. Peanut dust got on his face, which began to swell. He took some medicine to stop the reaction.

Dusty and the others said they've been teased by kids who don't understand how serious the condition is. It's not like seasonal allergies, where you sneeze and your eyes get puffy.

Restaurants can be a problem for kids with food allergies. Many kitchens use peanut oil, and specks of it or peanut dust can land on other dishes.

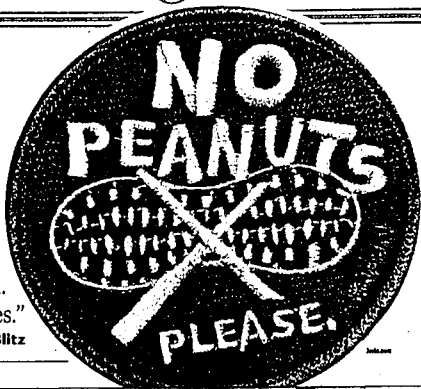
Nick Bloch, 6, of Mount Airy, Md., sometimes eats a plain hamburger patty at a Burger King where the staff knows about his allergies. The only other time he eats out is on vacations to Disney World, which has a system for hosting visitors with food allergies.

Some schools have peanut-free tables in their cafeterias.

Jacob wants people to know that kids with food allergies are like any other kids. "They just can't eat a certain food. It's not like they're a different species."

"They just can't eat a certain food. It's not like they're a different species."

— Jacob Blitz



Nick Bloch of Mount Airy, Md., who is allergic to peanuts, watches a Washington Nationals baseball game from the safety of a peanut-free seating area. Beside him is his mom, Chris.

Q&A: Food allergies

Robert A. Wood, a doctor at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, explains:

Q. How many kids in this country have food allergies?

A. About 6 to 8 percent of children younger than 3. Most will outgrow them by age 7 but some never do. About 1.1 million people in the U.S. have food allergies; 3.3 million are allergic to peanuts or tree nuts.

Q. How do kids get food allergies?

A. Kids whose parents have allergies are more likely to have them as well. Exposure at a young age to certain foods, including peanuts, can trigger long-term allergies.

Q. Can kids outgrow peanut allergies?

A. Yes, but it's less common than outgrowing other food allergies. There is some good news: A cure for common food allergies may be discovered in 10 to 15 years.



BOOK REVIEWS

'Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things'

The Washington Post

By Wendelin Van Draanen, for ages 10 and older

Girl detective Sammy Keyes is back at it in this, her 11th mystery.

As the story starts, the biggest mystery seems to be how Sammy got herself trapped on the camping trip from, well, you know.

She finds herself surrounded by rattlesnakes, scorpions, mosquitoes and Girl Scouts crazed to catch a glimpse of what Sammy is sure is the ugliest bird alive: the condor.

But when the campers find an injured condor, Sammy thinks she's discovered a real mystery: poachers out to harm the endangered bird. Soon, the condor isn't the only thing that's endangered, as Sammy and some other girls stray from the campsite and get lost while hunting for clues.

While the setting is very different for a Sammy Keyes book, the dialogue is still very believable, the characters very likable and the mystery very confounding.

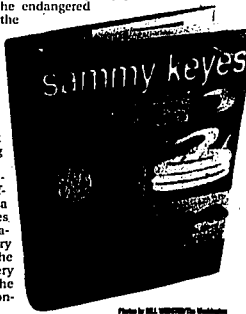


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'Main Street: Welcome to Camden Falls' and 'Main Street: Needle and Thread'

The Washington Post

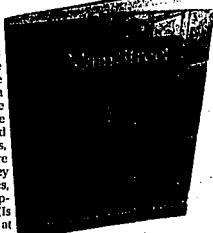
By Ann M. Martin, for ages 8 and older

This is a new series by the author of the popular "Baby-Sitters Club" books. "Welcome to Camden Falls" and "Needle and Thread" follow sisters Flora and Ruby as they move in with their grandmother after their parents are killed in a car accident.

Their new home in Camden Falls is perfect in many ways: Their grandmother is loving, and the people in the small town are welcoming. As Flora notes early on, she "was nothing ... like the orphans she had read about. For starters, most of them were British. And when they began their new lives, horrible things happened to them." (Is Martin taking a shot at J.K. Rowling, *Lemony Snicket* or the authors of other troubled-orphan books you might have read?)

But Flora and Ruby still face challenges. They must make new friends over the summer and get ready for a new school. ("Welcome to Camden Falls" covers the girls' summer; "Needle and Thread" follows them back to school.)

Ann Martin's writing style is easy and unforced. And the characters she creates in the sisters and their new friends, Olivia and Nikki, are likely to keep readers coming back to this series for a long time.



'Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World'

The Washington Post

By E.L. Konigsburg, for ages 11-14

Amedeo Kaplan and his mother have recently moved from New York to St. Malo, Fla., where he meets William Wilcox. William and his mother are cleaning out the house of an old woman who lives next door to Amedeo.

The boys soon form an unusual friendship. Amedeo shares with William his secret wish to be the first person to find a lost treasure.

He's not sure what the treasure might be or where it's to be found. Certainly, an unlikely place would seem to be the cluttered house of Aida Lily Tull Zender, the elderly lady next door.



But Amedeo is drawn to Mrs. Zender and her house, without quite knowing why.

And it's there that he and William unravel the story of a piece of art and its connection to both heroism and wickedness under the Nazis during World War II.

Note: This book is for mature readers, both for the subject matter and the language. Words such as semaphore, infraction, degenerate and miscen-scene will keep you flapping through the dictionary.